

First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

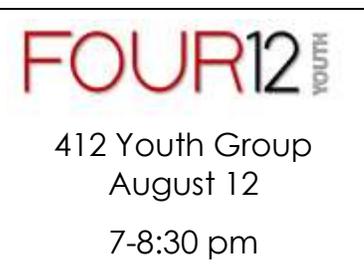
August 9-August 15 2020



The sanctuary bouquet today is in memory and celebration of **Doug Willows**, whose birthday would have been August 6.



Thank you to all who gave so generously, our final contribution to was \$1675.00. We will continue to receive OGHS contributions in August. This offering will also assist American Baptist relief efforts in Beirut, Lebanon.



412 Youth Group
August 12
7-8:30 pm

Birthday this week

14th Rhonda Reuther

CLT meeting

6:30 Monday, August 10.

Access all five 30-minute **World Mission Conference** Live Stream recordings here:

<https://www.internationalministries.org/world-mission-conference/>

First Baptist Family,
Thank you to every one for prayers, calls, and cards during my knee replacement and recovery. God has been at work providing helping hands just when I really needed extra help; friends have provided encouragement. I am on the mend avoiding crowds for now and hope to see you soon.

Leo Heinz

Pastor Bob is visiting his brother and sister in Wisconsin for the next two weeks: August 10-24. If you have a pastoral need, please contact Lori Lundblad.

Rejoice with Dieu Donne Sah who just got his driver's license!



Leopold Habonima has been released from Sanford and is recovering from Covid at home

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Anita Baillie-Health Issues

Armin Sayler at Miller Pointe nursing home in Mandan.

Beth Anderson, Dale & Annette Ekstrom's daughter- Follow her journey with brain cancer on Caring Bridge <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/bethanderson-joshua19>

Bruce Rauser

Caryl Kaseman

Charlotte Martin

Deanna Hedegaard

Gary Lund
Cancer treatment

Jeff French

Kari Kolstoe
Began hospice care

Kenneth Teubner- In-patient recovery and PT for knee surgery

Leo Heinz-recovery from surgery

Leopold Habonima
Recovering from Covid

Philippe Ngoma-severe anemia

Renee Herman

Scott Simpson

Scott Wittune
Judy Wittmier's brother
Kidney chemo treatments

Steve Wonnberg- dealing with ALS

IM Requests Prayer and Support for Recovery in Lebanon after Massive Explosion; Global Servants Safe

International Ministries (IM) Global Servants in Beirut, Lebanon have reported that they are safe after a massive explosion devastated the Port of Beirut, resulting in more than 137 deaths, over 5,000 injured, and a reported 300,000 people homeless. The blast compounds the devastation of a nation already reeling from the recent economic crisis and long-term challenges posed by an influx of refugees from war in neighboring Syria as well as the global COVID-19 pandemic.

IM global servants, Daniel and Sarah Chetti, saw and heard the explosion from their home in the hills about 6 miles from the site of the blast. Global servant Melanie Baggao likewise was safe at her home at a distance overlooking the city.

Sarah, who directs INSAAF, a ministry to migrant domestic workers, report that the INSAAF center, located on the 8th floor of a downtown Beirut building, suffered shattered windows and metal window and door frames torn from hinges. Daniel, who serves as an adjunct professor at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and as director of Enduring Love, notes that six of Enduring Love's servants work in Lebanon, serving among the poorest Lebanese and non-Lebanese Arab people may be greatly impacted by the disaster.

Our Lebanese Baptist partners have reported that their school building and some offices were heavily damaged in the shockwave, but thankfully personnel are safe. Sarah Chetti, INSAAF, and ministries of IM partners were cited in a report released yesterday by [Christianity Today](#).

We join with Nabil Costa, Chief Executive Officer of the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD), IM's primary partner in Lebanon, in soliciting your prayers as follows:

- Please pray for those who have lost their homes and loved ones so that they may find comfort and healing.
- Please pray for the doctors, nurses, and paramedics who are caring for the injured.
- Please pray for the rescue teams that are trying to find missing family members and neighbors.
- Please pray for people who are in places of responsibility as they manage the catastrophic human and economic consequences.
- Please pray for the Church as it seeks to comfort and serve the distressed and brokenhearted.
- Please pray for the People of God as they seek the Lord and humbly cry out to Him for mercy.
- Pray for LSESD/MEBO family of ministries, including the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, and specifically for the Beirut Baptist School and the Gateway Bookshop, which suffered significant material damage and for the staff who have been injured by the glass debris.

Please also pray for local colleagues with whom our global servants work; and for the people whom they serve. IM continues to monitor this developing situation.

Persons wishing to support relief efforts can do so through their American Baptist church, or [online](#), or by sending checks directly to International Ministries. Please designate your contributions "OGHS-Lebanon" on the memo line of your check.

Checks sent directly to International Ministries should be made payable to "International Ministries" and mailed to:

International Ministries
Attn: Gifts Processing
1003 W 9th Avenue, Ste A
King of Prussia, PA 19406

One Great Hour of Sharing is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. The Committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work, and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual OGHS offering received by churches.