

First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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July 11th –July 70th, 2021



Birthdays this Week

12th Joan Lang
16th Marie Ngoma
16th Gloire Ngoma

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Summer Session

July 14th
6:30 pm Regular meeting

Quarterly Reports

Quarterly Reports for the 2nd Quarter are due by July 18. Please turn them in to the church office.

Annual STEER Barbecue

Saturday, July 17th, 2021
Grace Point Church
205 43rd Ave, Bismarck

You are invited to attend STEER's Annual Barbecue for delicious food, wonderful fellowship and inspiring music.

Reservations for the meal are necessary. In order to make sure there is plenty of food, we ask that you please reserve a meal ticket by July 14th. Reservations can be made by calling the STEER office at 701-258-4911, sending an email to: events@steerinc.com or through [Facebook](#).

Featured Musical Group
Soul'd Out Quartet
[Check them out HERE](#)

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ONLINE SERVICE



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Wednesday Night Bible Study

[CLICK HERE to join ZOOM](#)

ID: 848 0346 2955
Passcode: 352023

Or by Calling **312-626-6799**

We will meet in person at the Church in the Pioneer Room



Where You're Gifts Made a Difference

When you take a global view of our world, natural disasters occur every week. When you add a pandemic, a slow-moving disaster continues to fester each day. We continue to live through the restrictions and changes to daily life that are necessitated by COVID-19, and we have recognized anew our vulnerabilities. We have witnessed lines for food assistance in the U.S. that far exceeds the norm. Similarly, we have witnessed lines for COVID-19 testing and vaccination unlike any other time. We have seen unemployment in the U.S. and Puerto Rico soar, and come to understand this equation:

You must stay home > You are unable to work and earn income > You are unable to provide for yourself and your family

This equation plays out in different ways around the world depending upon the support systems that are part of the culture. But there is one constant: the local church. It is the local church that is there before, during and after a disaster, large or small. It is the local church embedded in the community that is often best able to respond. And it is the local church through which many One Great Hour of Sharing grants for COVID-19 relief were given. In some situations, the need was for food. In others money to help pay for housing. And in others, money to provide basic sanitation supplies and PPE.

To date, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided over \$537,000 in emergency COVID-19 grants to churches and partners in the U.S. and Puerto Rico and around the world. These grants are a pouring out of your love to communities in need—they have indeed "Let Love Flow"—literally all around the world!

In addition to COVID-19 emergency grants, the following grants were also provided in response to other emergency situations.

Camp Bentley

Senior High Camp
July 11th - 17th

Short Term Mission Opportunity

Black Hills of South Dakota

August 6-14, 2021

The Departments of Evangelism of the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last twenty years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week.

The ABC Emergency Services Center was created to help those who became stranded due to injury, abandonment, or mechanical breakdown. Many of those we help are referred to us by law enforcement, hospitals or social services agencies.

Since 2011 we have worked out of the First Baptist Church of Rapid City. Volunteers from American Baptist churches around the country spend all or part of the week helping, feeding, transporting, and counseling the dozens of individuals who come to the ABCESC for assistance.

Volunteers don't need to be motorcyclists, but ought to have a heart for evangelism and a willingness to serve. Women volunteers are especially needed due to the large percentage of women and children that we end up assisting. If you can come for all or part of the week we can find a job for you!

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