



## A Note From the Pastor

BY REV. TIM SCHAEFER

As we prepare to celebration of our nation's independence, it is a good time to reflect on our own Baptist freedoms. These four historic principles are not just theological ideas; they shape the way we live in community.

**Soul freedom** reminds us that every person is made in the Divine image and has a direct relationship with God. This leads us to affirm each person's dignity and spiritual agency. **Bible freedom** calls us to wrestle with scripture in community, honoring diverse perspectives and insights.

**Church freedom** empowers us to discern and decide together how we live out our faith. **Religious freedom** reminds us to protect the rights of all people—not just our own. These freedoms help us create a church where people are fully seen, included, and valued as beloved children of God.



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

## Self-Care Events

BY DEB CHOTLOS & JENNIFER ANGELO

### Save the Dates: 5-Week Self-Care Journey

This fall, join us for a 5-week journey focused on physical, mental, and spiritual wellness—because caring for ourselves helps us better care for others.

In these challenging times, self-care is not selfish; it's sacred. Co-sponsored by the Board of Deacons and Board of Education, each week will offer space for reflection, renewal, and community.

## NOURISH YOUR SPIRIT: A 5-WEEK SELF-CARE JOURNEY

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SEPTEMBER

### NATURE BATHING

LED BY DEB CHOTLOS  
GUIDED FOREST WALK TO ENGAGE THE SENSES  
2 - 4 PM MCKAY CENTER @ THE ARBORETUM

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OCTOBER

### YOGA

LED BY BARB ANDEREGG, CERTIFIED SVAROOPA YOGA TEACHER  
YOGA & BREATHING TECHNIQUES TO RELIEVE TENSION AND PAIN  
2 - 4 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

**18**

OCTOBER

### MINDFULNESS FOR BEGINNERS

LED BY KATHERINE BONUS, MA, MEd  
LEARN PEACEFUL PRACTICES FOR BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT  
2 - 4 PM COMMUNITY ROOM

**TBD**

NOVEMBER

### CALMING FOODS FOR MOOD

LED BY DR. KATY WALLACE, MD  
DISCOVER CALMING FOOD CHOICES AND EASY RECIPES  
7:00 PM LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

**9**

NOVEMBER

### VISIO DIVINA

LED BY REV. TIM SCHAEFER  
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER PRACTICE USING SACRED IMAGERY  
12 - 2 PM ROOM 303

FOR MORE INFO : [WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTMADISON.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTMADISON.ORG)

## Upcoming Church Office Closures

**Friday, July 4** – Closed for Independence Day Holiday

**Tuesday, July 8 through Tuesday, July 15**

Please note that Pastor Tim will be out of the office from Thursday, July 3 through Thursday, July 10 to attend the ABC-USA Biennial.

Blanca James will be on vacation Tuesday, July 8 – Tuesday, July 15.

For urgent needs while the church office is closed, please email Pastor Tim.

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

## Your Easter Offering

FROM DENNIS RAY

### **Thank You for Your Generosity.**

This year your Easter Offering totaled almost \$7,500. An additional \$2,500 was added by the Board of Outreach from the Fuguitt Social Justice Fund, which is a portion of the Glenn and Martha Fuguitt Memorial Fund.

The Easter Offering and memorial funds were donated to Operation Fresh Start, an organization that empowers young adults on a path to self-sufficiency through education, mentoring, and employment training. Thank you for your generous response to needs in our community.

Board of Christian Outreach



## Financial Update

BY NANCY MOORE

### **May 2025 Budget Financials: *Year-To-Date Actual***

Revenues --- \$132,608.51  
Expenses --- \$126,632.96  
Surplus (Deficit) --- \$5,975.55

The bookkeeper's full report is available upon request. Please email Nancy Moore at [bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org).

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## Board of Trustees June Meeting Update

BY BILL HAUSLER

- New Trustees welcomed – Emma Huff, Erica Kersten, Marni Barron, and Paul Chotlos joined continuing Trustees Nancy Emmert, Bill Fiore, and Bill Hausler.
- Discussion on the following issues: ant infestation, exterior painting, sanctuary sound system upgrade, tuck pointing and brick repair on the bell tower.
- Approved needed repairs for the organ.
- FBC was selected as 1 of 30 churches to participate in the *Focus on Energy Program*. This includes an energy audit, with MG&E covering up to 75% of implementation costs if recommendations are pursued by the church.
- Carl Johnson began training and duties for the new part-time Rental Manager position in early June.
- While not discussed at this meeting, the Trustee Annual Report noted the installation of “PRIVATE” signs on certain rooms (church office, pastor’s office, etc.) to protect sensitive information. This step is in response to increased ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) activity and related privacy concerns.

## Magic Pride Festival

BY BILL BEAUDREAU

**THE MESSAGE OF GOD’S LOVE FOR EVERYONE IS RETURNING TO THE MAGIC PRIDE FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 | 1-6PM | WARNER PARK, MADISON**

First Baptist Church is honored to participate for the fourth year, celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community at this vibrant annual event. With help from our congregation, we’ll share written affirmations, stickers, small giveaways—and most importantly, the message of unconditional love.

Alongside other welcoming congregations, we seek to reverse rejection with connection, and replace hate with hope. Join us in building community, fostering acceptance, and sharing love. All are welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please contact Bill Beaudreau if you can staff our booth!**



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## Green Team News

BY BARBARA HENNING

### **2025 Recyclopeda Booklets Now Available**

Printed copies of the updated Recyclopeda are now available!

Pick one up at your local Madison Public Library or Streets Division offices. Prefer a mailed copy? Contact the Streets Division office that serves your home. Or download a copy (available in English, Spanish, and Hmong): [cityofmadison.com/streets/trash-recycling/resources](https://cityofmadison.com/streets/trash-recycling/resources). Printed copies are available at the church on the **Green Table**.

♻️ Top Five Recycling Mistakes (From the 2025 Recyclopeda)

1. Wrong bags – Only use see-through bags if bagging your recycling.
2. No clothing or textiles – These do not belong in the recycling cart.
3. No Styrofoam – Take it to a drop-off site.
4. No tanglers – Hoses, ropes, loose plastic bags, or shower curtains cause problems.
5. No wood or lumber – These are not accepted in recycling carts.

## Items Available until August

FROM LYNETTE MILLER



The American Baptist Women of FBC had faithfully provided sewn and cut items for the White Cross organization for many years. However, they are no longer continuing this ministry. If you have previously contributed or are in need of sewing materials, please check the closet between the Community Room and Fellowship Hall. These items will be removed in August, so we encourage you to stop by and see if there's anything you can use.

☎️ *Questions? Call the church office for more information.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

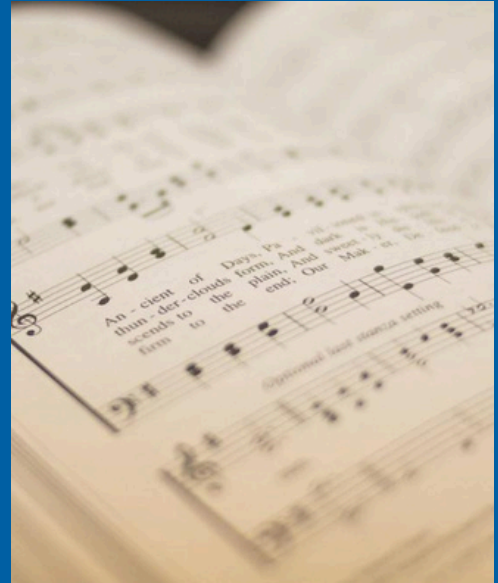
### Hymn Sing Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 6 | 10:30 AM

You're warmly invited to join us for a Hymn Sing Worship Service!

Come lift your voice in praise, celebrate community, and experience the Spirit through music and fellowship.

All are welcome—no experience needed, just a heart ready to sing!



### FBC @ Capitol City Band

THURSDAY, JULY 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM



Join us for a **FREE concert** by the Capital City Band at Rennebohm Park—a perfect way to enjoy a summer evening!

The music begins at 7:00 PM, but we invite you to come early with your dinner and share a relaxed meal together in community.

It's a great chance to connect, unwind, and enjoy good company. Don't forget to bring your own chair or blanket for seating. All are welcome!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Madison Night Mares Softball Game

SATURDAY, JULY 26 | 6:00 PM

Catch the game with us and enjoy a laid-back time with great people!

**Purchase your tickets by July 18.**

Estimated ticket price is \$16-25.

Contact Beth Gunshor or Todd Andrews for information on purchasing tickets.



### Madison Forward Soccer Match

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 | 5:00 PM

Let's gather for some fun and fellowship while we watch the match!

**Purchase your tickets by July 13.**

Estimated ticket price is \$21.

Contact Beth Gunshor or Todd Andrews for information on purchasing tickets.

# BIRTHDAYS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## JULY 2025

1 AMY B	14 LINDA O
1 WILLIAM V	16 TOM K
3 GLORIA H	17 ERICA K
3 LAURA R	20 CARSEN C
5 ADYSEN Z	22 JANE E
6 SUSAN D	23 MAT G
7 TANYA M	23 MARILYN M
7 SARAH M	25 MEGUMI (MEG) K
10 JONI M	26 REBECCA H
11 EMELINA L	



## AUGUST 2025

2 PAUL B	22 NANCY E
3 ART H	25 CHAD V
6 BLANCA J	28 MADDIE F
10 WILLIAM H	31 CARYS A
12 THOMAS G	
15 LUIS C	
17 CAROL F	
17 RACHEL H	
18 GWEN A	
22 PHIL D	

## Prayer Wall

### Our Church Family & Community Members:

Family of Adán Lara; Dianne H.; Vern L.; Isaac Carcasses; Mary's relative; Russel Novkov; Amber & Hunter; Curt Grinde; Nancy E.

### Our Homebound:

Linda O; Sheila D; Susan H



**Please visit our Prayer Wall, where you will see prayer requests from and for our members, friends, and families.**

### Share your joys & concerns with us!

To submit a prayer request or view prayer requests submitted by others, scan the QR code or visit [firstbaptistmadison.org/prayer](https://firstbaptistmadison.org/prayer).

[GO TO WALL](#)