



**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**
OF MADISON

THE VISITOR

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A Note From the Pastor

BY REV. TIM SCHAEFER

We are excited to introduce our redesigned church newsletter, now easier to read and more digital-friendly. Designed with you in mind, this new format features a clean, modern layout and enhanced readability in print form and on all digital devices, including computers, smartphones, tablets.



The redesigned newsletter will complement our new website. Both resources will help you stay connected with our church community through congregational updates, news, and upcoming events. This change ensures you can access important church information wherever you are. We hope you enjoy the fresh look and feel of our newsletter and website, and we look forward to your feedback!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

Board of Outreach

BY DENNIS RAY

Thanks for your giving!

The church continues to receive your kind donations to two denominational offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing and America for Christ. One Great Hour of Sharing (taken in cooperation with eight other denominations) supports disaster relief, ministries to refugees, and development projects here in the United States and throughout the world. Through the America for Christ offering, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) provide financial support for existing and new innovative ministries by American Baptist churches and affiliated organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

To date we have received your donations of \$6,010 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$605 for America for Christ. Contact the church office for instructions on how to give if you wish to do so.

Madison Celebrates Installation of First Air Quality Monitor

BY BARB HENNING

Madison is installing a city-wide network of air quality sensors to help understand pollution in our community funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

This new monitoring network will gather data that can be communicated to residents regarding their local exposure to pollution. These 56 sensors will be installed on City-owned street poles, at various City parks, and at certain partner organizations.

Air pollution has negative impacts on health, causing cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses, vascular dementia, and low birth weights. Vehicle, woodfire, and coal combustion emissions are associated with air pollutants and ozone, sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides.

More information is available at www.cityofmadison.com/sustainability/climate.

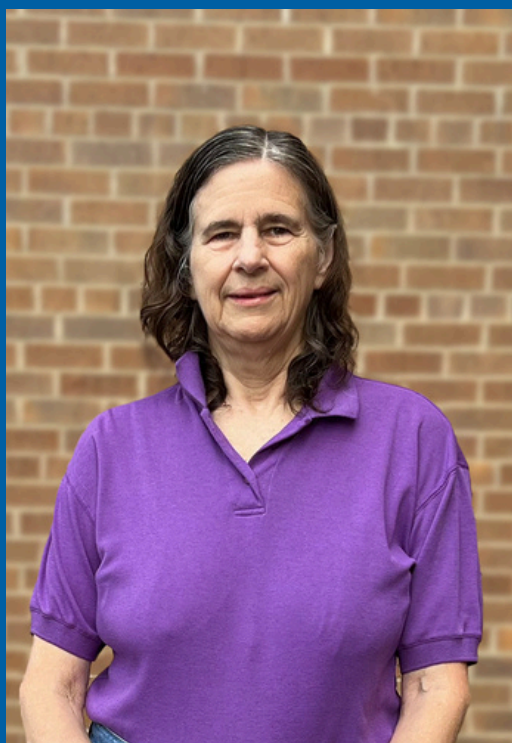
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Board of Trustees Update

BY BILL HAUSLER

Key items from the July meeting:

- Discussed a significant increase in the cost of our insurance renewal.
- Discussed a proposal to add poems to our garden area.
- The new church website is live and will continue to be updated.
- Air conditioners are being installed for renters using the 3rd floor.
- We have a new renter, Iglesia Ministerios La Obra de Dios. They will be using the sanctuary and classrooms every Sunday afternoon and Wednesday and Friday evening.
- Our treasurer and bookkeeper met with an accountant to identify and resolve recent budget discrepancies.



Financial Update

BY NANCY MOORE

June 2024 Financials – YTD Actual

Revenues* – \$171,963.19

Expenses – \$162,293.03

Surplus (Deficit)* – \$9,670.16

**Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.*

The bookkeeper's full report is available upon request. Please email Nancy Moore at bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org

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Global Servants

BY WYNN DAVIES

We recently received letters from the two Global Servant (missionary) couples whose international ministries we support financially, Jon & Amanda Good and Kyle & Katrina Williams. ***Click the box below to read their letters.***

In September, the Board of Outreach will invite you to contribute to the World Mission Offering. This offering will be divided between the Good and Williams families and the International Ministries general fund. We ask you to consider donating to this offering, as the Good and Williams families ability to continue their ministries depends on your generous financial contributions.

READ LETTERS

Church Office Update

BY BILL HAUSLER

Blanca James, our church administrative secretary, is scheduled for shoulder surgery on 15 August – soon! The expected recovery period is several weeks.

We will make the following adjustments during her absence:

- As much as possible, tasks will be done in advance.
- Pastor Tim will have an increased office presence.
- We hope to recruit volunteers to answer phones and perform minor tasks.
- Unanswered phone calls will be transferred to voicemail.

How can you help during this time?

- Please hold Blanca in your prayers during the time of surgery and recovery.
- Leave a message when you call if no one answers the phone.
- If you are able to volunteer in the office, call (608) 233-1880 (option 0).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beverly Davison Memorial Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 | 1:00PM

A service celebrating Beverly's remarkable life will be held at First Baptist Church of Madison, followed by a reception.

The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

[OBITUARY](#)



Second Harvest

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 | 8:15 - 11:30 AM

Volunteer at Second Harvest Foodbank on the third Friday of every month.

Join our team of volunteers in packaging care boxes for families experiencing food insecurity.

Want to volunteer?

Contact the church office or Wynn Davies.

Click below to learn more about Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin.

[LEARN MORE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Magic Pride Festival

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 | 1:00 – 6:00PM
WARNER PARK, MADISON

Celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community.

Reverse the tide of rejection and hate and instead build community, foster connections, and plant seeds of acceptance and love.

With the help of our congregation, we will be sharing written affirmations, stickers, and other small giveaways. Mostly though, we will share the bigger message of Love for All.



HOURLASS BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST | 4:30PM VIA ZOOM

The Hourglass Bible Study will be continuing its reading of the first section of Psalms through August.

Since this is not a sequential, historical study, you can join the class any week without feeling behind in any way! We meet via zoom on Sundays for just one hour. On September 15, we will begin a study of the prophet Micah. Questions? Contact Mary Ray

UPCOMING EVENTS

Building Beloved Community Speaker Series

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 | 10:30AM

REV. MANATO JANSEN

DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY,
PRES HOUSE APARTMENTS

Born and raised in Japan, Manato moved to the United States in 2015 and earned his B.A. in Sociology at Calvin University in 2019. Manato has a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches USA.



Outreach Ministry Discussions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | 11:30AM

First Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall (light lunch provided)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | 1:30PM

Oakwood Village University Woods – Room TBA

The Board of Outreach will be hosting two discussions on the future of First Baptist's outreach ministries. We want to hear from you – your ideas, your interests, your perspectives on what we are doing now and on new opportunities for ministry. We will start with a review of our current outreach activities from financial giving to active engagement in ministry. Then we will encourage brain-storming on how First Baptist can best respond to ministry needs locally and beyond.

BIRTHDAYS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AUGUST

2 PAUL B	22 NANCY E
3 ART H	25 CHAD V
10 WILLIAM H	27 ADAN L
12 THOMAS G	28 MADDIE F
15 LUIS C	31 CARYS A
17 CAROL F	
17 RACHEL H	
18 GWEN A	
22 PHIL D	



SEPTEMBER

3 BRETT T	14 TYLER M
5 ALAN F	16 CLAIRE R
6 CHRISTOPHER E	20 ASHLEY B
8 HEATHER Z	20 RACHEL E
8 PIHRA P	24 JEANETTE K
9 CHERYL C	25 BOB M
9 JEFF K	25 RHIANNON T
12 CHARLOTTE E	27 MOIRA K
14 JUDY C	29 LINDA M

Prayer Wall

Our Church Family

Pam M's niece, Laura W, the Mack, Robinson, and Warner families; Jill T's daughter-in-law's father, Ron; the Moore & Mallett families; Bobby A's sister, Cyndy, & brother-in-law, Larry; Katy M's sister-in-law, Marsha; the Davison family; Mary R; Lynette M's brother; Ann P; Linda O; Sheila D; Harley Y; 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.

[GO TO WALL](#)