



A Note From the Pastor

BY REV. TIM SCHAEFER

September will be a BIG MONTH in our congregational life. It has been years since we have experienced together the joy of a baptism, a baby dedication, or new members joining our church family. This month, we'll experience the joy all three! I hope you'll join us as we celebrate these important milestones in the life of our First Baptist community.



On **Sunday September 15**, please join us in welcoming Todd and Jayden Andrews, Amanda and Austin Huff as new members of First Baptist Church. Todd and Amanda will join by letter of transfer. Jayden and Austin will join by baptism.

On **Sunday, September 29**, celebrate the dedication of baby Dharnie alongside her parents, family, and friends.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

Chinese Orphans Project Update

BY LINDA MINTENER

The dreams of nine more of our orphans have been met by getting a college education that will lift them out of poverty, some from 3 year vocational/technical schools and others from 4- or 5-year bachelor programs. They received degrees in subjects like commercial marketing, civil engineering, electronics engineering, mechanical technology, software testing, pharmacy, English, etc.

Each of our graduates has a similar story of how their chance to get an education has changed their lives and given them a bright future.

Click the buttons below to read their stories or to make a donation.

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Inflation Reduction Act Programs

BY LYNETTE MILLER FOR THE GREEN TEAM

Wisconsin is the first state to be approved to administer Biden's Inflation Reduction Act money. The plan has two Home Energy Rebate programs that are available to single, and multifamily homes and non-profits. The HOMES program is now available for rebates on whole home improvements including heating, cooling and insulation. The HEAR program begins in September for Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates.

The programs will be administered by Focus on Energy. To learn more about the program go to <https://focusonenergy.com>.

As people of faith, we believe that we have the responsibility to care for the earth. Becoming energy efficient is one way we can lessen our effect on climate change.

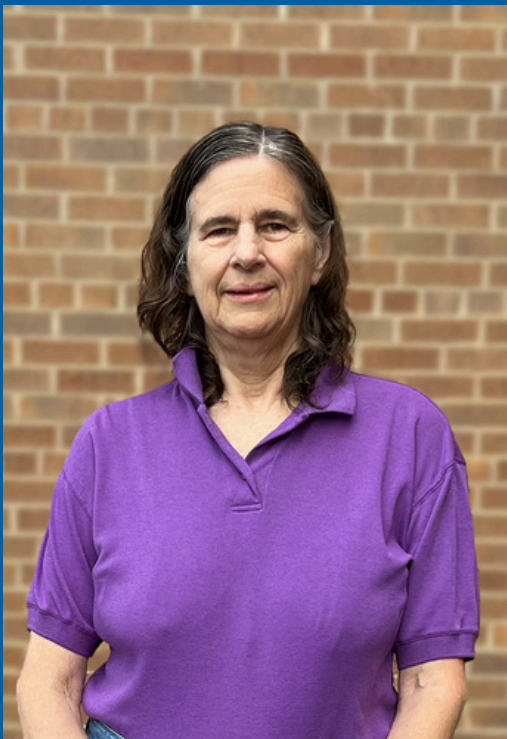
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Board of Trustees Update

BY BILL HAUSLER

Key items from the August meeting:

- Our liability/building insurance premium will rise significantly in 2025. We have chosen the least expensive renewal option, which will limit replacement cost and increase the deductible. We may choose to raise the coverage level in the future.
- We discussed a request to add poetry (from past/present members) to our church gardens and how/when that might be done.
- An additional meeting is necessary for our treasurer, bookkeeper, and an accountant to resolve a remaining bookkeeping issue.
- We received a quarterly report from the Investment & Planned Giving Committee.
- Pastor Tim reviewed upcoming worship, advocacy, and events since many involve building use.



Financial Update

BY NANCY MOORE

July 2024 Budget Financials: *Year-To-Date Actual*

Revenues* - \$203,402.37

Expenses - \$176,509.22

Surplus (Deficit)* - \$26,893.15

**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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World Missions Special Offerings

BY BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Dear members and friends of First Baptist Church,

In September, First Baptist provides support for our American Baptist global servants (missionaries) through the **World Mission Offering (WMO)**, and we support our retired pastors and missionaries who have served us here and abroad with "thank you" gifts through the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)**.

We welcome your financial gifts to this important work of our Denomination but ask you to give, not out of a feeling of obligation, but because you feel God's calling to give joyfully to further God's love for the people of our world.

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Magic Pride Festival

BY BILL BEAUDREAU

First Baptist Church celebrated the LGBTQIA+ community on Sunday, August 18 with messages of love, hope, and joy at Warner Park in Madison.

This, our 3rd year under the white tent with a WELCOME banner, helped build community, foster connections, and plant seeds of acceptance and love.

We gave away hundreds of affirmations, stickers, wristbands, and more to folks who came to experience an uplifting and affirming community event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bad Faith Film Screening

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 6:00PM

Doors will open at 5:30PM. The film will begin promptly at 6PM. There is no cost for admission. Popcorn and drinks provided.

BAD FAITH is a vital and timely documentary that tells the disturbing story of the rise of Christian Nationalism in the US and how some are twisting religion to achieve their political goals.

[RSVP](#)



Second Harvest

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spiritual Renewal Group 1

EVERY 1st & 3rd MONDAY | 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

Our first meeting of the fall will be Monday, September 16. We read and discuss books that relate to our faith journey and usually try to alternate a "classic" book with a more contemporary one. At our first gathering, we will choose our next book.

If this sounds interesting to you and you would like to join our small group – please do! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Bill Hausler at hhausler@tds.net or 608-225-2058 (talk or text)! **Click the button below for Zoom information.**

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Hourglass Bible Study

EVERY SUNDAY | 4:30PM VIA ZOOM

In September, the Hourglass Bible study will turn our attention for six weeks to an Old Testament prophet who deserves our attention: Micah.

Then we will return to the New Testament, reading the letters to Timothy and the Ephesians, reflecting on the importance of Ephesus to early Christianity.

Questions? Contact Mary Ray at mbray5@sbcglobal.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Building Beloved Community Speaker Series

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 10:30AM

MR. EYON BIDDLE, SR (HE/THEY)

ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT FACILITATOR,
WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Mr. Eyon Biddle, Sr. focuses on equipping members of Council networks to address justice in their own contexts. Energized by mobilizing communities, educating individuals, and empowering change, he is dedicated to encouraging both study and action.



Sing & Ring With Us

BY YOUNGJOO HONG & TED REINKE

The time for scheduled rehearsals has arrived for both the FBC singing choir and the handbell choir. Rehearsals for both groups has already begun.

All experience levels welcome!

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Every Thursday, 6:00–7:00PM (Room 103)

Contact Ted Reinke

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Every Thursday, 7:00–8:00PM (Community/Choir Room)

Contact Youngjoo Hong

BIRTHDAYS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



OCTOBER

3 STUART B	16 GREG D
4 JIM T	17 BENITO L
5 OLIVIA H	18 CAROLYN C
5 LEONA M	19 JANET R
7 JULIA B	20 CHERYL J
7 JANET C	21 DAVID E
7 ANGELA T	21 JASON M
9 JOHN P	22 JODY L
11 BILL H	25 RICHARD B
14 SCOTT H	29 TED R

Prayer Wall

Our Church Family

Nancy E; Austin H's grandmother; Elizabeth H; Mark C; Crystal V,, Pam M; 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;
OUR HOMEBOUND: 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.

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