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A Monthly Newsletter of Salisbury First Baptist Church

Hands& Feet June 2025

Special this month >>>

6/1 Observance of the Lord's Supper
6/2 Deliver Summer Snack Packs
6/3 Decorate for VBS 9:00 am
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6/8 Men's Fire at Rickett's Lake
House 7:00 pm
6/9 - 6/13 VBS 9:00 am - Noon
6/15 Father's Day
6/21 Respite Night 3pm - 6pm

Weekly Schedule Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Thursday: Women's Bible Study 9:30 am

Friday: Youth Group 12:00 pm



Praying in the Quiet

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Matthew 6:9-13

I remember this one time when I was at my first retreat with a group of guys at Assumption Abbey in Ava, MO. My room was off at the end of the dorms and directly outside the window was the cemetery where the men who had given their lives to follow Jesus had been laid to rest after a life of service at the Abbey. (Continued on page 2) The weather was cold and dreary, in fact it snowed a little that evening while we were there. The room was cool and very sterile. The only things in the room were a desk and chair and a small twin size bed that was barely off the ground. Yet it was that night that my life would be forever changed in regards to speaking to the Lord.

In the midst of silence, Trappist monks do not speak usually, that I heard the still small whisper of God as the noise of my ears drew louder than the sounds that were around them. What did I hear? Simply be still and listen.



I woke up the next morning at 3 am to join the monks for their first prayer, Prayer of Vigils, and as I did I heard the Lord's Prayer in new and powerful way. I heard it as a prayer with depth and meaning. A prayer that was meant to be said regularly. A prayer that was instructed to be prayed.

Ever since that day it has become a part of my regular prayer life. Some in the protestant world would say we should not repeat prayers or that it should be more or that it is just rubric for creating prayer, I find myself in disagreement, for inside the prayer our lord Jesus Christ gave us, contains all that we need to converse with the God who loves us.

So, my encouragement to you is simply to find time to pray. Even if it is just to pray the Lord's prayer, for in it you will find all that is necessary to draw you into deep communion with God as you long for him.

Serving Christ Together,

Pastor Kurtis

May Ministry

Looking Back at a Meaningful May

It's hard to believe that June is already upon us! The month of May seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye—but what a powerful and fulfilling month it was for our church community.

Throughout May, we were blessed to be a part of several impactful ministry opportunities. We took time to celebrate our graduating seniors, honoring their hard work and praying for their next chapter. We also joyfully recognized the incredible women in our congregation thanking them for their dedication to their families, their communities, and the life of our church.

One of the highlights of the month was when Pastor Kurtis had the privilege of presenting church-sponsored scholarships to three outstanding young women—Grace Gebhardt, Brianna Ponder, and Anna Swallow—during the high school awards assembly. We are proud to support these deserving students as they continue their academic and spiritual journeys.

In a beautiful demonstration of community and service, over 18 volunteers came together to assist a church family with yard cleanup following recent storms. Moments like these remind us of the true blessing it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in times of need.

As we step into June, we give thanks for the many ways God is working in and through our church.





























See Cloe if you are

interested in going

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aqua park, ziplines, mudpit, blacklight dodgeball, hiking, campfires, live worship, & world class speaker Nathan Harmon

The Branch - Youth

The youth room is undergoing a renovation. Thus far, the east wall has been painted black, as an accent wall, along with having a wood slat accent placed over the once window into the neighboring Operation Christmas Child supply room. The other three walls have been painted white, and the support pillars have been painted black. A coffee maker, coffee, and creamer has been generously donated by Scott Morris. A cabinet and countertop has been ordered to make a coffee bar for the students. A new TV was purchased earlier this spring, to help with viewing during our church wide Bible study. The TV has been attached to a new, movable cart. A new, movable white board has also been purchased. Wade and Grace Gebhardt designed the new logo for The Branch (the name for the youth group) and Wade is currently painting the logo on a wood background to install in the room. Three couches and two loveseats have been purchased and will be delivered in June. Wade is also working on turning the windows on the north wall into shelving. The windows on the south wall will be getting vinyl window decals hung in them.



The Salisbury Area Ministerial Alliance hosted Baccalaureate on May 4th. Area pastors and graduating seniors shared scripture and prayer. Pastor Kurtis shared the message. Cookies and punch were served after the service.







For Completed

- 12th Grades





You do not want to miss Encounter Youth Camp 2025! See This year's camp is going to be off the charts with many awesome additions to our Wibits aqua park, our remodeled high ropes obstacle course and ziplines, tug-of-war and mud pit, blacklight dodgeball, hiking trails, campfires, new courses added to our paintball and archery tag area, splashing through our water field games, and MUCH MORE!!

There will be a live worship band and world class speaker, Nathan Harmon, will be bringing life-changing messages all week!

Mark your calendars for July 15-19 and plan to be at ENCOUNTER YOUTH CAMP this Summer! 🗮

If you are interested in attending, please see Cloe Billington.



The Tree House - Children



JUNE 9TH - JUNE 13TH 9:00 AM - NOON 4 YRS - 6TH GRADE (GRADES FOR 2025-2026) REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 AM IN THE JOSHUA HOUSE



118 E. 3rd Street, Salisbury Phone: 660-388-5784 Website: fbcsalisbury.com FaceBook: FBC Salisbury, MO Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God. You can preregister your child(ren) directly from our website; <u>https://fbcsalisbury.com/</u> or at <u>https://share.fluro.io/form/6824d87c7b5598003</u> <u>6700d00</u> (QR code on flyer). For more information or if you would like to help, please see Ashtyn Carothers. Join us as we magnify God is a mighty way!



Children's Camp



Below you will see the dates for the possible children's camp options for this summer. Please let Melissa know if your child(ren) are interested in attending camp and if you would like to go as a counselor.

Intro to Camp June $20^{th}-21^{st}$ for children that have completed $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ grades. Parent must attend with the child.

Children's Camp July 21st – July 25th at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly. For children completed grades 3rd - 6th grade.



Connect

Men's Fire For men 18 years and up June 8th 7pm - 9pm at Ricketts Lake 34946-34964 Belle Rd Salisbury, MO



Volunteers Needed

Helpers needed in each age group

Coyote Hill

• Crafts

Partmering with

- Games
- Cooking & Serving Supper

Possible Projects

Your HVAC Repair

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Doors

Various Projects

Sanctuary Celing

Ministry Opportunities

VBS (Possibly in

Widow Work

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It's time to collect all our used and unused Christian literature to donate to Love Packages in Illinois.

Love Packages would love to receive any used Sunday School literature, Bibles, Christian books, study literature, etc., to pack on ship containers for countries who need these supplies and resources.

John and Carol Ratliff will be packing up and making sure these items go to Butler early in July, so let them know if you are contributing this time. Or place these items in the foyer between the sanctuary and old Fellowship Hall.

Thank you. You can check out the Love Packages website at: <u>lovepackages.org</u> the cost for shipping containers is very expensive, so they always need monetary donations, too, at Love Packages, 220 Union St., Butler, IL 62015.



Speaker: Justin Gates, President Missouri Baptist Children's Home Friday, June 20 6:00 PM Saturday, June 21 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

First Baptist Church Moberly Cost: \$25 per person Registration is Required Deadline is June 10, 2025



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Baptist Association

TO ALBIA IOWA

STATESIDE MISSION TRIP

At the stateside mission trip they will be doing

several different projects for First Family

Church Albia. The association still needs

volunteers to help. With Albia being so close

you can even help just a day or two if you can't

do the whole week. There is free lodging

available. If you are interested in going or have

any questions please contact Melissa Estes of

Laura Hunt from the Association.



June Prayer Needs >>>

- Pray for our VBS workers as they prepare and spend time loving the kids that will come.
- Pray for the children who will attend the VBS. Pray they will hear Jesus and fall in love with him.
- Pray for the parents who will bring their children and that they would see the need for faith in their life.



SIGN UP FOR OUR MID-WEEK UPDATE



Email Melissa at exectiveassitant@fbcsalisbury.com with your name, phone and email address



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