

May

PASTOR'S POINTS

Dear Church,

In honor of the beginning of summer, we have a guest editorial from Cody Busby, pastor at FBC Mulvane. Here are some helpful tips to keep you in the habit of worship this summer. Enjoy!
Pastor Nathan

Summer is around the corner, and for those of us in ministry it is a time of year we dread the most. Why do we dread it so much? Because all of you disappear! What is it about summer that makes people vacation from church? Our lives are empty and meaningless when you are not here! We need you here when ever you're in town this summer. So I've compiled a helpful list of when *to* and when *not to* skip church year round. Pay close attention:

1. If you're out of town on vacation at the beach (not including Winfield Lake which in no way qualifies as a beach), skip.
2. If you're out of town on vacation in the mountains, don't skip. Find a church somewhere (For some reason, a woodsy vacation feels more "churchy")
3. If you're taking a "staycation" where you don't go to work but just stay home, don't skip.
4. If your kid's ball game starts at 10:00 am, you have time to worship and make it to the game for the last few outs—don't skip.
5. If you want to skip because you got even a whiff of a guest speaker, you better go.
6. If there has been a time change, and you moved your clock back, you should be early. Don't skip.
7. If there has been a time change, and you moved your clock ahead, it might be OK for you to skip.
8. If you skip because you're too sick, but then go do something within the same hour, you're in trouble.
9. If your kid has a cold, don't skip.
10. If your kid has fever, skip.
11. If your kid needs stitches, skip.
12. If you gave birth to your kid on Saturday, skip.
13. If you gave birth to your kid on a Saturday in 1986, you should really be back in church by now.
14. If you have guests who have overstayed their welcome, and are reluctant to come to church, then you better attend church. Either they'll get saved or they'll be so uncomfortable they'll leave for home.
15. If you've judged me at any point during this list for actually suggesting you skip church, don't skip church. You need to work on that judgment problem.
16. If you get a flat tire but are able to get the spare on, go to church.
17. If you get a flat tire but decide to kick the spare down a small rocky embankment into a creek so you don't have to go to church, really? Who is your pastor? That guy must be horrible.
18. If you're the pastor and you're preaching, don't skip.
19. It's Easter. What? Are you serious? This is a no-brainer.
20. If the sermon series makes you uncomfortable because it hits too close to home, you should go.
21. If the sermon series makes you uncomfortable because you're actually mentioned by name in it, "Don't be like Bill Ralpherson: a three part look at jerks," skip those Sundays.
22. If your spouse offers to lie for you so you can sleep in Sunday morning, both of you go to church.
23. If you got married on Saturday, do us all a favor, skip.

In all seriousness I do want to encourage you not to disappear this summer. Make worship a priority when you're in town. When you travel this summer let me encourage you to do two things. First, look for a church to worship in. It might be fun to have a different worship experience. Second, make it a priority to still tithe, especially if you're going to miss a Sunday. You can mail your tithe to the church or drop it by the office. Have a great summer!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

First Facts

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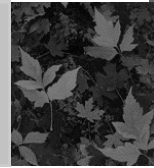
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First Facts, in the family



KID'S KAMP

KID'S KAMP at Webster Conference Center in Salina
Theme is 'IN THE JUNGLE' Philippians 3: 14-15

Kids Kamp is June 14th—18th for children that have completed the 4th through 6th grade.

It is a week filled with worship, bible classes, recreation, free time and good food.

We have 13 children and 3 sponsors attending.

Starting Sunday, May 16th, there will be a bag for each camper sitting on the on the foyer table for anyone to deposit a surprise into. The bags will be given to each camper on the day we head to camp. Ideas for a "surprise" anything Jungle related, pack of gum, money for the snack Shack, disposable camera, pencil and note pad, snacks, personal note letting them know you are praying for them, or anything you feel lead to bless them with.

If you would like to write to any or all of the campers while they are at camp the address is:

Kid's Kamp
Camp Webster
2601 North Ohio
Salina, KS. 67401

Letters need to be mailed the Saturday before or by Monday or Tuesday. Otherwise the campers may not receive them by the end of camp.

If you have questions please or if your 4th through 6th grader has not registered and would like to go to camp, please contact Carla Main,
488-2986.

In Christ's Love,
Carla Main

Vacation Bible School



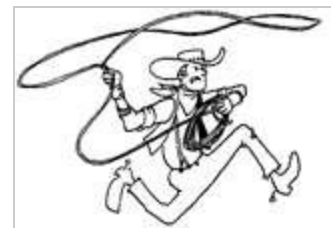
These boots were made for walking to;
Bible School, scheduled the week of June 7th through June 11th this summer. It will start at 8:30 A.M. and close at 11:30 A.M. each morning.

The theme this year is *Saddle Ridge Ranch* and as you might expect we'll be "roundin' up the doggies."

There will be fun and fellowship and lots of learning and of course good snacks...So if you have a "youngin" that has finished Kindergarten through the 6th grade, sign them up..Don't miss out on the fun!!!

Actually, if you need a ride to Bible School, the Church Stage Coach (Van/Bus) will be running this year, with our stage drivers, Sam & Eldon , and their faithful shotgun rider, Judy, lending a hand.

Just call the Ranch House (Church Office) at 488-3333 and we will get you fixed up in no time.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

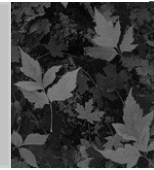
May 15th 8:00 AM

All Men and Young Men are invited

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 Sunday School 9:30 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM	3. Building & Grounds Comm. 7:00 PM	4	5 Youth 6:30 PM Awana Club 6:30 PM Praise Team 8 PM	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:30 AM No Evening Service Happy Mother's Day	10	11	12 Youth 6:30 PM Awana Club 6:30 PM Praise Team 8 PM	13	14	15 High School Graduation 1:00 PM at the High School Gym
16 Sunday School 9:30 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM	17	18	19 Youth 6:30 PM Awana Club -last meeting till fall 6:30 PM Praise Team 8 PM	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Morning Wor- ship 10:45 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM	24	25	26 Youth 6:30 PM Praise Team 8 PM	27	28	29
30. Sunday School 9:30 AM No Evening Service	31 Memorial Day Observance Office closed.					

ministry opportunities...



Van/Bus Ministry

If you know anyone needing a ride to Sunday School please call the Church office 488-3333 or Judy Crumley 488-2903, to schedule a ride.



Children's Church

The children are learning that our God is the one, true God and He will not share His glory with another. They know He is faithful and will keep His promises.

We are learning about Elijah and Elisha and what God did in their lives. We know that God can burn WET wood but the false idol Baal can do nothing.

God can send horses and chariots made of fire to bring one of His chosen ones back to heaven.

On Easter Sunday the children enjoyed a "He is Risen" celebration.

In May we will be learning more about Elisha and then, on to a fish, swallowing a man.

Please pray that God will make His stories come alive for the children and they can comprehend Who He is.

Attendance has been between 8 and 11 children.

In Christ's Love,
Carla

Children's Church Helper's for MAY

May 2- Judy Crumley/Iris Henderson /Dianna Lyles

May 9-Barbara Lyles/Kim Gunter/Tyler Jantz

May 16-Brandy Terry/Ronda Lawrence/Christian Cathey

May 23-Stacy Clark/Judy Crumley/Kelsey Lyles

May Nursery Schedule

If you cannot be here please trade with someone on the list.	AM	
May 2	Brandy Terry Ronda Lawrence	
May 9	Stacy Clark Donna Tuxhorn	
May 16	Judy Crumley Jamie Yonash	
May 23	Martha Wellman Iris Henderson	
May 30	Brenda Crenshaw Angie McKenney	

Mission Committee

Did you get to meet those Y'Ner sisters in worship service? What a pair!! They had some really interesting questions about Annie Armstrong.

I am glad Pastor Nathan was there to keep things under control for I fear their whining could have been contagious.

Praise God, the goal of \$2,000 for Annie Armstrong Offering was reached and surpassed. The final total given was a just over \$2,300.

A BIG thank you to the Y'Ner sisters for their grand performance.

In Christ's Love,
Mission Committee