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**Our mission: to share the Good News
of Christ's love - in word and deed!**

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Wow! What a whirlwind of activity since June 30th! After spending a day up on the Little Medicine fishing, we spent a few days with my folks before trekking the 1800 miles back to Malvern. We spent the 4th of July driving through Lincoln and Omaha, accompanied by the bursts of Fireworks to either side as we cruised along. Now that we're back, we're busy doing everything but packing boxes (we'll start on that soon!)

I've let Eastern University know that my last day will be the 31st of July. We're also telling our friends about the coming move. Some are terribly excited for us. Some are concerned about the tasks I perform, wondering who will fill the gap. Still others express feelings that may best be described as bitter-sweet, happy for us and yet sad to see us go. I confess that I feel much the same. I am terribly excited to begin this new chapter in our lives, but I have made a lot of dear friends in the past seven years out here.

It's funny how people react when I tell them that I will be pastoring the First Baptist Church in Laramie. I've generally seen three responses. The first is, "Wow, what a change from Philadelphia!" The second, primarily from my friends who are social activists, relate in some way to either Matthew Sheppard or The Laramie Project. The third response is to talk about the TV show *Longmire* and how beautiful the area is. Having no idea what they were talking about, I googled it and discovered that the first season was on Netflix. I've watched enough of it to discover that it looks like Wyoming, despite taking place in a fictional town and County with a 24 on the license plate. Each episode pits a tough rural sheriff, Walt Longmire, against a new murder scene. I'm terribly glad that the show is fictional, because with that kind of murder rate, Wyoming would make Camden, NJ look safe!

Despite Hollywood's exaggeration and embellishments, I confess that I found a sense of the Wyoming spirit portrayed in many of the characters. I'm still not sure what it is, but is almost as if a part of me resonates at the same frequency as these characters. Something similar happens when I find myself in prayer with another follower of Christ. There is something shared between us that transcends the moment.

Brenda and I can't wait to join you in Laramie and share this experience with you! We plan to load the moving trailer the first few days of August, and will be unloading around the 15th of August, providing there are no major problems. In the meantime, keeps us in your prayers, as we keep you in ours!

Blessings!

Pastor Jeff Lundblad

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Worship Time Change
Aug. 25 at 11:00 am

Sunday School for all
begins Sept. 8
at 9:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS at 11:00 pm

KIDS BIBLE TIME FOR CHILDREN during worship at 9:30 am



Child Care for babies to age 4 years in Room 106; Trudy Moe, Child caretaker

Children's Church for children 5 years through 3rd grade; in Room 108 (We need volunteer leaders or 1 or 2 Sundays during the summer months)

Friends of Christ - meet on the stage. **Seeking a Closer Walk with God**; Jackie Carter, teacher.

JOY Class— Room 206, Adult Bible class studying the International Bible curriculum—**God's People Worship**; Bill Carter, teacher.



No Youth Group or Kids' Group during the Summer!

There maybe a few activities but the Youth Leaders will contact the Youth for those times!



COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS
Welcome to a weekly Bible Study for you!
Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Hastings.
For more information contact:
Maggie Harrop at 307-760-0305



Camp Wyoba

There are full scholarships for all camps!

Young Adult Weekend: August 2-4

Are you too old for camp now and want to come back?

Are you between the ages of 18-30ish?

Theme: Living Authentically- Looking at the Life of David



4th Friday

Come join us at 6:00 pm on August 23, 2013 for Fourth Family & Friends Fun night at a local park (later to be announced)! We will be having an "All-church picnic/ potluck!

Please bring park games, a dish to share , family & friends!

Everyone is welcome!



"If in my name You ask me for anything, I will do it."
John 14:14, NRSV

WYOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT

August 9—11, 2013

Retreat begins at 5:30 pm Friday and will end at 1:00 pm on Sunday (Registration due Aug. 1, can register after but fees go up)

Theme: Christ's Final Promises and Instructions:

A Study of John 14—17

9350 Casper Mountain Road, Casper, WY

Have any last words!? Jesus did. His last words were for you! Women, we hope you will accept this invitation and join us for a mountaintop experience where we will discover more about the heart of Jesus and His last words.



Household items for International Students

Household items are needed **NOW** for international students arriving for fall semester: dishes, pots and pans, sheets, bath towels, small furniture items, clocks, blankets, etc. Bring your good used items to the blue tub under the coat rack at the south door. Students will be arriving in about 4 weeks. Christy and Russ Oliver are organizing this local mission.

We need all the items before August 18, 2012.



THANK YOU. . .

. . . Those who helped with the Texas 4,000 Bicyclists for cancer

. . . Those who helped and provide food and games for the 4th of July Picnic

. . . Those who helped and provided food for the Pastoral Candidate weekend for Pastor Lundblad and his family

IN THE FAMILY....

Don Jones passed away on July 20, 2013 and was born on March 20, 1922. He was on our board of Trustees for many years, as well as, the Board of Christian Education, Board of the Deacons and was a member of the Men's group. He helped build the current church building and laid the bricks for the Sunday school wing, parsonage and the Social Hall. He also helped build all the cabin fireplaces at Camp Wyoba.



CAMP WYOBA

We are pleased at the campers that were able to attend Camp Wyoba this year.

- **Primary Camp:** Erica Broaddus, Jack Tanner
- **Junior Camp:** Dane Oliver
- **Senior High Camp:** Monica Brewster, Boone Gladney



Thank you to those who worked at camp, including: Maggie Harrop, Diana Kocornik, Kevin Moe, Boone Gladney, Geoffrey Carr, Gina Gibson, Sylvia Hansen.

Baby Shower

Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 pm

Edwina GoGo is going to be having a girl by C-section on Sept. 4!

Anything for a little girl is appreciated! Especially diapers and wipes!



All are welcome to come and have so fun!

Sponsored by the Young Women's Group



Interfaith & Soup Kitchen Food Donations & Backpack Program



Backpack program could use reusable grocery sacks (not plastic, but the heavy duty ones) and backpacks for the program next school year!

We will start the Backpack program in September.

We are currently collecting food for Interfaith Good Samaritan and the Soup Kitchen. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support!





WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER!

Botao Qin

Botao Qin became a member here at First Baptist Church on June 16, 2013 by Christian Faith. He was baptized October 2011 at the Laramie Chinese Christian Fellowship. Botao is from Hubei, China and was born October 26. Botao is a Ph.D candidate in Economics Department. He works as a graduate assistant in the Department of Economics at the University of Wyoming.

He has joined the Choir and is also a part of the College Age Bible Study. Botao said, "First Baptist Church is like a family to me and I really enjoy worshipping God with all of you."



*Bidding goodbye is hard!
But let's make this one
Happy and memorable!*

*Join us for the Farewell Party
for Pastor David Mount!*

August 11, 2013
**During fellowship 10:30 am with a
Farewell Potluck!**

Come say your good-byes!
There will be a money tree.



Dear Friends at FBC Laramie—
Thank you for helping us get Aurora Starks and Jeremy Kimani to Jr. Camp Wyoba this summer. Your financial assistance made this possible. We had a wonderful camp.

Blessings—

Pastor Gina Gibson
Camp Wyoba—Jr. Camp 2013



Frist Baptist Church,
Thank you for letting us be here it is so fun ~ Aurora :)

Thanks for inviting me to your touching in the Holy Spirit camp.

—Jeremy



Can you find 27 school supplies?
How many have faces?



SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY



During the past year our church adopted a SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY providing guidelines for how we care for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We are presently putting into effect several of those guidelines and also have completed some safety checks for classrooms and hallways. This includes providing several First Aid Kits (with posters identifying locations) and soon a AED Defibrillator. Safety concerns in classrooms that have been taken care of include a "dutch" door for the nursery, safety protection on the stairs to Sunday School classrooms, high shelves for items that small children should not have, etc. Two teachers need to be present for each class; we are currently seeking a co-teacher for the 3's and 4's. Are YOU interested in volunteering?

Another phase of the policy is that all teachers and workers with children, youth, and vulnerable adults should complete an application form and background check (even though many have been in this capacity for some time!) We are requesting that all teachers do this now so that we are starting on the "ground", and that this will be a must from now on. Parents will need to fill out a registration form for each child so that we have emergency information. These will be on file in the church office.

Adults who are assisting in the tutoring program with the day care children have completed background checks also.



We want to keep the church abreast of what is being done to insure safety and to to be a sign that First Baptist Church REALLY CARES! Thanks for your help.

From Jane and Morley....

As we prepare to go back to Chiang Rai, Thailand we want to thank everyone for your continuing prayer and financial support. The plan as of today is to leave July 30.

We would ask that you would pray for our adjustment to the heat and for our good health. We will continue to send monthly reports on our work there and on our Facebook page.



We pray that as the church's new pastor comes that it will be time of celebration and renewing of the Church's ministry and mission.



Celebration Blast Off Sunday

September 8, 2013

Sunday School Starts at 9:30 am

Worship at 11:00 am; Fellowship at 12:00 pm

Celebrate the start of Sunday School for all ages!

Celebrate our new Pastor Jeff Lundblad and his family joining us!

Potluck luncheon for everyone!





Prayer Requests



"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit..." Jude 1:20

Special Requests: Beginning of School **Sympathy:** Family and Friends of Don Jones who passed away 7/20
Hip Recovery: Irene Buckles; Margaret Prine; Wilma Weibel; Lois Wamhoff **Other surgeries:** Mary Jean Hon-eycutt- double knee; Pastor David (Knee); Kenny's Friend, Susan, Knee sugery

Health: Briana Bare; Barbara Brewster; Steve DeVries; Bonnie Dumler; Don Hines; Glenda Hines; Billie Hofferber; Bev Kagel; Bonnie Lankford; Ruth Mahaffey; Connie Pliley; Leland Powell; Lois Wiseman; Carolyn Wynes; , Ellie- ag- gressive cancer and is only 23 years old; Austin's son, James- born early; Glenda Hines' cousin; Kyle Funke's Friend; Obediah Bauer's parents- Cancer

Out of Town: Doug Barry; Frances Beisly; Esther Langdon; Sharon McGurn- Sandra's mom- liver transplant; Donna Wheeler; Kathy Wagstaff—Joan Vass's daughter, recovering from a stroke (doing much better)

Iverson Home for Ladies: Irene Buckles; Natalie Stoll; Lois Wamhoff

Spring Wind Assisted Living: Willard Leedy; Phil Trumbull

Laramie Care Center: Dorothy Crout; Sharon Moody; Ruth Mahaffey

Programs: Joann Hudson- pray for the ministry at the Care Center & Spring Wind;

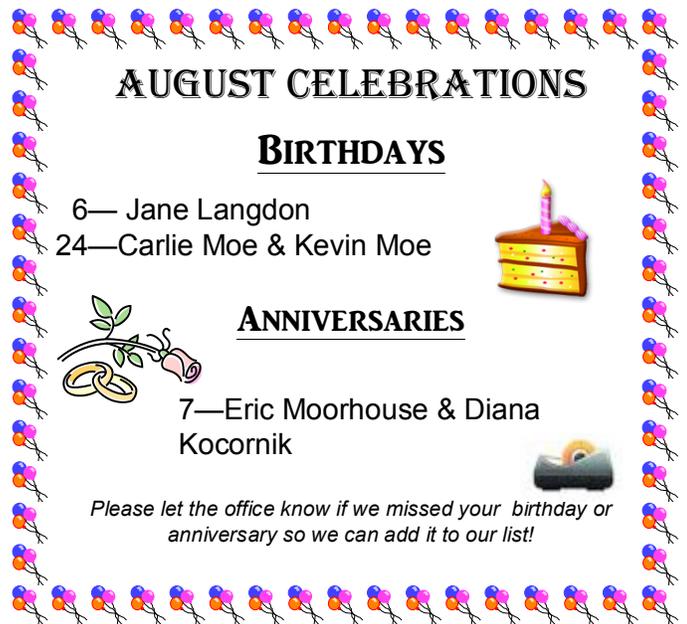
Our Region: Region staff; Missionaries Tom and Terry Myers, in Bulgaria; Dan and Estela Schweissing, Region missionaries to refugees in the Denver area; Jane and Morley Langdon, returning to Thailand; Gutierrez Family, S. Africa

General: Our country and its leaders; families in stress; people who have lost jobs; refugees throughout the world; victims of violence; for peace in our world.

Please contact the church office with your prayer requests.



CHECK IT OUT: Take a look at the new prayer wall in the main hallway. All current prayer request, ongoing prayer requests, etc., pictures are posted of different people and groups as well. You can add prayers and praises to the wall.



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

6— Jane Langdon
24—Carlie Moe & Kevin Moe



ANNIVERSARIES



7—Eric Moorhouse & Diana Kocornik



Please let the office know if we missed your birthday or anniversary so we can add it to our list!

Deacon's Fund Update

You may be interested to know some ways the Deacon's Fund has helped people during July.

- Natural gas
- Moving expenses
- Gas



Prayer Vigil

August 23, 2013 7:00 am— 7:00 pm. This is a time to pray for the new pastor and his family in the transition and

moving to Wyoming from Pennsylvania. Also, a time to pray for Pastor David and his wife moving to Georgia. At this time, we would also like to pray for the students going back to school, for the teachers in guidance and wisdom, and for others that are involved in the education of our children and young adults. Also, pray for those dealing with health, family and deaths in their family. You can pray for anything that God puts on your heart.



Please sign-up for a time to pray on the clip board outside the Prayer Room. You can pray in Prayer Garden or at your home.

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship 9:30 am
Children's Church 9:30 am
Fellowship 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School 11:00 am

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FBC Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars

- July 29—August 2:** Soup Kitchen Volunteer Week
- August 11:** Farewell Luncheon to Pastor David Mount
- August 22:** 6:00 pm Baby Shower for Edwina GoGo
- August 23:** 12 hour Prayer Vigil, 7:00 am—7:00 pm
- August 24:** International Students Giveaway; all donations at the church b
- August 23:** 6:00 pm, All-Church picnic/game night at a local park
- August 25:** Worship Hours change to 11:00 am
- September 8:** Fall Hours begin—9:30 am Sunday School for all ages, 11:00 am Morning Worship, 12:00 pm Fellowship; **Celebration Sunday** potluck during fellowship



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We are now on Facebook!

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