

First Light

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FAREWELL RECEPTION

Jan Stoutland is moving to be near her daughter and grandchildren in North Carolina. Come say goodbye and wish her well at a dessert reception on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate in a group gift, see Jodie or Melody.



Sunday, April 26, 5:00 PM

Please bring a dessert to auction to benefit our students who are participating in summer activities such as camps/retreats. Everyone come out and support our youth and enjoy some good food, fun and fellowship.

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REFLECTIONS

"Calling them like I see them"

I'm thinking about culture today. Culture is a funny word to communicate a complex idea. A company's culture is the (un)spoken rules that everyone tends to follow. What words or phrases do we use? Is it cool to come in late or leave early or is that a big no-no? What do people wear, how do they tend to behave, what happens if someone's stapler shows up in a giant jello sculpture? That kind of thing.

Cultures are everywhere though. Teachers have a culture and each school that they teach in has its own culture. Same with the medical field and doctors offices, and pretty much every profession and learning environment. AND, more to my experience recently, sports and sports teams.

One of my kids is playing on the school softball team and I've been learning the unique culture of that world. There are phrases that the players say, but there are different phrases for parents and coaches use. "Have fun, kid." "No one better, babe." Unique little phrases that I'm starting to understand and navigate. By the way, I don't use "babe" because it's weird for a grown man to call teenagers "babe," no matter the culture you're in.

I'm thinking about culture for a couple of reasons. First, obviously this applies to the Church. I mean there's a Church culture, and then there's our church's culture and those can be completely different. For instance, a lot of Church culture sounds weird and disingenuous to my ear, but our church's culture tends to be a little more authentic. I dig our church's culture even if a lot of Church culture makes my hackles go up.

Second, and most importantly, cultures are not fixed. I've gotten the opportunity to learn a new culture at the ball fields, but I'm also affecting the culture in the stands or in the announcement booth. (Oh yeah, they put me as the announcer for home games. Chumps.) Not because I'm so great or anything, but because that's how culture works. Every person can contribute.

What culture are you bringing? How are you affecting the cultures that you are in? Can I offer you a challenge? How can you make that culture a little more like Jesus? That's why I'm thinking about culture today.

Peace, Rory

Thank You!

My dearest Church family,

Thank you with all my heart for your continued support for me and my family during this heartbreaking loss of my son, and Rory's brother, Josh. Your love, prayers, and generosity are greatly appreciated. God calls us to be there for each other and you all have gone above and beyond.

I love you and couldn't get through this without you!

Blessings to each of you.

Julie

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Discussion Group

Movie: *Burlesque* (2010) starring Christina Aguilera and Cher.

Viewing: Streaming on many platforms for - \$4.

Time & Place: Friday, April 17, 6:30 pm at Joy Reedy's home.

Questions: Contact Mike Crowell, Brandon Weaver, or Joy Reedy.

ECUMENICAL STOREHOUSE

Volunteers are also needed from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 18 for pickup of donated items. Questions: contact Jim or Linda Williamson.



Chancel Choir Spring Cantata

Sunday, April 26, 11:00 AM



And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:14



CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Volunteers

TODAY, SUNDAY, April 19

11am Nursery Tedi Newman & Angie Walls
Children's Church Linda Bunton & Lela Moore

SUNDAY, April 26

11am Nursery Susan Williams & Karry Garcia
Children's Church Jackie Laney & Hannah Simic

SUNDAY, May 3

11am Nursery Bev Burgan & Jodie Johnson
Children's Church Debbie Johnson & Polly Smith

SUNDAY, May 10

11am Nursery Mitzi Thomas & Jackie Laney
Children's Church First Christian & Hannah Simic

SUNDAY, May 17

11am Nursery Tedi Newman & Angie Walls
Children's Church Linda Bunton & Lela Moore

SUNDAY, May 24

11am Nursery Susan Williams & Karry Garcia
Children's Church Jackie Laney & Hannah Simic

SUNDAY, May 31

11am Nursery Bev Burgan & Jodie Johnson
Children's Church Debbie Johnson & Polly Smith

MAY FBCFBC

On Monday, May 4, our book club will be discussing *Ain't Nobody's Fool: The Life and Times of Dolly Parton*. In this recently published biography, author Martha Ackmann chronicles the life of Dolly Parton. From an impoverished childhood in the Smoky Mountains to international stardom as a singer, songwriter, actress, businesswoman, and philanthropist, Dolly has exceeded everyone's expectations except her own! Join us at noon in the church library as Linda Williamson leads the book discussion.

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHY: The First Baptist Church family extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mary Moser. Mary passed away suddenly April 3, 2026. There will be no services. Please continue to pray for the family.

IMMEDIATE: Julie Keeth & Rory Naeve. Mark & Debra Belvin's friends, Pat & Mary Ann. Leon Cole (Melody Turner's brother-in-law). Dave Bunton's friend, Jane. Caleigh Oswald (Dianne May's cousin). Norval Ziegler. Jim Gibson. Greg Helton. Jennifer Merkel (John & Eva Leone's daughter). Dianne May. Nancy Denton. Ray Seiber (Diana Giles' father). Susan Alderson (friend of Mickey Moss). Junell Brock (Peggy Geldmeier's niece). Jan Stoutland. Pat Row. Beth Ingle. Ellin Ward. Harold Matelski (Lee Howell's father-in-law). Mark Bunton (Linda & Dave Bunton's son). Ronnie Scates (Julie Keeth's friend). Gigi Naeve. Karen McCall. Jason Byrd & Anna King. Dayton King (Diane Williams' brother). Callie Walls Foster (Jim Walls' granddaughter). Carol O'Shaughnessy. Becky Seiber (Diana Giles' mother). Katie Emmerson (Ellin Ward's daughter). Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother). Larry Carter. Debbie Pulliam (Carol O'Shaughnessy's sister). Heidi Rose Harris. Bruce Marshall. Adrian Flory.

LONG TERM: Dave Bunton. Jo Ann Tunstall. Ulrika Leander (Charlotte Bounds' friend). Vicki Heidle. Andrew Bobbett (son of Diane Ray's friend, Nan). Sherry Bath (Gigi Naeve's friend). Jim Walls. Stoney Lowell (friend of Jodie Johnson). Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law). Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin). Megan Elliott (friend of the Turners). Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt). Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew). Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson). Virginia Griffith (Lisa Bowers' mother). Larry Fields. Rick Nation. Theresa Bowers.



NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING

ALEXANDER GUEST HOUSE

Katie Landis, RM. 217.

COURTYARDS SENIOR LIVING

Lynn Edd Story, RM. 107.

Dot Senn, RM. 105.

LIFE CARE OF BLOUNT COUNTY

Norval Ziegler, RM. 141.

SHANNONDALE OF MARYVILLE

Shirlene Dale, RM. 114.

THE GLEN AT OAK RIDGE

Jean Webster, RM. 102-103.

THE GROVES

Ray Irminger, RM. 119.

Our Ministry Continues Throughout the Week

Church Office: 483-4615 /483-4657

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rory Naeve
Minister of Music: Rev. Tim Bounds
Minister of Children: Hannah Simic
Minister of Youth: Rev. Shawn Simic
Church Secretary: Lola Murray
Facilities Manager: Chris Peterson

Wednesday Services

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Feast (Youth)



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