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Summer Sizzle or Summer Slump?



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Pastors have mixed emotions about the arrival of the summer. On the one hand, school is out, and a slightly more relaxed season begins. On the other hand, it is the time for vacations. This means worship and Bible study attendance becomes more sporadic. Combine that with new pandemic patterns of participation, and many churches anticipate a summer slump.

As an eternal optimist, I refuse to surrender to the slump. Instead, I propose that we strive for the summer sizzle! Summer is a great time to try some new things. For instance, though the choir is not rehearsing each Wednesday, we will be singing familiar anthems each Sunday morning. If you were in the choir and have not returned, or if you have always wanted to be, this is a great time to come and sing. We

meet each Sunday morning in the choir room at 10:30. Our Gospel to Every Home ministry will continue through the summer each Saturday morning at 10. By inviting folks to Jesus, and to come to Anchor, we can fill the sanctuary! There are few ministries offering greater blessings. Perhaps you would like to focus on inviting a friend to come to Bible study and worship with you. All these ideas keep our focus on the Lord, and our service in the church.

Maybe you want to focus on discipleship and personal spiritual growth during the summer months. I would be glad to recommend books to you that, in addition to your Bible, will help you in your journey with Jesus. We have begun a new Wednesday night series on, "Living Orthodox Lives in an Unorthodox World." If you are not a Wednesday night

participant, why not give it a go. One other idea is to get involved with a small group Bible study. We have Sunday School classes at 9:45 each Sunday morning, and a Sunday evening Bible study led by Bill Worrall at 4:30 in the choir room.

Finally, even though we may be on vacation this summer, the Scriptures teach us to give faithfully and sacrificially to the work of the ministry. While we may take trips away from the church, we still need to give to the church. Anchor is now equipped with online options so that you can give your offering while sitting on the beach in Florida, or white-water rafting in east Tennessee. Check out Anchorbaptistchurch.org and follow the instructions on the giving tab.

I am praying we avoid the summer slump and replace it with a sizzling summer of growth – both spiritually and numerically. May the Lord bless Anchor Baptist Church – and that means you!

Church Family Information—June

Birthdays:

- 2 Bill Worrall
- 4 David Arbra
- 4 Robert Hayes
- 5 Carol Hayes
- 5 Seth Wynn
- 6 Bill Alt
- 9 Tracy Hiatt
- 13 Archie Bays
- 15 Lincoln Day
- 18 Helen Atherton
- 19 Dimple Hatfield

- 24 William Petross
 - 24 Andrea Pittman
 - 26 Tim Curtsinger
- Anniversaries:**
- 3 John & Carol Webb
 - 10 Mark & Becky Chapman
 - 10 Jon & Jennifer Quillen
 - 13 Paul & Amy Jorgensen
 - 20 Jim & Bettye Neal
 - 22 Carl & Renee' Peters



Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!



Evelyn Sizemore
May 29, 2022



Constance Royal
May 29, 2022

Vacation Bible School—June 20-24—5:30-8:30 p.m.



Come one, come all to Anchor Baptist Church Vacation Bible School!

Studying God's word, crafts, music, dance and snacks each night.

We hope to see you the week of June 20-24!

**Hey Kids and Parents
Invite your friends and neighbors too!**



Discover the Joy of Missions

WMU News—M-I-S-S-I-O-N-S-----How Can YOU Help?

When searching the internet I came across the following from an article by Brad Larson on the Unlocking the Bible web site. Lawson stated, “*I know a guy who sold his business and went to be a missionary in Asia. While many young men were seeking success (whatever that means), he found it and left it to share the gospel in a foreign land.*

I know a guy who left a successful career in the family business to be a missionary in America. While many young men were seeking a make a name for themselves he submitted his life to the Lord to live on mission.

I know a guy who drew a circle around the business world and stayed within it. While many around him were climbing over people to get promotions and bonuses, he spent his time serving and loving within the context of his company.”

The gist of Lawson’s comments are that no matter who you are and where you are you are always on a MISSION FIELD. Maybe that mission field is around the world or maybe it is around the block. What you do with that mission field can vary from very outward physical involvement, to prayer or to financially supporting those that are involved on the field.

If you have been around a Southern Baptist Church

very long at all you have probably heard the names of various Mission Offerings that are being taken throughout the year. At Anchor 4 times throughout the year the Women on Mission promote the collection of different mission offerings.



March/April (Easter Season) - Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Mission Board:

Collected during the Easter Season the Annie Armstrong Offering supports more than 5000 missionaries involved in church planning and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States and Canada and their territories. The goal for 2022 is to collect \$70,000,000. Anchor’s goal is \$2,000.

June- Julia Woodward Local Associational Offering for Central Kentucky Network of Baptists:

Collected in June the Julia Woodward Offering’s primary focus has been college scholarships. For the past several years six scholarships have been awarded to deserving students. The offering also includes Collegiate Campus Ministries, Racetrack Ministry, Friendship International, Feed the Hungry, Toy Project, Hot Meals, and

others. The goal for 2022 is \$28,000. Anchor’s goal is \$2,000.

September - Eliza S. Broadus Offering for State Missions:

Collected in September the Eliza Broadus Offering provides funding for a variety of Kentucky Baptist ministries. Language missions, church planting, disaster relief, collegiate outreach, church and community missions, evangelism, Kentucky Changers, missions opportunities for children, and more receive funding through the Eliza Broadus Offering. The offering is sponsored in partnership with WMU and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The 2022 goal for the offering is \$1,250,000. Anchor’s goal is \$2,000.

December - Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions:

Collected during the Christmas Season the Lottie Moon Offering is sponsored by the International Mission Board (IMB). Money collected goes to support missionaries that are taking the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. 100% of what is donated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to bringing the Gospel to the world. The overall goal in 2021 for the offering was \$185,000,000. Anchor’s goal for 2022 is \$4000.



By Sara Sutton & Charlie Ledford on behalf of the Women’s Missionary Union

Media News

Life is certainly full of emotions. You can't live your life without emotions and feelings. Embrace it. Yesterday as our families gathered around my daughter, Phileena and my new son in law, Marshall in prayer at their wedding it was very emotional and moving. The Lord was truly there at that special time. On the flip side of that joy when I attend funerals and sometimes sing and play piano at them like this past weekend...it is very emotional. When we celebrate a life well lived at a funeral it can't help to be emotional. Emotions are truly from our Heavenly Father. Crying, laughing, weeping, worshiping and having joy and celebration is truly from the Lord.

I just received a letter from my brother about his daughter, Heather that many of you at Anchor were praying for the last two years as she battled cancer. Her daughter, Avery was worshiping during her mother's funeral while singing a worship song with all her heart. Very emotional and real indeed. My brother, Gary sent me a note about Heather

Vien's educational scholarship made in honor of her work by her parents. The note to my brother and sister-in-law was written by a well deserving high student with plans on getting her teaching degree from college. Amazing note about how Heather touched a life as her teacher. The student's mother also had cancer at the same time frame as Heather. Heather was ministering to her and her mother even in the midst of dying from cancer. That my friends is emotional. I sat there reading the thank you note to my brother and sister-in-law my big tears fell in pride and joy about a life well lived for Jesus Christ in my niece. I say let the tears flow. The shortest verse in the bible is after all Jesus wept. When we weep and laugh with emotion it can be a great encouragement and full of healing for people. Laugh with gusto with people you know. Cry with people that are hurting. We all are shocked and full of emotion of sorrow when we think of the 19 students and 2 teachers that were killed in their elementary classroom just a few days ago by a emotionally deranged 18 year old. I think of the 21 funerals that will happen in the next few days there in Texas.

Wow. Hard to imagine really. As we live life in Jesus Christ do not be afraid to show emotions for those you come in contact with on a daily basis. We are to be the church. The body of Christ. Let us go and take Jesus Christ and HIS emotion of compassion and joy to a world that is overcome with grief and pain. Yes, we must cry. Yes, we must grieve. Yes, we must have joy after the pain in every situation. I wanted to share that letter I spoke of earlier about Heather.



*By Phil Jackson
Music and Media*

Addison Duran

Although I never had the opportunity to be in Mrs. Vien's fourth-grade class, I had the opportunity to have her as a life teacher. I was blessed to be in her impact group during my third and fourth-grade years. I fell in love with my favorite book in her impact class during my fourth-grade year. The impact Mrs. Vien left on me goes way farther than just a classroom. As my mom was diagnosed with cancer in my fourth-grade year, Mrs. Vien was the loving support I never knew I needed. She always greeted me with a smile and a hug before walking to my class in the mornings. My mother lost her seven-year earthly battle with cancer in 2021, Mrs. Vien was fighting her own battle but still took time to reach out to me and check in on me. Mrs. Vien was the most selfless person and the kindest soul. When finding out that she was diagnosed with cancer, she contacted me asking if I would be willing to talk with her daughter, Avery, and to let her know times may get hard but everything will be ok. She has helped so many students fall in love with education, but she has also shined a bright light on cancer awareness. She showed everyone how to fight strong and how to never ever give up. Mrs. Vien's and my mother's earthly battles may be over, but they are now rejoicing in heaven and watching over me and many others.

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