



# August 2016

## August 1, 2016

### First Things

A Monthly Newsletter for Members and Friends

Our Vision: *“We are a church partnering with God by intentionally building the Kingdom of God, through abiding in Christ, discerning God’s will and discipling others in the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

### Lead Pastor

What comes to your mind when you hear the word “anxiety”? Whether the image that comes to mind is someone who is pacing the floor or the face of the “worry wart” in our life, most of us get the sense that being anxious is something negative which should be avoided at all costs. Yet, studies show that both negative and positive experiences trigger anxiety within individuals because, at its simplest definition, anxiety is just “intense emotions.”

What this means is that anxiety itself isn’t good or bad. The body responds the same way whether you are being chased by a bear, get asked to marry someone, or get pulled over by a cop. It can be triggered by things as normal as the phone ringing or as rare as a terrorist attack. Biologically, all anxiety is the same. So, what really is causing us to label anxiety as “good” and “bad” is how we perceive the



**Rev. Lara Heise** joined our pastoral staff, in December 2012, as the Pastor of Preaching and Teaching; in June 2015, Lara transitioned into the role of **Lead Pastor**. Lara has a passion for preaching and teaching God’s word and for walking with people as they discover who God has created them be. Lara is active in the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, Mid-Michigan Health Advisory Council, and Faithwalking. She and her husband, David Heise, have two children: Lola and Devin.

situation we are in and how we cope with it.

Most people cope with good and bad anxiety in the ways that they learned from their family growing up. If we grew up in a family where “negative” anxiety was dealt with by yelling, chances are we yell. If we grew up in a family where we dealt with “positive” anxiety by eating, we probably eat.

What is interesting is that along with how we have learned to cope with anxiety within our families, we can be influenced by other “systems” or organizations as well which also often develop this same tendency for everyone to respond to anxiety in similar ways. Perhaps when we hear about something that is disturbing, a majority of people begin to quietly tell others about it. Perhaps when something exciting happens we assume everyone knows.

The problem is, sometimes the patterns we develop as individuals and as organizations are unhealthy. While it can often feel the most comfortable to just talk about what you heard to someone else, sometimes it is healthiest to go straight to the person who you heard something about and ask if what you heard was true. But that, admittedly, is scary! It is always easier to just keep doing things how we feel comfortable doing them. Especially because change is one of the things that triggers anxiety!

I have said it a lot over the past year, but it is important enough to repeat again: We have had a lot of change in this past year. What this means is that without any other factors, we are in the middle of an anxious time. From what was said before, we know that this isn't in and of itself a good or bad thing. What matters right now is how we respond to our anxiety as a body and as individuals.



**Pastor Rich Williams**

joined the pastoral staff in June 2004 as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor; in June 2015, he transitioned into the role of

**Discipleship Pastor.**

Rich's passion is to journey alongside and challenge people of all ages to claim their true identity in Christ and to live that out in the world. Rich is active in the local Youth Ministers' group, Sneakerpalooza, and in the lives of the church youth. He and his wife, Sue Williams, have two children: Ceonni and Isaiah.

For the past year, I have been studying this concept (Bowen Theory) at the Clergy Clinic in Lombard, Illinois. There I did my own work on unlearning and re-learning ways to cope with my own anxiety. I learned how I tend to take too much responsibility for the health of the entire system/family, often at the expense of others. I had to re-learn how to carry my own anxiety and release it through prayer and meditation, instead of ignoring it. These insights have been life changing! I did not know when I began how vital these lessons would be in my personal and professional life. Today, the difference in how I am coping with these changes in my life is astounding.

I want to share the experience of learning how to cope with anxiety with everyone, which is why I asked my teacher, Richard Blackburn, to come and lead the Healthy Congregations workshop on August 13. (Which you can still register for!) We are in a season of our body's life together which is steeped with anxiety, but I believe that this could also be a season of incredible growth if we allow it to be. This won't be the last anxious time our church experiences, but it can be one where we experience incredible transformation!

~Rev. Lara Heise

## **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

It's not too late to contribute to a Farewell gift for the William's family. Shelley Page will continue to collect 'gifts' through the month of August. Please contact the office if you have any questions." (Cookie recipes would still be welcome by Sue, too!)

## **Prayer Partners**

**For the health needs of many of our church family:** Thayer Bradish, Pastor Lara and the Heise Family, Kathy Burch, Dale Green, Chuck McCourt, Amy Meilink, Ruthie O'Dell, Elaine Parsons, Jeff and Joyce Phillips, Anne Poindexter, Andrea Ross, Jan Sutherland and Family, Rena Walker, Marcia Williams and Denny & Judy Zeiss.

**And the needs of loved ones:** Acacia (Walter's granddaughter), Carter (Mary Lou Sperry's nephew), Charlie Breedlove (Liz Smith's nephew), Kim Francisco, Isaac Ciluffo (Puckett's grandbaby), Shirley Gagnon (Kathy Burch's Sister-in-law), Mark Parsons, Rebecca (Elaine Parsons' friend), Marcee Simpson (Nate & Joyce Poland's daughter), Marcus Terwillegar, Rena Walker, & Sonya (Renna Yuill's aunt)

If you know of other folks in our church who need special prayer, please contact the church office by phone: 835-6731 or by email: [office@midlandfbc.com](mailto:office@midlandfbc.com).

## Special Business Meeting August 14, 2016

A special business meeting is being called for August 14 to vote on a proposal to relocate the Praise Team to the choir loft behind the organ. The meeting will be held immediately after the Church service.

In order to provide clarity on exactly what is planned, and to provide the praise team a chance to see if they like being there, a test of the arrangement will be done in the weeks leading up to this special business meeting.

### How Do You Say "Goodbye"?

How do you say goodbye to a group of people who mean so much to you and to your family?

How do you express the years of ministry together and reflect the impact each person has had on you and your family?

How do you express the emotions that rise up?

How do you express care and compassion when people express the hurt and heartache they feel?

In one of the cards that was given to me from a church member they quoted, Philippians 1:3-11. It is Paul writing to the church in Philippi. I share it with you in a hope to answer some of my own questions written above.

*Whenever you cross my mind, I thank my God for you and for the gift of knowing you. My spirit is lightened with joy whenever I pray for you because you have partnered with me to spread the gospel since the first day I preached to you.*

*I am confident that the Creator, who has begun such a great work among you, will not stop in mid-design but will keep perfecting you until the day Jesus the Anointed, our Liberating King, returns to redeem the world. It is only right that I should feel such admiration for you all—you hold me close to your hearts. And, since we are partners in this great work of grace, you have never failed to stand with me as I have defended and stood firm for the gospel. Before God I want you to know how much I long to see you and love you with the affection of the Anointed One, Jesus.*

*Here's what I pray for you:*

*Father, may their love grow more and more in wisdom and insight— so they will be able to examine and determine the best from everything else. And on the day of the Anointed One, the day of His judgment, let them stand pure and blameless, filled with the fruit of righteousness that ripens through Jesus the Anointed.*

Of course this scripture doesn't answer all the questions to a "T", but they express a joy and thankfulness for the journey we have shared and express a desire and belief that God is working it all out for those who love HIM.

No one know what the future holds but we worship and serve a good God.

~In God's Love, Rich

PS...Thank you so much for the farewell party at the Seamster's Cottage on the lake. Thank you for creating a wonderful day that my family and I could enjoy with all those able to attend. It meant a great deal to me and it was an excellent expression of your love for me. Thank you for the fun gifts and a tour down memory lane.

Thank you, also, for the   !!!

## **Bible Study Group**

A new Bible study group began on July 18! Sixteen individuals showed up for the first study! It's not too late to join! This study focuses on the book of Acts and we will support our study with N.T. Wrights book titled "Acts", which is available on Amazon. This study is on Mondays from 5:45-7pm in Room 23

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

These are very difficult times for Pastor Lara and David Heise.

Your LDT spent time with Lara on 7/19/2016. We support her. We trust her and believe she is using good judgment in a difficult situation. This is private, but Lara has shared appropriately with her liaison and those in the church that need to know.

### **Your Pastor needs your support too.**

How do we do this?

1. One of the most important supports we can give is to respect Lara's and David's privacy. These issues are for them to resolve, aren't they?
2. With all the changes happening at FBC, more than ever, she needs our love and care.
3. Because these are very difficult times for Lara, Dave, and family, they need our support in prayer, more than ever, right?

~Dave Pellegrom, on behalf of your Leadership Development Team

PS: It may be you've made this note unnecessary as Lara has received much love from many and nearly unanimous support. Thank you!

## **It's not an "It's a Boy" Party it's a: "He's a Schultz!"**

Ben and Lacey Schultz would like to give an invitation to their house to celebrate Noah becoming Noah Benjamin Schultz. They will be having a get together **August 6th starting at 4pm**. Please join them for this time of celebration! They will have yard games to play and some water fun for those that want to participate!

Please bring a lawn chair if you can. They will have some seating. They will be serving Pulled Pork, Chips, Side Dishes and Drinks. If you are willing to bring a dish to share please contact Ben or Lacey to coordinate what might be needed.

They hope you can come and join in celebrating this wonderful time for their Family!

**Where:** 1823 N. Diana Dr, Sanford MI 48657

**Ben - 989-708-2876 / Lacey - 989-615-7901**

## Opportunities to Serve and Grow in Leadership

### **AUGUST - DECEMBER**

#### **Worship Leaders**

In the spirit of encouraging more lay participation in our worship times, we would like to involve more people on Sunday mornings as Worship Leaders. No Age requirement!! This would involve offering prayers, leading responsive readings, bringing greets, sharing joys and concerns. Training for new leaders will be provided.

#### **Children's Story**

Here is a fun way to participate with children during the service. Take scripture or a simple biblical truth and share it with young children. The lesson shouldn't last more than 5 minutes and should be taught at a child's understanding. Doing it a few times will help create a rapport and allow you to grow in knowledge and teaching.

#### **Nursery Volunteer**

Have you met Andrea Shumake? She is our new nursery caregiver and is wonderful. As a church we want to provide the best care possible for all. And in the nursery we need another pair of arms and eyes every Sunday to work with Andrea. Volunteers are needed and we ask that you sign up on the list, which can be found on the welcome table.

***All Leader and Volunteer Sign Up sheets  
are on the Welcome Table.***



#### **Family Camp**

**Family Camp is coming soon for us at Camp Lake Louise!** It is again scheduled for Labor Day weekend: **September 2 - 4**. There is a signup sheet on the glass table in the Narthex. This year we will join another group from Hopevale in Saginaw. Cost is \$65/person, and max. \$225 for a family. If you have questions, ask Allen Ross. (See article below about restroom renovations!!!)

## UPCOMING SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS AT CAMP!

This summer has been great at Camp Lake Louise. We have finished the fourth week of youth camp and have had one week of family camp. If you have not yet had a chance to visit Camp Lake Louise this summer, check your calendars to see if you can make it to one of the upcoming camps and retreats.

Families are invited to a half week camp August 11-14. This camp is designed to help strengthen families as well as give kids and adults the opportunity to try new activities and get refreshed at Camp Lake Louise.

Camp Peter Charles is partnering with Camp Lake

Louise to host a grief camp for children in grades 1-6. Camp will be August 14-18 and will focus on healing after loss of a loved one. There will be a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist who will be on staff for the week as well as other adults who have experience in overcoming loss.

The Adult Jamboree will be August 22-26. This week is designed for adults only and is a blast. Meet new friends and reconnect with former friends. You are never too old to be a camper!

Anchor 23 Ministries is partnering with Camp Lake

Louise for the Deepest Waters Women's Wellness Retreat, September 16-18. This weekend focuses on physical, emotional and spiritual wellness, as well as time for activities including kayaking, hiking, crafts, archery and more. For more information and to register, visit [anchor23.com](http://anchor23.com).

The Junior/Senior High Retreat will be September 24-25. The retreat hours and dates have changed from previous years, so make sure you visit the Camp Lake Louise website for complete details.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

## BATHROOM RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

The Women's Bathhouse was completely remodeled with renovations having begun in April.



The bathhouse is a great facility which will better serve campers. The bathroom stalls are larger to

accommodate people who use wheelchairs or walkers. They are also great for family campers with young children who may need assistance using the restroom. The walls are floor to ceiling for additional privacy.

The entire facility is tiled beautifully, including tiled showers. The showers are also larger and include heat lamps and fans, so when northern Michigan hits us with cold weather, showering can still be pleasant.

Finally, the bathroom can be split into a Men's and Women's section to better accommodate family and adult camps.

Thank you to the many donors who helped make this possible!



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## MUSIC NOTES from the MUSIC MINISTER

As we enjoy the heat and the relaxed summer schedule, and consider our fall schedules, we remember and reflect on the many opportunities to praise God through music and give thanks for the many people who offer to God their time and talents by their music participation and leadership in worship.

GREAT THANKS AND JOY! Knowing that our congregation is committed to praising God with music in the best way we know how, I was not surprised when Kathy Williams and Dave Pellegrom approached me this past May and asked how music ministries could best use memorial gifts given in memory of their spouses, Larry and Patsy. This fall, these gifts will fund a one year pilot program, Choral Assistant. Beginning in September, two young adults from our congregation will commit to use the gift of their voices weekly to lead the tenor and soprano sections of our Chancel Choir in rehearsal and worship, provide solo music in worship, and lead hymns from the pulpit. In turn, our congregation will provide them with encouragement of their gifts through prayer and words of support. Seed money has been provided for this music ministry. We rejoice in the creation of the Patsy Pellegrom/Larry Williams Choral Assistant chairs. MORE THANKS - Thank you to our summer soloists and instrumentalists. As always, I send a big thank you to our organist John Lastovica, and our Praise Team as they lead music each Sunday.

CALENDAR Take Note! and **Youth Choir** begin their after school fall season **Monday, September 12**. I am already planning for our Christmas musical, *The Backward Christmas Pageant*, **December 11**, and our spring musical, *O, Jonah*, **May 14**, so put these dates on the calendar.

SUMMER MUSIC REHEARSALS **Praise Team** continues to rehearse **Sunday mornings at 8:45am**. Special summer music will be rehearsed as needed.

NEW DAY, NEW REHEARSAL TIME! **Chancel Choir** rehearsal begins **Thursday, 7:15-8:30, on August 30**.

SAME DAY, NEW REHEARSAL TIME! **Concert Bells** rehearsal begins **Sunday, 6-7:15, on September 11**.

MAKING CONTACT As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns regarding our music in worship, please contact me via email, [jant@tm.net](mailto:jant@tm.net), or by phone here at the church. I am in the office all day Monday thru Wednesday. You may also reach me at home 835-1962.

FINAL NOTE Many of you at First Baptist know that we, the pastors, myself

and the Property Management Team leaders, have worked to discern how to better position and thereby equip our music leaders to lead in worship. After worship on July 17, we removed pews on the pulpit side and installed the **Praise Team** on the risers. I am now able to see the congregation and the screen on the lectern side, and make good eye contact with all players. The messy hazard of cords and equipment on the floor in front of the lectern wood wall is now moved to behind the pulpit side wood wall. After four weeks of this new Praise Team location, we will have a **congregational vote Sunday, August 14**, to decide if the new placement is permanent. Come see the new look!

~Soli Deo Gloria, Jan Sutherland

## **GREETINGS from the MISSIONS TEAM**

This month we have a few opportunities for members in our congregation to be active out in the community volunteering as well donations that can be brought to the church.

### **Community Garden Volunteering**

The garden located at 4611 Swede Ave at the north side of the church near the outdoor labyrinth across from Plymouth Park is in need of volunteers. They meet each Tuesday evening between 6 and 8pm to help plant, weed and harvest. You are invited to come and go as you can and join us in our mission to "grow for a better future."

### **Craft Supplies for Summer Share Program**

We are looking for donations of miscellaneous crafting supplies to give to the share program for use this summer. There are many things needed and many are simple things that can be dropped off. The items range from pipe cleaners to toilet paper rolls. There is a complete list and small flyer on the table in the Narthex with a box underneath to collect donations.

### **Food Pantry Donations**

We are always looking for donations for the Food Pantry and there is always a collection container for this. Please consider bringing in items as there is always a need.

We hope to have many more opportunities to bring to the congregation and are always open to hearing about any that members may know about. So please share with us any that you may come across.

~Thanks and God Bless, Lacey Schultz – Missions Chair

## **TREASURER'S REPORT - 2ND QUARTER 2016**

2016 Budget: \$ 337,519	Year-to-Date %	
General Fund Receipts: \$ 134,066	39.72	
General Fund Expenses: \$ 166,846	49.36	Receipts/Expenses: \$ (32,779)
2015 Budget: \$ 366,264	Year-to-Date %	
General Fund Receipts: \$ 167,062	45.61	
General Fund Expenses: \$ 174,842	47.74	Receipts/Expenses: \$ (7,780)

## **CHURCH COMMUNICATION**

In order to better serve church members that do not have email, I am compiling a Phone List of church members that receive FBC Newsletters by mail and offering them the opportunity to receive phone calls detailing important information that needs to get out before the next Sunday service.

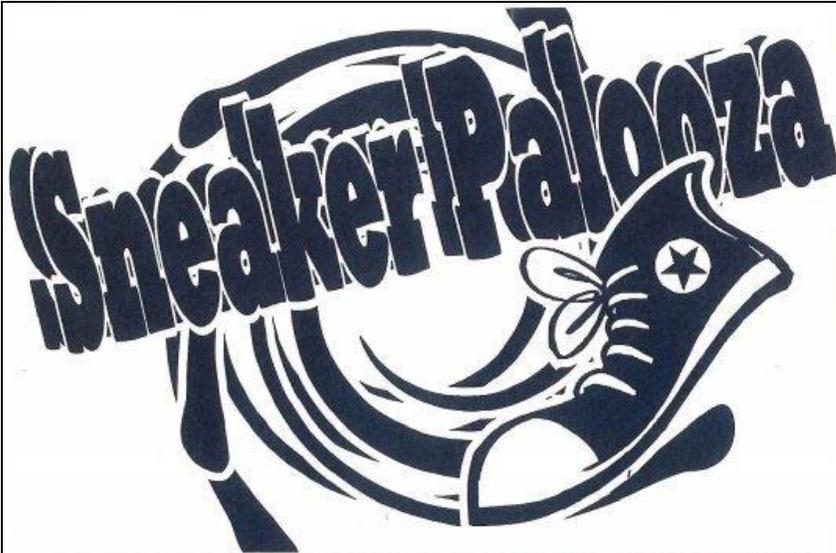
If your family is on the Phone List, you might receive a message that says, "This is Shelley Page with an important message from First Baptist Church. Church has been cancelled today, due to bad weather." Or "This is Pastor Lara with an important message from First Baptist Church. Staff and the Leadership Development Team would like to make you aware of....", etc.

Our intent is to continue sending out emails to those with email, but to offer a phone call to those without email. This does NOT mean that every message that is emailed will also be communicated to those on the Phone List. The Phone List is to be used to better communicate with those that don't have access to digital media, or information that others can put their hands on quickly. If we keep this Phone List small, there will be very little cost to FBC. At this time, we only have a small number of individuals who choose to receive First Things Newsletters by snail mail. These individuals have been called, or will be called, to ask if they would like to be put on FBC's Phone List for important messages.

If you have any questions about the Phone List, please contact the Office at 835-6731.

(If you do not receive First Things Newsletter by email or snail mail, you may call the church office and ask to receive our newsletter.)

~Shelley Page, Office Manager



**SNEAKERPALOOZA K-12 SHOE GIVEAWAY**

AUGUST 23rd - 3 to 8 pm Carpenter Street School, Midland MI

Children must be present to receive shoes - Open to Midland County Residents



## THANK YOU

**Dear FBC family,**

Thank you so much for the scholarship funds awarded to my son and daughter for college. FBC blessed our family greatly with these gifts. I am continually reminded of the Father's love for me through the love bestowed upon me and mine by this congregation!

~With Love for You All, Shelley Page

**Dear Scholarship Committee:**

Thank you so very much for your generous decision to award me a scholarship. It will help me greatly with furthering my education. I sincerely cannot thank you enough for your incredible generosity.

~Highest Regards, Carley Hitt

**Dear Scholarship Committee:**

Thank you for your generous gift to help me further my education and to receive a marketing degree from Grand Valley State University. I am truly blessed to be a part of the FBC Family.

~With Sincere Thanks, Nolan Hitt

## New Orleans Mission Team

The Team will fly out of Detroit on the morning of July 30. We will be staying at CAMP RESTORE in large dorms. Our Monday-Friday schedule is 6:45am Breakfast, 8am Announcements, Mission from the Gospel-Mission On Purpose (Teaching/Devotional), 8:30am Depart for Work Site, 3pm leave work site, 6pm Dinner, Fellowship & Reflection. We will spend a few extra days sight-seeing and return to Midland on Tuesday, Aug 9th.

We are hoping that the team will be able to do both clean up and reconstruction plus work with children. We do not know our projects at this time. We do believe that we will be working in the Lower 9th Ward.

Please keep Rich, Sue, and John Williams, Jim & Debbie Hitt and Bobbie Baker in your prayers.

You can follow us on:

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**We'd like to send Warm Birthday Wishes  
to all who have birthdays in August!**

**September's Newsletter deadline is August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon.**

FBC Church Services and Functions may be Videotaped for Shut-in distribution and broadcast on MCTV. If you are interested in viewing our services, they will be broadcast on Charter Cable MCTV digital box Channel 191 on Wednesdays at 5:30PM and on Thursdays at 2:00PM. Church services in video format may also be viewed at <http://www.awincom.com/church-movies/>

# AUGUST CALENDAR - 2016

## Regular Schedule

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service - Communion Service is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Vision Planning - Planning</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>10:00-11:30AM</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>3-5:00PM</b>	<b>Pastoral Connections</b>
	<b>5:45-7PM</b>	<b>Bible Study - Media Room</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Team Network Meeting - Media Room - August 8</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast at M's Café at 5103 Eastman Rd.</b>
	<b>4-5:00PM</b>	<b>Missions Team Meeting - Harmony Room - August 9</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Leadership Development Team Meeting - Media Room - August 2</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>1-2:00PM</b>	<b>Worship Planning Meeting</b>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance Meeting - Media Room - August 17</b>
	<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>Property Management Meeting - Media Room - August 3</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>7-8:30PM</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Practice - Begins September 1<sup>st</sup>!!!</b>



## Date      Time

<b>July 29 - Aug 8</b>		<b>Special Event</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>8:30-5:00PM</b>	<b>New Orleans' Mission Trip</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Healthy Congregations Workshop @ FBC!!!</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Special Business Meeting following Worship Service</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>8AM-3PM</b>	<b>September Newsletter Deadline</b>
		<b>Sneakerpalooza Event @ Carpenter School</b>

## **SAVE the DATE!!!**

### **Back-to-School**

### **"CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST"**

**September 6**

### **"RALLY DAY"**

**September 11**

### **"BLOCK PARTY"**

**September 15 (5-8PM)**

### **August Ushers**

Dave Hitchcock  
Jenn Hitchcock  
Tom Moeser  
Kathy Williams

### **August Church Greeters**

7 Victor and Linda Atiemo-Obeng  
14 Keith and Karen Freeburg  
21 Bobbie B. and Elaine Parsons  
24 Chuck and Pat McCourt



# ***SNEAKERPALOOZA***

*STEP UP Coach Inc.*

**Fundraiser**

*...A great cause and some great food*



**BUFFALO  
WILD  
WINGS**

All friends, family and supporters of *SNEAKERPALOOZA*  
are invited to participate in their fundraising event on

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

Everyone is invited to gather at Buffalo Wild Wings in Midland (6728 Eastman Ave.) for lunch, dinner, or a snack. On this day, 20% of purchases\* accompanied by the certificate below will be donated to *SNEAKERPALOOZA*

## ***SNEAKERPALOOZA* Fundraiser**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

Present this certificate to your server at the time of your order and 20% of your purchases\* will go to support

***SNEAKERPALOOZA***



**BUFFALO  
WILD  
WINGS**

\*Valid towards dine in and carry out. Not valid towards gift card purchases. Flyers are not to be distributed inside or outside the restaurant.

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## Newsletter for Friends and Members

First Baptist Church  
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Date: August 4, 2016

### Sunday Schedule

9:30AM Worship Service

11:00AM Sunday School

Communion served 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

*In the spirit of our compassionate Christ, we are a family of growing believers serving all of God's people in an ever-changing world!*

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Jan Sutherland: Music Minister / Livingston Garland: Praise Team Leader

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