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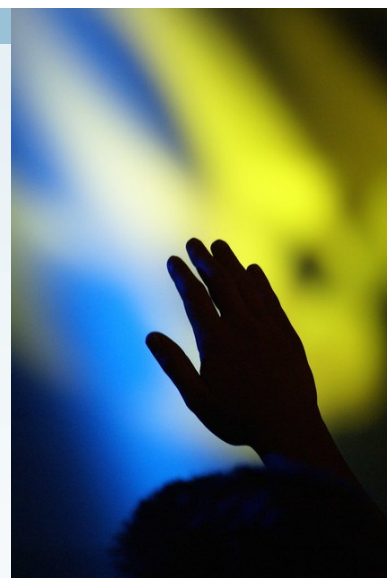
Fox River Life



The LORD spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you, the land shall keep a Sabbath to the LORD. ³For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits, ⁴but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the LORD. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. ⁵You shall not reap what grows of itself in your harvest, or gather the grapes of your undressed vine. It shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. -

Leviticus 25:1-5

The passage above deals with what is known as the Sabbatical Year. Israel was to allow the land to rest on the seventh year, so that the land might refresh itself and prove to be more profitable in the years to come. It also was an opportunity for the people of God to trust in their God to provide for them during that Sabbatical Year. Our denomination strongly suggests that Pastors receive a 3-month Sabbatical every seventh year, so that the Pastor may refresh himself and rest from the pressures of ministry.



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The 23rd Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd; I
shall not want.*

*2) He makes me lie down in
green pastures.*

*He leads me beside still
waters.*

*3) He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of
righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*4) Even though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

*5) You prepare a table
before me
in the presence of my
enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*6) Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the
house of the Lord
forever.*

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

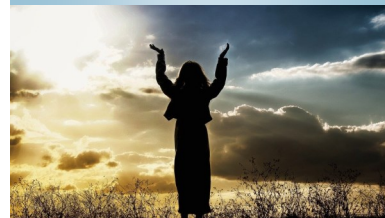
For a church our size, 3 months would be a long stretch. Therefore, the Elders wisely decided that every four years I would receive, roughly, a two-month Sabbatical to meet the recommendation of the denomination and not over burden those who would be filling in for me during this time away. I am extremely grateful to the Elders for their wisdom 13 years ago when this was established, and for the way in which the church has come to embrace and recognize the importance of such a time away for me and for Becky.

My Sabbatical Year was to have been in 2020. However, with the death of Becky and I's mothers and the whole COVID-19 epidemic, we and the Elders separately came to the same conclusion...now is not the time for a Sabbatical Year. We made the decision last May that we would push out my Sabbatical to this year, and then we would get back on schedule by having my next Sabbatical in 2024. As I look back over last year and the difficulties and struggles of last year, I see the wisdom in our decision and thank God for directing us in this way. To have taken a Sabbatical last year would have been unwise and honestly unrestful. I believe that we are personally and congregationally in a much better place to facilitate a Sabbatical this year than we would have been last year.

Some may wonder what Becky and I will be doing during my Sabbatical, well let me share with you a few of the things we will be doing. First of all, Becky will still be working. However, with her job being now 100% remote, she can work from anywhere. So, we are planning on leaving on the first full day of our Sabbatical, July 17th, to go back home to West Virginia. We will be staying a week with my dad and Becky's sister Sarah. I will be helping my dad clean out his house/garage and enjoying some time with my brothers. We then will be heading for North Carolina for two weeks to help Becky's sister Lisa who lost her husband last fall to begin the difficult work of cleaning out her home and garage as well. I will also be doing some yard work and taking care of a few things that have been neglected for the last year and a half. We then will travel back to Wisconsin the first week in August and will spend the rest of our time here. Becky will be working and I will be doing some reading, a little writing, a little planning and hopefully a lot of praying as well. I have some time set apart to relax, rest and refresh. There are also a few items on the honey-do list that I will



*"Live as people who are free,
not using your freedom as a
cover-up for evil, but living as
servants of God."
1 Peter 2:16*



Back Row: Ellen Rudzinski, Angela Zogleman, Jan Jourdin, Donna Zogleman, Diane VanLoo, Becky Godfrey, Linda Hoffman. Front Row: Nancy Wildberg & Lily Hoffman

We had a wonderful time together on June 13th after the Sunday service! We enjoyed lunch, a devotional provided by Ellen Rudzinski, and assembled these cute Patriotic Wreaths (made out of clothes pins) just in time for Flag Day!

*Our next *Craft & Lunch* will be in September. Stay tuned for details!

His Love

*"Do not love the world or
the things in the world. If
anyone loves the world, the
love of the Father is not in
him. For all that is in the
world—the desires of the
flesh and the desires of the
eyes and pride in
possessions—is not from
the Father but is from the
world. And the world is
passing away along with its
desires, but whoever does
the will of God abides
forever."*

- 1 John 2:15-17

Deaconess Ministry Update



Sunday, July 11th at 12pm
All Church Picnic



The annual church picnic will be held right
here at Fox River Baptist
Church this year!

- ~ Anyone interested in bringing a grill...
We need 3 or 4 people.
- ~ Everyone to bring their own meat/bun.
- ~ Sign up for a side dish and/or a dessert
the event.



Deaconess of the Month—Carol Smith



My Refuge and My Fortress

*He who dwells in the shelter
of the Most High
will abide in the shadow
of the Almighty.*

*2) I will say to the Lord,
"My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."*

Psalms 91:1-2

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

attempt to accomplish as long as it does not interfere with my golfing. I am also looking forward to attending different churches as we travel and are at home. We will be returning to our normal life within the church the Tuesday following the Labor Day weekend.

In my absence we will be having three of our men taking on the preaching responsibilities; Scott Smith, Ryan Smith, and Ray Rudzinski. They will be continuing to preach the next sermons in the Ephesians Sermon series. In addition, we will also have the Porier's and a Missionary from EAA who will be speaking as well. The other two Elders, Scott Dohms and Scott Smith will be continuing to lead the church. If an emergency or question arises, please direct those to them. If they feel that I need to be made aware of a situation they will contact me. I am very confident in the men who have been asked to fill the pulpit and the Elders in their abilities to lead during my time away. Please lift them up in your prayers as this is added responsibility to men who are already serving in the church faithfully, and they do so with servants' hearts and no financial compensation.

Finally, I would ask for your prayers for Becky and I that we would do our best to use our time away productively and intentionally. We are looking forward to this Sabbatical and we want to at the end of it feel as if it has served its intended purpose. May God bless the church during our absence and may we rejoice again when we return to one another.

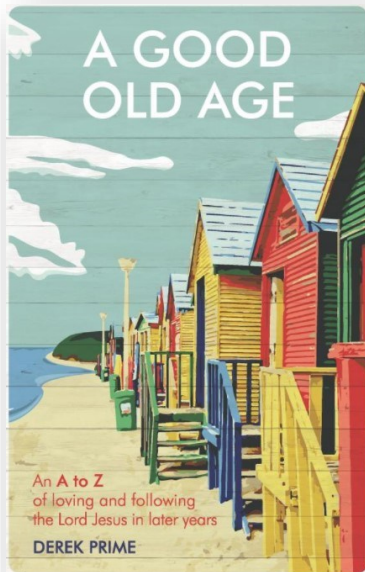
In His Name & For His Glory,

Pastor Tim & Becky Godfrey



Intentional Discipleship Update

July 10th will be the last regular Men's and Women's Bible study until after Labor Day.



Beginning July 17th, the Saturday morning Women's Bible Study will be taking a break from their study of Hebrews while Pastor Tim and Becky are on sabbatical. They have chosen to take some time to go through "A Good Old Age" by Derek Prime. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk for those who would like to be included in the book order. All women are encouraged to participate in this study, even if you are unable to attend on Saturday morning.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Smith (scsmith9@ameritech.net) or Ellen Rudzinski (rayellenrud@hotmail.com)



Over the past 2 years since I "took over the duties of the library", I have thought that it would be wonderful if I had a partner in this to share ideas and tasks with. Originally, I thought I would just have Hannah & Lily help me with the work, but they are busy too! I prayed that God would show me what I needed to do to complete my duties with the time that I have been given. He answered my prayer in a way that I never really expected...he sent me a "helper"!

During the Thursday Ladies' Bible Study, a lovely lady asked about the library, and her mother (also a lovely lady in the study), piped up and said that she should help with it...and I responded with something like, "Do you want to?" and she said, "I'd love to!" Long story short...Angela Zogelman has started to help me with those "tasks" and we have some exciting plans to complete by the time school is back in session in September! Watch for more information in the August Newsletter! We are excited and hopeful!



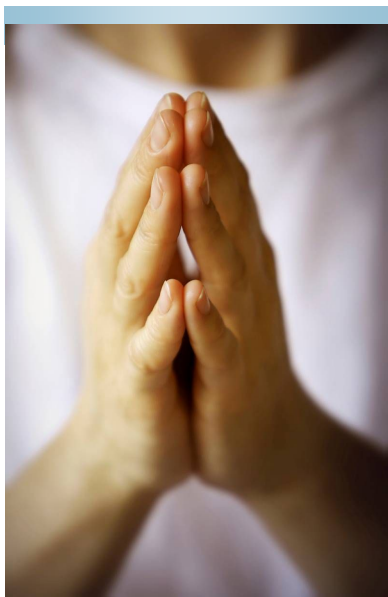
[He leads](#)

*Trust in the Lord with all
your heart,
and do not lean on your
own understanding.*

*6) In all your
ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight
your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6





Sunday Evening Services Schedule

July 4—No Evening Service
 July 11—Prayer at 5 pm
 July 18—No Evening Service
 July 25—Prayer at 5 pm

SUNDAY



Men's & Women's
 Bible Study
 Saturdays at 8am

Women's Thursday
 Bible Study
 (returning 9/9)

Women's Prayer
 Wednesdays at 9:30am

Connect
 WITH OUR
 CHURCH FAMILY



Financial Update—June 6-27, 2021
 Budget needed weekly: \$ 2,606.00
 Received: \$ 2,090.00
 Contact Rob Mlodzik with questions.



July 4

Howard Schimke

July 11

Ray Rudzinski

July 18

Bob Abitz

July 25

Scott Smith

St Joseph's Food Pantry

Each month we will collect
 non-perishable food items.
 Place your food items on the table
 provided in the foyer.



Here at FRBC, we have a prayer chain meant for the sharing of prayer request needs and for sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new prayer request email address:

prayer@foxriverbaptist.com

Care to be part of the prayer chain? Email or call Becky Godfrey at
becl.godfrey@gmail.com — (920)277-1526

Missions

“Go Ye into all the World, and preach
the Gospel to every creature.”
Mark 16:15

Missions Update

Jane Fischer—CWW—Japan

For 26 years, the Lord has used me to teach 8th grade teenagers at Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ). Because CAJ accepts both Christian and non-Christian families/students, I have the privilege of reaching teens for Christ and discipling those who are young Christians. As I teach Bible, English, and Social Studies, I also integrate the Bible in each subject. My students know that I love the Lord, hoping that they find great joy in making discerning choices to serve God and others. Every year, at least one student has come to Christ! This is one of my greatest encouragements! (Photos 1, 2, 3, & 4 show some of the students I've been working with this year.) Every year around Christmas and in June, alumni return to CAJ and often come to share what the Lord has been doing in their lives. This is another of my greatest encouragements! (Photo 5 shows some alumni who visited early last school year.)

In addition to teaching, I have the privilege of serving in a local Japanese church. Over the past years, I have discipled several young Japanese women who have become Christians. (Photo 6 shows our Christmas service at church just last year.) I also enjoy having my Japanese friends over for meals when I can. (Photo 7 shows some of my Japanese friends who came over for a meal.) I am so thankful for the fellowship of believers here!

Thank you for your encouragement and support!



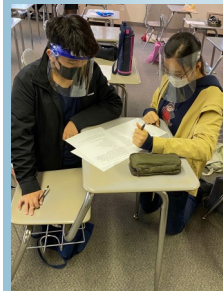
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FRBC Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.



3—Rick Hinz

20—Sheryl Zwerg

25—Gary Snortum

27—Betty Callahan



13—Bill & Doris Olson



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