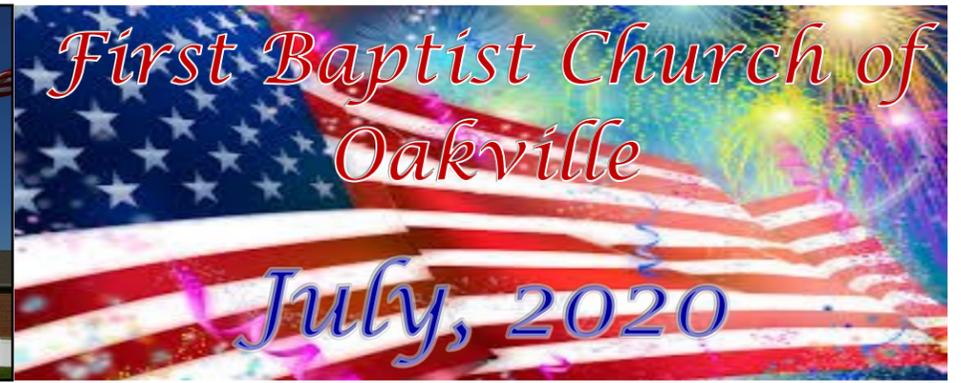


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**Should I feel guilty about not going back to Church yet?  
 Am I acting out of FEAR instead of FAITH?**

It's not acting out of fear to use the knowledge God has given us through science to be wise in caring for ourselves and others.

Proverbs 22:3 says, *The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.*

If you are ill, if you have a fever, or if you just feel at risk for coronavirus, stay home, continue to join us in worship through our broadcast.

Use your own good judgement. This, too, will pass, and we will welcome you back!

**Join us for Worship at 9:00 & 10:45 each Sunday  
 OR Watch us on our website, Facebook, or Youtube.**

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**God Bless You on Your Birthday!**

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**NOTE:**  
**Sunday School, Evening Worship  
 and Wednesday Night  
 activities are suspended until Fall.**

**JOHN'S JOTS**



**On Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Independence Day!** In July, 1776, 58 men signed the **Declaration of Independence**. They pledged their fortunes and their lives on the premise that liberty was worth the price. But in recent weeks, we have seen liberty

adulterated by those who presumed they have the liberty to attack our institutions, violate our laws, and trash our traditions. The lessons of history have been lost on those who would think they have the liberty to forfeit the liberty of others. I recall learning in high school history that the greatest expression of liberty is the liberty of self-restraint. I can most truly celebrate my liberty by choosing not to violate yours. May God help our Police officers, our governing leaders, and our citizens to learn that we cannot assure the liberty of the future by shredding the fabric of the present and forgetting the lessons of the past. Today, we can express our gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, and being reminded that freedom is not free! May God bless the United States of America!

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, we also will celebrate** our spiritual freedom to worship—and our freedom from sin—by observing the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is always a blessing to me. And that memorial meal reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. As Jesus declared in John's Gospel, **if the Son shall make you free, you are free indeed!!**

**Our Children's Camp at Penuel**, our Youth Super Summer, and our Soccer/VBS have been cancelled for this Summer due to the Coronavirus. I sincerely regret that we must forfeit these important opportunities to share the Gospel with boys and girls. Hopefully, next year will be better.

**Katy Brumbaugh and Francis Lavall are busy as our Summer interns.** Several mission activities are planned for this month. Others are also working in this important ministry. Please support Katy and Frannie with your prayers and your encouragement—they are standing in the gap in this pandemic altered Summer.

**Our Nominating Committee has begun their important work for the new year.** I am grateful for this committee, and their diligence to insure that qualified, willing workers staff the multiple ministries, work groups, and committees essential to the mission of FBC, Oakville. Ronda Brown is chair of the Nominating Committee again this year. Herein is an important Biblical principle and a conviction of mine--**EVERY member of FBCO is a minister, not just the Pastor.** That includes YOU! What is your **ministry** through our Church? Ask God to guide you in finding your place of service. Then, my job as Pastor is to be an encourager and an equipper for all of you ministers. I couldn't be more grateful for that privilege.

Once again, thank you for your love and prayers for me and my family as we mourn the death of my beloved Brenda—and the changes that her passing has brought to our lives. There has been much conversation about seeking **a new normal** in our society after the impact of coronavirus. I don't know what that **normal** will look like, but I know it won't feel normal to me. Thank you for giving me the time to grieve, and for being patient while I learn how to move forward. But I am ready to do that—there is much to be done. God still is in charge, and I trust Him for my future and the future of FBCO. Please keep praying—I truly cherish that. And I am still assured—It is well!

Gratefully, Your Pastor  
**John**

## GWEN'S Gallery

### *The Protective One* by Shelley Shepard Gray

Elizabeth Anne—better known as E.A.—and Will are members the “The Eight,” a tightknit band of mostly Amish friends now in their mid-twenties. When one of their group unexpectedly takes his own life, they find themselves assessing their own situations.

E.A. is dissatisfied with her long-term courtship with David, which is anything but romantic. When David mocks Andy’s death, E.A. finds the courage to break up with him, sparking a series of changes.

Watching their companions pair off and marry makes Will long for a spouse. Discovering jilted David harassing E.A., he steps in, playing the role of *The Protective One* and acting as her boyfriend. But is he really pretending, or have his feelings for E.A. suddenly become clear to him?

The one bright spot in E.A.’s day is her sewing lesson with Marta. The woman is incredibly shy and uncertain, but E.A. likes her. She senses something in Marta’s life is causing her lack of confidence, but isn’t sure what it could be or how to help her.

As E.A. and Will test the waters of their new relationship, Marta’s situation becomes more dire. Should they intervene? Are they ready to make their own romance public?

### *The Traitor’s Pawn* by Lisa Harris

FBI agent Jack Shannon has just arrived in Corpus Christi to track down a spy selling military secrets to the Chinese government. When he hears about the shooting of Senator Grant McKenna and the kidnapping of the young detective who was with him, Aubrey “Bree” Grayson, Jack immediately volunteers to help in the case. Bree was his first love—why are his feelings for the woman he hasn’t seen in years still so strong?

Bree escapes her captor, but now the hunt is on to track down the assassin and learn who he was after—Grant or Bree. A second unsuccessful attempt on the agents leads them to the discovery of a vital connection between their two cases. The asset Jack is searching for is Bree’s biological father, Charles Ramsey—known as “Junco” the Vulture. Bree, it seems, was the intended target of the initial attack, to be taken as leverage—making her a *Traitor’s Pawn* in a dangerous international game of cat and mouse. As the pair tries to bring Ramsey out of hiding, more suspects appear. All the while, Jack can’t help replaying his memories of the moments he and Bree have shared. Can he rekindle their connection and capture Ramsey?



## A Note from Minister of Worship John Gorse



Greetings everyone,

Last night, I heard that the baseball players and the owners came to an agreement that we will have a 60 game season with playoffs in this Covid-19 pandemic year. A welcome addition for all of us baseball fans. In honor of this event, I have chosen to reprint a newsletter article I did over 5 yrs ago and got some positive feedback from. It is the summer rerun season you know.

As I left the 6th Annual Pioneer Harvest Dinner Friday evening, I was saddened by the passing of Ernie Banks affectionately known as "Mr Cub". Even though Mr. Banks played his entire 19 yr career for the loathed Cubbies from the Northside of Chicago, I along with baseball fans everywhere respected not only his skills as a Hall of Fame baseball player and a great competitor, but how he conducted his life, and the enthusiasm and positive disposition he always shared. I was fortunate to see him play against the Cardinals, and I remember watching him in the old Busch Stadium. He hit two homers in one game off of Cardinal pitcher Steve Carlton, 6-29-1970, with my grandparents and family. He is to Chicago what Stan "The Man" Musial is to St. Louis and they had several similarities.

Both were great homerun hitters and Hall of Fame baseball players. Both received the Congressional Medal of Freedom. Both were known for their great outlook on life. They epitomized the concept of Fair Play, Integrity and Honesty. Both were never thrown out of a game. Ernie Banks was one of the first men of color to play in the major leagues, breaking into baseball in 1953, and he experienced a lot of the racial prejudices and segregation that ball players of that era were challenged with. But with the help of his mentor Buck O Neil, he always kept his positive outlook.

Some of his famous quotes were *Its a beautiful day for a ballgame. Lets play 2. Work? I never worked a day in my life. I always loved what I was doing. Had a passion for it. Loyalty and friendship, which to me is the same, created all the wealth I ever thought I would have. When I wake up in the morning, I feel like a billionaire without paying the taxes. And, The only way to prove you are a good sport is to lose.*

His other famous nickname is "Mr Sunshine", which reminds me of Ephesians 4:29 which states: *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, for only such is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those that hear.* and 1 Thessalonians 5:11, *Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. May we all strive to be encouragers and sunshine in the world.*

It is great to be holding services in the sanctuary on Sundays and it is great seeing brothers and sisters in Christ being able to worship together again. Stay safe. May God Bless Abundantly and I LOVE YOU ALL,

*John*

### WMU News

The Baby Shower for MBCH is after church on Sunday, JULY 26, and it will need to be a *drive-thru* on the Church parking lot. Donations also can be left at church ahead of time. Debra Hahn said she will decorate a large box to be placed in the front foyer to collect these items. Here is the list of needed items:

Disposable Diapers (Sizes newborn, stage 4) / Diaper rash cream, lotion, / baby bath wash, oil  
Clothing, sizes newborn to 12 months (onesies, t-shirts, socks, booties, outfits, sleepers-summer weight)  
Baby laundry detergent - unscented / Baby bottles - 4oz & 8oz /Hygiene Items  
Hair Brushes (natural bristle) / Hair Conditioner (for African-American hair)  
Hair Shampoo (for African-American hair) / Hair Gel (for African-American hair)  
Hair Spray - non aerosol / Combs - wide tooth / Chapstick, Carmex  
Deodorant, solid (Girls only) / Soap Boxes

### Kidz Praise

In July, we will be talking about serving. We will be answering questions like *how do we serve, when do we serve, and who do we serve.* Our memory verse is John 3:16.

Kids' Praise will begin meeting again the first Sunday in August. In the mean time, Right Now Media has some amazing kids series. *Bibleman* is one of our favorites. Also, don't forget you can find Kids' Praise on Pinterest.

We praise God by loving one another, and we show that love through RESPECT.

*Cyndi Harmon*



**Monday, August 10th**

**2:00 pm — 7:00 pm**

**Our Church Activity Center**

**Kidz Kollege resumes September 9<sup>th</sup>**