

Notes from Pastor Dan... I had the joy of being born into a Baptist family. I grew up attending a Baptist church and lived in a Baptist community. For me there were no options other than Baptist. One may say I am a Baptist by birth and that would be an accurate assessment of my early years.

During my college and seminary days, I began to question my denominational affiliation and struggled to remain in the Baptist church or seek another church body to work and serve. It was in my fourth pastorate as a Baptist minister that I strongly considered casting my lot with the United Methodist Church. However, before I could finalize the process I was given the opportunity to serve an American Baptist Church, USA congregation in Fort Collins, CO. This opportunity allowed me to remain Baptist and remain loyal to the Baptist Principles that I had grown to appreciate as a young Christian and a younger Baptist minister.

So today, I am a Baptist by choice. Serving in churches partnering with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship who hold to our Baptist Principles. Why are you Baptist? This is a question that we need to be reminded of and caused to rethink in every generation. I share with you some of the Baptist principles that are basic to our way of being Christian and doing church as Baptist.

1. The Lordship of Christ
2. The Bible as the written authority for faith and practice
3. Soul Competency
4. Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ
5. The priesthood of believers
6. Baptism and the Lord's Supper as wonderful symbols of our faith
7. Religious freedom and the separation of church and state
8. The autonomy of the local congregation

This list is not complete but these are principles that are basis to our uniqueness as Baptist.



Worship Schedule

May 5 25th Anniversary Celebration

Sermon: *Rev. Tim Friar will speak*

May 12

Sermon: *"Ascension Sunday"*

Scripture: **Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47: 1-9**

May 19

Sermon: *"Pentecost"*

Scripture: **Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 31-35**

May 26

Sermon: *"Risk-Taking Missions and Service"*

Greeters

Mark Bolden & Mason Zeigler

Offering Counters

Billy Galloway & Debbie Kelley

Ushers

Greg Kelley & Adam Kelley

Worship Leaders

May 5 25th Anniversary

May 12 Geri Martin

May 19 Lily Zeigler

May 26 Whit Breazeale



May 2 Chris Wall

May 10 Mark Bolden

May 10 Jimmie Smith

May 15 Geri Martin

May 17 Carolyn Wade

May 21 Martha Holliday

May 24 Georgia Wall



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**Ridgeland Drive Baptist Church
Anniversary Celebration**



Sunday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Worship

Tim Friar will be the guest speaker.

Childrens Choir & Arts Presentation

Sunday, May 26, 10:00 am





May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 9:00 am, Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship			<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 11:00 am, WATT 6:00 pm, Snack Supper 6:30 pm, CC&A 6:30 pm, Youth Group		<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 11:00 am RDBC Delivers Meals on Wheels	
			1	2	3	4 9:00 am Churchwide Clean Up Work Day
5 8:30 am Breakfast 10:00 am Worship 25th Anniversary Celebration!	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Mother's DAY</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18 10:00 am-2:00 pm Issaquena Festival Main Steet Six Mile
19 5:00 pm Choir Practice	20	21	22 6:00 pm CC&A and Youth Out of School Celebration!	23	24	25 May Mission Update We will finish our prayer cards and provide snacks for the staff at Six Mile Elementary. Thank you for your prayers and support of our school. Please continue to pray as they close out for the school year. We will promote our mission emphasis for Operation Christmas Child in June and July.
26 10:00 am CC&A Presentation 5:30 pm Church Council Mtg	27	28	29	30	31	

Looking Ahead

June 2: Business Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
 June 2: Shelter Service at 5:00 p.m.
 June & July: Operation Christmas Child



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*A welcoming family of faith,
 With Jesus our example,
 Discipleship our goal,
 And love our action.*