

For Week: July 24 through July 31, 2011

**WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?**

“The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is the Lord’s alone.” (Proverbs 16:33, NRSV). This comforting verse tells us that nothing happens by chance. Chance is arbitrary, accidental, unplanned, and unpredictable, without cause or meaning. Sometimes chance appears to aptly describe the events and happenstance of life.

But Genesis to Revelation declares in union that even change is under God’s control. Every seemingly meaningless, random, and inexplicable event plays a part in the Master’s grand design.

There is no luck, then. Everything has a divine purpose, though we often can’t discern it. It’s just a matter of faith.

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**TODAY, JULY 24**

***SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST***

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING 11:30 AM

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

**MONDAY, JULY 25**

STAFF MEETING 10:00 AM

VISITATION 1:30 PM

PREPARATION FOR RAGBRAI MEAL ON TUESDAY

*(HAVE FOOD ITEMS TO CHURCH FOR RAGBRAI BY 3:00 PM)*

**TUESDAY, JULY 26**

**SERVE MEAL TO RAGBRAI PERSONS 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**RAGBRAI RIDERS STAYING OVERNIGHT – CHURCH & LAWN**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

*MORNING BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM*

**FRIDAY, JULY 29**

AA MEETING 6:30 PM

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**

***EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST***

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP TIME 11:30 AM

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**RAGBRAI SUPPER ON TUESDAY, JULY 26** – The meal for the Ragbrai riders and others takes place on Tuesday, July 26 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you have an interest and want to help out, please consider coming to help to prepare the meal on Monday and to serve and clean up after the meal on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

**Please bring all donated items to the church kitchen by 3:00 pm on Monday, July 25.**

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**BIBLE STUDY** – Bible Study *is scheduled* for Wednesday morning, July 27. We will study Matthew 5:18 and Jeremiah 29:1-23 on Wednesday morning@ 9:30 am.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES** – Please change the following items:

1. Patti Miller has a new email: [tishmcol@gmail.com](mailto:tishmcol@gmail.com). (Correction!)

**RELAY FOR LIFE RESULTS** – Thanks so much to FBC for their donations to the Relay for Life. Thanks to you Boone was able to raise \$55,000 this year. God bless all who helped in any way. Sandy and Phyllis

**DAYTON OAKS CAMPERS** – We have kids at Dayton Oaks summer camp this week: Kayleigh Anderson, Shelbi Clayton, and Macie Sheeder attend Cabin Camp July 26-29. To send notes of encouragement write the kids at Dayton Oaks Camp, 3717 Taylor Ave., Dayton, IA 50530.

**ANNIVERSARY THANKS** – Thanks so much for all the congratulations for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Love, Bill & Sandy

**MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND RESULTS** – Thanks to all who participated in the Meals from the Heartland's first fundraiser at Pizza Ranch Monday night. FBC was well-represented and our tips amounted to enough to pay for 2,664 meals. We made \$570.

**FBC ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY** – First Baptist Church in Jefferson at 104 W. Central Avenue (just east of the Fareway store) sponsors an ice cream social this afternoon from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Homemade ice cream, cakes, pies, sandwiches, coffee and drinks will be served. A free will offering will be taken to support local missions. Everyone is invited to attend.

**AUGUST BOOSTER ITEMS NEEDED** – Please turn in materials you want in the August newsletter by Wednesday, July 27. Thanks.

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Current prayer requests:** Bill Monen, Jr. (health problems); First Baptist Church, Iowa Falls and personnel; and the ministry and leadership of Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Ongoing prayer requests:** Debra Bratcher's family (Debra passed away); Sharon Cole(chemo therapy for cancer); Carolyn Gibson's family upon her passing away, Harriett Thede;); Bill Monen (hip replacement); Homer Dickey & family (Homer has 3 kinds of cancer.); George Steininger (brother of the Smith family has cancer); Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Myers (grandson of Roland & Isobel Myers, serving in the Middle East); Don Taylor & his family; Danielle Mitchell's grandmother (surgery); Mary Wicks (complications from surgery, friend of Mary Haglund); Joan Sigmund (health concerns continue), Sherri Jones, Rose Jones and Family; Roberta White (health issues); legislation being debated in Congress (all bills); Kevin Bouk (health problems); George Pettigrew; Noah Sienkiewicz (baby, muscular dystrophy, great-nephew of Lauri Bouk); Rev. Eugene Martin (father of Lauri Bouk); and those who are living in care facilities or confined to their homes; for family; for friends, for traveling mercies for those on vacation and for those serving in the military and their families; staff church; Pastor Jerry Bertelson, wife Tami and Alina; our missionaries (Ruth Mooney); Region staff; our country, and our President.