

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Church Service- 11AM

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (ESV)

July Church News

*Thank
You!*

Thank you to Rev. David Seaver for filling in at the pulpit while Pastor was on vacation!

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Thank you to Jennifer Easley for playing the piano for us during the morning service on July 20th.

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August Events



BIRTHDAYS



August	
5	Stephanie Howard
12	Priscilla Pease
15	Pastor Luke Beattie
20	Tabatha Reed
26	Janet Blakeney

August Anniversaries:

August 17th – Pastor Timothy & Peggy Bennett, 51 Years!

August 26th - Rick and Amy Allen, 30 Years!

August 26th - Janet & Gordon Blakeney, 36 Years!



Congratulations to all the couples!

August 7th, Bible Study, 6:30PM.

August 8th, Bible Study, 10AM.

August 14th, Bible Study, 6:30PM.

August 15th, Bible Study, 10AM.

August 21st, Bible Study, 6:30PM.

August 22nd, Bible Study, 10AM.

August 28th, Last Bible Study, 6:30PM.

August 29th, Last Bible Study, 10AM.

I was recently thumbing through the works of John Wesley (1703-1791) and came across his directions for congregational singing. I think we all might benefit from his thoughts.

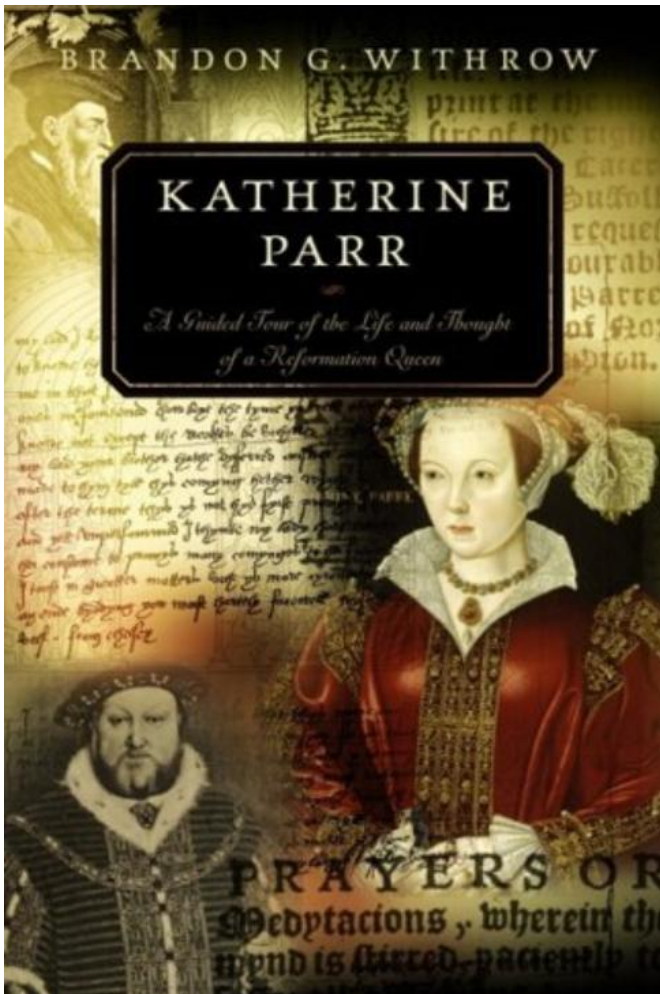
Pastor Luke

DIRECTIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

That this part of divine worship may be more acceptable to God, as well as more profitable to yourself and others, be careful to observe the following directions:—

1. Sing *all*. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find a blessing.
2. Sing *lustily*, and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
3. Sing *modestly*. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above, or distinct from, the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
4. Sing *in time*. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before, nor stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices, and therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
5. Above all, sing *spiritually*. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing; and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

September Book Club



In *One Thousand and One Nights*, a.k.a. *the Arabian Nights*, a mighty king accumulates wives and disposes of them daily. What would it have been like to be one of these wives? We don't have to wonder. One woman truly lived it. Katherine Parr was the last of Henry VIII's six disposable wives. She lived under the threat of death at the hands of her husband yet still maintained her Christian faith. Join us as we read her story, prayers, and letters and see what faith looks like under pressure.

This September our book club will be reading part one of Brandon G. Withrow's *Katherine Parr: A Guided Tour of the Life and Thought of a Reformation Queen*.

We will meet at 10:00 AM, September 16th downstairs in the Green Room. Join us to discuss the incredible life of our sister in Christ, Katherine Parr.

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