



# First Baptist Church

**“To Know Him and Make Him Known”**

**August 2018**

Pastor's Paragraph—

*Congratulations! It's a Theyby!*

Recently, NBC News reported on a new trend among progressive parents. Some parents are attempting to raise their children as gender-neutral, waiting for the child to determine his or her own gender. There is even a new term for such children: “theybies”. The article followed the story of Nate and Julia Sharpe. They had twin babies, Zyle and Kadyne. They told the doctor to wrap the babies in blankets, but not to tell them the sex of the babies. They would just be theybies. Of course, the parents found out the first time they had to change a diaper! But, the Sharpes never told anyone else what gender their twins are. They just use plural pronouns, “they,” “them,” and “their.” The twins are three years old now, but they have still not been assigned a gender. The parents say that they will wait until the kids are ready (maybe when they are 4 or 5 years old) to choose their own gender. This may be a new trend among those who are trying to be compassionate, but please allow me to point out some obvious problems.

First, there are some biological realities that you just can't change by wishing them away. There are some things that you do not get to choose. You can't choose your race. You can't change your race just because you feel like it. You may feel like an Asian trapped inside a Caucasian body, but the reality is you are white! You also can't choose your biological parents. You got your DNA from your biological parents, and there is nothing you can do about it. These are unchanging biological realities.

Secondly, even if you could choose these things, you would never allow a child to make such life-changing decisions. Good parenting means making the right decisions for the kids, even when the kids do not appreciate the right decisions. Imagine if Zyle and Kadyne turned five and suddenly declared that they hate their parents, and they choose the neighbors to be their new parents. Do you think that Nate and Julia would allow them to move in with the neighbors? Would they determine that the compassionate thing to do would be to affirm the feelings of the children? That would be absurd! Unfortunately, absurdity is becoming much more common.

Thirdly, and most obviously, raising Zyle and Kadyne as “theybies” does not help them in any way. In fact, it does great harm. Childhood can be difficult enough. When you intentionally add in a toxic dose of gender confusion, you are seriously hindering their development during the most important formative years. There is just no excuse for that.

These truths are self-evident. Actually, these truths used to be self-evident. As our culture rejects God and His absolute truth, there are fewer and fewer things that are self-evident. G. K. Chesterton observed that the founding fathers believed the self-evident truth that all men are created equal. Our culture has already rejected the idea that men are created. Now, our culture rejects the idea that men are even men! ~Pastor

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Sports Challenge VBS Super Camp! Monday-Friday/6-8:30 PM</b> Friday Night is Family Night [Hots Dogs from 6-7 PM]					4 Trustees' Mtg 8:00 PM
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5 AM Communion	6	7 Deacons' Mtg 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	 AWANA Workers' Meeting 6:30 PM	 23	24	25
26 Promotion Sunday	27	28	29	30	31	



## AWANA Registration Open House

Our AWANA Registration Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:30 PM! First official club night is Wednesday, September 12th.

## AWANA Workers' Meeting

If you are interested in helping with AWANA, please come to the meeting on Wednesday, August 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.!



A teacher asked each of the pupils in her kindergarten class how near they lived to the school and how long it took them to get home. She couldn't help smiling at one little boy's answer: "I must live pretty close because when I get home, my mother always says, 'Are you home already?'"

## Back to School



A Sunday school teacher asked her class how Noah spent his time on the Ark. Receiving no response, she added, "Do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?" "What?" jeered a small lad, "with only two worms?!"



## Men's Retreat

Whispering Cedars Baptist Camp  
September 7-8th

June Finances	
Balance Forward 6/1/2018	
Deacon's Fund	\$571.04
Designated Fund	\$1,922.49
General Fund	\$30,964.92
Checking Account	\$33,458.45
June Income	\$10,963.29
June Expenses	\$15,422.32
Net Decrease	(\$4,459.03)
Balance 6/30/2018	
Deacon's Fund	\$551.04
Designated Fund	\$1,624.74
General Fund	\$26,823.64
Checking Account	\$28,999.42