

**Welcome To  
First Baptist Church**

May 29, 2016  
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Rev. Keith Garland, Pastor    Robert Herring, music  
Pam Williams, organist

**Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.**

Organ Prelude ..... Pam Williams

Call To Worship No. 635 ..... *The Star Spangled Banner*

Welcome and Prayer and Recognition of Veterans

Fellowship Hymn No. 634 ..... *My County 'Tis Of Thee*

Hymn No. 447..... *Trust and Obey*

Offertory Hymn No. 265..... *The Word Of God Is Alive*

Worship With Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Message From God's Word ..... Rev. Keith Garland  
"The Sword of the Spirit"

Hymn of Invitation No. 307 ..... *Just As I Am*

**Church Nursery Volunteers**  
**May 29 - Carolyn Pepper & Mary Jane Allen**  
**June 5 - Kari Johnson & Micki Rodgers**

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**Happy Birthday to Ruby Moore on May 31**

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**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, May 29**

Library Open . . . 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study . . . 10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

\*\*Evening Worship Service dismissed this Sunday

**Monday, May 30**

Memorial Day - Office Closed

**Wednesday, June 1**

Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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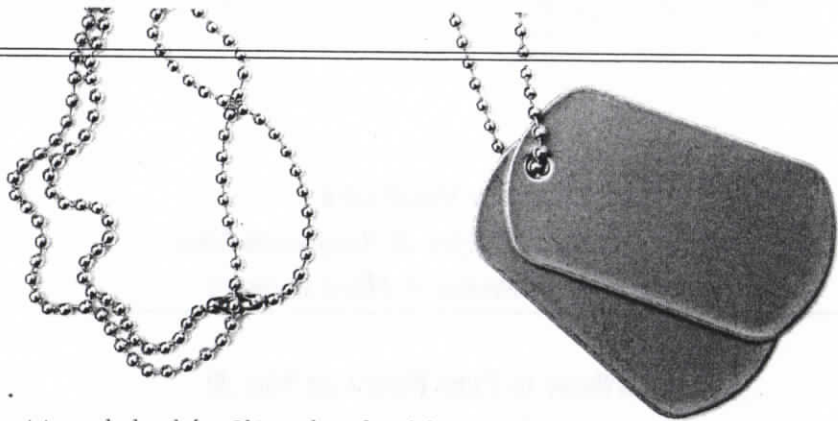
Thanks to everyone who participated in last week's Church Picnic. The food, fellowship, entertainment, location, weather --- perfect!!!

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The church's new web page is up and running.

[www.fbclex.com](http://www.fbclex.com)

You can find all kind of info about our church including bulletins, sermons on audio, sermon notes & events like last Sunday.



Arriving at the beach [on Okinawa], we found this insignificant [island] to be virtually impregnable. The Japanese remained invisible underground, [camouflaging] weapons positioned to fire upon unsuspecting Americans. [Worse was] a 400-foot escarpment [stretching] across the island. Our job was to scale the ominous cliff to overtake the enemy on the top and back side.

As the battle unfolded, my lieutenant asked me to pray. "Dear Lord, bless us today," I began. "Be with the lieutenant and help him to give the right orders. Help us to use safety precautions so that we all might come back alive. And, Lord, help us to make peace with Thee before we go up the cliff. Thank You. Amen."

Fierce fighting [ensued]. Miraculously, no one in our company was killed, and only one was injured—by a rock that hit his hand. As news of the outcome reached headquarters, the question was asked: "How did you ever do it?" The men of Company B answered, "It was because of Doss's prayer."

When the time came to scale the escarpment to finish the job, a mop-up operation degenerated into a meltdown. Artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire filled the air. When continued fighting meant certain suicide, retreat was ordered. [Panic followed.] More than 50 soldiers descended the cliff to safety, leaving approximately 75 wounded men still on top.

Ignoring orders from those below for me to come down, I decided to remain and help as many as possible. How could I abandon them?

I found the nearest soldier and dragged him to the edge of the cliff, tied him [to a litter] the best I could. The rope held, and he made it safely to a landing area 35 feet below. I needed a quicker way to lower the remaining men. At that moment, God brought to mind a roping technique I learned as a young lad in church school. The Lord even provided a stump to wrap the rope around, which reduced the strain of the load and preserved my strength.

After lowering each soldier, I asked the Lord to "just give me one more, just give me one more"—until the last man was recovered.

Blood-soaked and covered with flies, I finally descended the escarpment. I then took my Bible and sought a private place to thank God for sparing our lives.

Desmond Doss himself was injured and spent years in rehab. He later received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman. He believes he received that honor "because of the love God gave me for my fellow men. I put them before myself. I enjoy helping people." Doss, the only conscientious objector to ever receive the Medal of Honor, died on March 23, 2006, in Piedmont, Ala. He was 87 years old.

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Our fathers'  
God to Thee,  
Author of Liberty,  
To thee we sing,  
Long may our  
land be bright  
With Freedom's  
holy light,  
Protect us by  
thy might  
Great God,  
our King.



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