



# First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids

That Rock for Jesus

Hi boys and girls. Have you ever said the words, "It's not fair?" Maybe your brother or sister was invited to go to the waterpark with a friend and you weren't invited. What was your reaction? "That's not fair! Why can't I go too?" Perhaps you came home from school looking forward to watching your favorite show on TV and your mom said, "You can't watch TV until you have finished your homework." And you said, "Aw mom, that's not fair! By the time I finish my homework my favorite show will be over!"

When we say, "It's not fair!" it usually means that something is not going our way or we want something that someone else has. In our Bible lesson today, Jesus told a story about a landowner who was hiring men to work in his vineyard. He hired some of them early in the morning, some in the middle of the day, and some he hired just before quitting time. When it was time to pay the workers, he paid them all the same amount. The workers who were hired early in the morning said, "Hey! That's not fair! You paid the workers who worked only one hour the same as those of us who worked all day." The owner of the vineyard said, "I am not being unfair to you. I paid you what I agreed to pay you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Are you jealous because I am generous?"

The question for today is this: "Is God fair?" Of course He is! But do you know what else? God is love! He does not love us because we love Him. He loves us because that is what He is and what He wants to do. The Apostle John wrote, *"This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins"* (1 John 4:10). It does not seem fair for Jesus to die in our place. But He chose to do that because he loves us.

If we got what was fair, none of us would get to go to heaven. I'm glad God doesn't always give me what I think is right or fair. But He does give me His love and grace, in spite of what I deserve! Never forget that God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Larry

Mark Your Calendars:  
July 4 - Independence Day

- July Sunday School Schedule:**
- 7/5: The Sermon Mount
  - 7/12: The Cost of Following Jesus
  - 7/19: Jesus Taught About Prayer
  - 7/26: Jesus Taught About Possessions
  - **Ms. Rebecca will be posting the videos that are normally viewed during Sunday School on the Facebook page so keep a lookout for them.**

- July Worship Schedule:**
- July 5: Children's Church  
"Celebrating Fourth of July and Independence"
  - July 12: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Unite With Each Other"
  - July 19: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Look Toward Heaven"
  - July 26: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Stay Close to Jesus"

## A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

Happy summer. As we are officially in our summer months, things may look a little different to you this summer. We are also in the beginning our fourth month of what we refer to as social distancing and the wearing of facemasks. I hope each of you have had an opportunity to spend some social time with your families, whether it is a weekend trip or a week's vacation. I was at the beach last week and enjoyed my time with family.

This Saturday is July 4. That is a special day. What happens on the Fourth of July? When I was younger, I remember waking up on that day to the sound of my Dad making a loud noise that sounded like pow-pow-pow. Guess what he was doing. He was popping firecrackers. It is a way that we celebrate our country's birthday. A lot of you have seen fireworks displays, especially at nighttime, or have had sparklers that you have used. When I say it is our country's birthday that was when America was born. That is what we celebrate.

Did you know that the Bible says the story of Jesus is like a firecracker? The Bible tells us the story of Jesus is like dynamite. Now a stick of dynamite is actually a very big firecracker. It's very powerful. So the Bible tells us this story of Jesus is explosive.

Just like a firecracker, the story of Jesus has great power. It has the power to change a nation. The people who first came to America wanted a land where they could worship God. Our country was founded to allow everyone to worship God without fear. Men who believed the story of Jesus wrote our laws and our government. That is one reason why America has been a powerful nation-the story of Jesus has made us great.

The story of Jesus can also make you great. It is powerful enough to change your life and make you strong.

So as you come to church and learn about Jesus or read your bible, listen very closely. For the story of Jesus is just like a firecracker. It is powerful. It can change you and make you great.

My prayer for us is that the power of Jesus explodes in all of us that we may be changed into better persons.

Be safe as you celebrate.

We love you and so does God!



## Mission Friends:

### Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Mission Friends: We are in Japan learning about missionaries Ryan and Kelley Day who are from Virginia. The concept area is Jesus. The Bible thought is We want to follow Jesus see Mark 8:34.

## GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

I hope you received your GA books for June through August in the mail. If you remember in June, we studied about Jorge Santiago and Rebecca Hernandez, Church Planters in Puerto Rico. For July, we will meet Ryan and Kelley Day who are in Nagoya, Japan. Our Bible Verse is “Jesus answered; everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But anyone who drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty. In fact, the water I give them will become a spring of water in them. It will flow up into eternal life”. John 4:13-14. You will be taking a tour of the city and learn what it means to have a deep conversation about faith and life. You will even learn how to use chopsticks. Make sure you check out the MK kids having birthdays in July, page 23 in your GA World. Don't forget to pray for them. Learn how to write Japanese as you look at true and false statements on page 24. You can also learn about Japanese foods. You will even have a little “personality workout” with exercises to see what personality you are. As the missionary videos are posted, look for them on FBCC Facebook for the month.

## RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There are great bible studies for adults too!



***“I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone that believes.”***  
***Romans 1:16***