



VISTAS

For Independent Baptist Churches in the
Mountain West United States

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GREAT YOUTH WEEKS AT CASTLE ROCK

We have been blessed with great camper attendance, worker involvement and spiritual decisions this summer at Castle Rock Baptist Camp. The Lord has answered our prayer with providing for the needs of camp. We are so thankful for God's faithfulness. We also are thankful for all who attended camp, worked at camp, gave to the needs of camp. Your prayer support is so necessary and we are thankful! Please continue. 2 Tim. 3:14.

UPOOK CAMPAIGN

We are rejoicing that so many have responded to the financial need of finishing the new bathhouse. The goal has been reached! We give the Lord the Glory. We now need to focus on the ongoing needs of maintaining the property and facilities that God has given to us! Please Pray about the needs and how you can be part of helping. Send all financial gifts for ongoing maintenance to: The Uplook Campaign/Future Needs c/o Pastor Ken Evans, Treasurer; 20 N. Stacy Avenue, Miles City, MT 59301. Thank you for your generous sacrifice and support of God's work!



FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

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Please plan to join with other Churches and Pastors for the Annual Meeting of the Inter-Mountain Baptist Fellowship in October 2022. The meeting will be hosted by Fellowship Baptist Church of Miles City, Montana and Pastor and Mrs. Ken Evans. The dates are October 4-5, 2022. Please save the dates and plan to bring your church family as well as all Pastors and their family. We know you will be blessed and encouraged!

Happy Trails, Dr. Paul and Cindy Hoover

Pastors of fellowship member churches can send news articles from their churches to Dr. Paul Hoover to be included in future issues of this newsletter.

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IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT RELAY TO OUR READERS THE VISTAS OF THE GLORIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK, ENJOY THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE, AND SHARE OUR BURDEN FOR THE GREAT AND NEEDY HARVEST FIELDS OF THE IMBF.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

IMBF PASTORAL HIGHLIGHTS

Honoring those who serve among us and with us

Pastor Walter Widdis,
First Baptist Church, Laurel, Montana | Psalm 121

Recently, Pastor Widdis celebrated 20 years of service at First Baptist Church. He was in Illinois in between ministries at the time of the invitation to candidate. He, his wife, Bridget, and youngest daughter, Gwen, came to see the church in October, right after the infamous 9/11 attacks. The church soon voted and extended a call to come and be their pastor. The first Sunday was January 6, 2002. And the rest, you might say, is history.



Over these past 20 years, the Lord and His people have done many things. The facilities were in need of some updating and a complete renovation of the auditorium and foyer. Soon that was followed by new siding, new curb, gutter and sidewalks, as well as other items. Currently the church is in the midst of a total remodel of the kitchen. This will be a great blessing for the various banquets and events hosted throughout the year. Besides the normal outreaches, there have been 17 international missions trips, as well as several stateside. Pastor was able to help establish modular seminary in Myanmar (Burma). Five of those students graduated in 2019 with their DMin degrees from Doulos Theological Seminary. In addition to educational ministry abroad, Pastor Widdis conducts an extension campus of Mountain States Baptist College. Several have been able to complete their ministry training this way: the most recent being Bro. Dane Dosson, the son of the fellowship president, this past spring.

Of course being at First Baptist Church in Laurel brings an involvement in Castle Rock Baptist Camp. He has served as the camp director for the last 17 years. Of note is the Uplook Campaign which has brought many improvements to the facilities and camp equipment. There are two new buildings that have been dedicated: the Barrick Sports Pavilion, and the Bob Frank Bathhouse "Skunk". Each of these has been a great blessing to the campers.

Like every Bible preaching Independent Fundamental Baptist church, First Baptist continues to seek ways to reach its community for the Lord. One of the unexpected outreaches, due to Covid, has been the Anchor Bible Institute. This outreach is an evangelistic correspondence course. These studies are offered free to those that request it. Currently there are 72 students from 28 states and five foreign countries. If you are interested in using this program please give Pastor Widdis a call.

On the horizon of the near future is Vacation Bible School. FBC is looking for a great outreach with a Titanic themed program this year. Please pray for us!

Pastor Widdis life verse is 1 Corinthians 2:2, For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.



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