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As of the writing of this Pastor's Pen article, the Supreme Court has not released its decision regarding the constitutionality of same-sex marriage.

It is a sad day for America when nine unelected and unaccountable jurists can decide the fate of an institution God established at the time of Creation itself. It's also sad that these same nine men and women can overturn the laws of the majority of the states.

Be that as it may, I stand firm for the biblical understanding of marriage as one man and one woman for life; the same standard Jesus affirmed in His teachings on the subject. I believe God's standards do not bow to the popular opinions of the day.

I also stand with the leaders of our Southern Baptist Convention who in Columbus, Ohio in June spoke clearly and resolutely on the matter. Pastor Ronnie Floyd, president of the

Southern Baptist Convention said:

"The issue facing Southern Baptists is one that will face every person of faith in the United States – do you follow God or the government?"

"The Supreme Court of the United States is not the final authority nor is the culture itself. The Bible is God's final authority about marriage and on this book we stand."

"While some evangelicals may be bowing down to the deception of the inclusiveness of same-sex marriage, we will not bow down nor will we be silent. We do not need to redefine what God Himself has defined already."

"And while we affirm our love for all people, including those

struggling with same-sex attraction, we cannot and will not affirm any behavior that deviates from God's design for marriage,"

Floyd went on to declare that he would not officiate at any gay marriage ceremony if the Supreme Court makes it the law of the land.

I too affirm that I will not officiate over any same-sex marriage or union ceremonies. Further, our Elm Grove Baptist Church constitution and bylaws state our facilities, property or spaces cannot be used for any activity that violates scriptures.

The early apostles proclaimed the Gospel amid a culture whose values ran contrary to Scripture. To the civil leaders of that day they said "We must obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29).

Blessings,  
 Pastor Brian

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Daniel Waters	4th
Pete Brown	8th
Margie Elston	9th
Lisa Clement	11th
John Fox	16th
Bobbie Branch	17th
Shelbie Bolyer	21st
Jere Grice	22nd
Ruby Wood	23rd
Michelle Lemoine	27th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dennis & Linda Young	3rd
Danny & Lou Jones	6th
Brian & Carole Prucey	12th
David & Michelle Lemoine	29th



**at 9:30 a.m.**  
**There's a class just for you!**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday**

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Children's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Church Council**  
 Wednesday, July 1st  
 at 5:15 p.m.

**Monthly Business Meeting**  
 Sunday, July 19th  
 after Morning Worship

**Nursery Schedule**

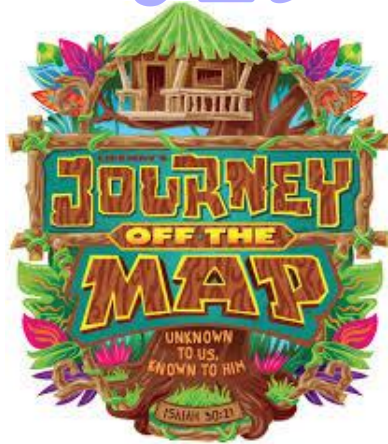
**July 5**  
 Nell Sparks & Elaine Bumgardner  
**July 12**  
 Diana Lott & Darlene Hay  
**July 19**  
 Nell Sparks & Flo Tyler  
**July 26**  
 Diana Lott & Sherry Hudson



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

If you have a song you would like for us to sing during Sunday Morning Worship just jot it down on the back of the perforated portion of the bulletin and we'll try and include it in our worship service!

**VBS 2015**



**July 27 to 31**

**6 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**for K - 5th grade**



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**FROM 12 TO 2 P.M.**



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