Faith News

Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!

May 2019 | Monthly Newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar

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5.1 Men's Rooted Study-6:30pm 5.4 -Men's Ministry Council—7:30am -Women's Ministry Think Tank 9am 5.5 -Secret Sister Launch-11:30am -Church Quarterly Business Meeting-11:45am -Men's Archery Tag-5:30pm 5.7 Deacon Meeting-6:30pm 5.12 -Happy Mother's Day! -Trustee Meeting –11:30am 5.15 -CIY Student/Parent Meeting-6:30 -South Dakota Mission Trip Student/Parent Meeting-7pm 5.16 Youth Pie Making 5.19 Nursing Home Services-1:30pm 5.26 Baptism/Family Worship Sunday Grad Recognition Sunday-10:15am 5.28 J.O.Y. Circle-7pm



Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." ~ Luke 9:62

One of the mottos of FBC that you'll hear if you listen closely is "all hands on deck." In fact, it's become so frequent, at least among the staff, that the new motto is "all hands on deck all the time." The ministry that we get to do here is so amazing, it just draws you in deeper and deeper. I am often overwhelmed when I stop and think about how many people are giving so much of their time and energy to serve at First Baptist. On Good Friday, we had a kids Easter event from 9-noon. There were so many people serving, I couldn't keep track. There were so many people willing to serve we even had to turn some away. Some people had the day off work, others took time off to be here. If we went down the list and tried to name all the ways people are serving, we could probably fill the newsletter with page after page of names, ministries, times and dates, not to mention the amount of space that would be needed to truly appreciate each one. I hope you know that you are appreciated.

So, why do people do it? Why are so many people spending so much time serving the Lord at FBC? Three things: First, it's an identity thing. We have come to know and feel that our identity is in Christ, and FBC is our church. In a sense, it's no longer something we do, but it's who we are. Second, the ministry we do is important. No matter how menial the task, we all know that we contribute to something eternal when we serve at and through First Baptist. The truth of God's Word is being proclaimed, people are being saved and sanctified, and we are all part of something bigger. Third, the work is too much not to share. None of us can do it alone. We need each other. Without the commitment of many people serving faithfully, we could never do the great things God has given us to do.

We plant seeds. We water those seeds. God makes it grow. Spring is finally here. There is much, much more that God still wants to do. Thanks for all you do. Thanks for being part of "All hands on deck, all the time."

~In Christ, Pastor Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

May 5	Ronda Moffitt/Deb Carpenter/Rusty Smet & Veronica Moffitt	Denise Bowker/Lisa & Shay Litwiler/Kathy Olson/ Mollie & Maddie Dunn/Sheila Bush
May 12	Kim Quam/Crystal Clark/Jo Bjorling & Sidney Quam	Denise Bowker/Nadine Coulter/Leslie, Brady & JJ Connell/ Monica Dennison/Alison Lafever
May 19	Ronda Moffitt/Jan Crutcher/Dixie Bodeen & Lucy Dunn	Denise Bowker/Mary Rohm/Tammie Trout/Maddie & Mollie Dunn/Haley & Josh Johnson/Cimion Norwick
May 26	Sharon Moffitt/Lisa Clawson/Maddie Dunn	Denise Bowker/Brooke, Joe Caleb & Katy Loving/Steph, Terry & Kassidy Leonard/ Mollie Dunn

Hi Volunteers! Thank you for serving in the nursery during the 10:15 worship service. Please be in the nursery ready to serve by 10:05am so the Sunday School nursery staff can transition to service. *If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please switch with someone else on the list in advance and communicate that change with Mollie via Facebook or by texting/calling 309-371-6962. Thank you for serving!

Committee Member of the Month

Finance Board Member of the Month for May — Melissa Struble Trustee of the Month for May - Chase Burns

<u>Prayer Team 2019</u>

May 5th-8am-Britni Ewing, Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch–10:15am-Anita Parkinson. Tina McCaw & Jason Connell May 12th— 8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Ricke-10:15am-Jeanne Barber, Laurie & Mick Louck May 19st - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - 10:15am—Lisa Litwiler, Mary Lee Finch & Barb Bryant May 26th –8am-Doug & Diane Hessman & Kathy Sponsler 10:15am Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard

Weekly Attendance & Offering



DATE	3/31/19	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/21/19
8 AM	101	82	105	78 Sunrise/ 112 at 8am
10:15AM	282	287	285	335
TOTAL	383	369	390	525

Date	3/31/19	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/21/19
General Fund Giving	\$13,963.50	\$10,573.00	\$11,564.10	\$12,046.35
Designated Giving	\$10,448.58	\$1,302.82	\$574.00	\$429.00
Total Giving	\$24,412.08	\$11,875.82	\$12,138.10	\$12,475.35

**Weekly Current Expense offering needed to meet 2019 budget - \$10,840.71 Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms— 7 Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 3

Kids Club Ministry



We wrapped up our last night of Kids Club with the kiddos and crew dressing up as their parents or another adult. Even though we had some cancellations due to weather this session, we still had an average of 95 kids, with 118 being our highest night. We also had record numbers in the nursery with littles ranging

from age two and younger.

The K-5th grade kids learned about the characteristics of God in the Big Questions Station all session and answered 11 questions about God and the Bible on the last night for a trip to the prize table. The Pre-k class memorized John 3:16 for a trip to their prize table. We'll finish up the Old Testament in the Gospel Project in the fall and then we'll start the New Testament in 2020.

Save-the-date! Fall Session 2019 begins on September 4th every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm for kids ages 3-5th grade.

On Good Friday, April 19th, we had 110 kids ages 3-

5th grade join us for our "Be the Light" Kids Easter Event from 9am-Noon. The theme this year was based on Matthew 5:14-16 and kids learned that once we have the light (Jesus), we need to share the light with

others. They traveled to different stations, including a Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt, Games, Share-the-Light Evangelism Station where they made salvation keys, and Show the Light Station where they made luminary bags that were placed in the sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who served and donated candy



for it.

We're already getting ready for our **Roar Vacation Bible School the week of June 24th-28th from 9am-Noon for kids ages 3-5th** grade graduates. Registration will be open at the end of May at

www.firstbaptistaledo.com.

Our VBS Family Swim Party is scheduled for Friday,

June 28th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Aledo Public Pool and our VBS Program will be on Sunday, June 30th during the 10:15am service.

We're excited to be sending almost 20 kids grades 4th-8th to Hidden Acres Christian Camp in Dayton, IA the week of June 16th. It's not too late to register your kids. Information is outside the office window in the church foyer. We're attending week #3 and FBC pays for half the cost for each camper going with our group. Please contact Mollie Dunn at 371-6962 if you're sending a camper.

Thank you for sharing your kids with us at First Baptist Church! AND we truly couldn't do all that we do without the support of our amazing volunteers. See you soon!

~Mollie Dunn

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Scenes from "Be The Light" Kids Easter Event 2019 @ FBC



COLLIDE YOUTH NEWS!



FINISH STRONG!

Time is winding down, summer is almost here! All my life I've heard "it's not how you start but how you

finish that counts!" This statement is so true and it applies to all areas of our lives. We need to have endurance in this race we have been called to run! I know it gets hard, you get tired, you feel alone, but God is always there for you! He's waiting for you to call on Him for

strength! Jeremiah 31:25 says ۴I will refresh the and weary satisfy the faint." Call God on when you are tired and



feel like you can't go on! I encourage you, FINISH STRONG! Whether it's finishing high school or just finishing the sixth grade give it your all! I want to leave you with a quote from C.S. Lewis "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending! Determine today to give it your all! – Mario Pauley

High School Summer Collide



Our high school students are continuing to meet for Collide Youth Group on Wednesday nights (a) 6:30pm. We will have a short devotional, games, and fellowship. We hope to see all our High School Students on Wednesday nights! Hope to see you this Wednesday! Bring a friend!

Do You Have A Grad?

Are you a member or regular attender at First Baptist and have a 2019 8th grade, High School or College Graduate in your family? Please e-mail the office with the information at fbcaledo2@frontiernet.net so recognize your graduate.



net.net so we can

Also, if you are hosting a graduation party and want the FBC family invited, we can add your invite to the list, you simply need to provide us with the details. FBC will be recognizing all our graduates on **Sunday**, **May 26th**, **2019** during the 10:15am Service.



<u>**CIY – JR. High MIX</u>–JH MIX Camp in Holland, MI at Hope College Campus. July 28th-Aug. 1st, 2019. For all students grades 6th-8thgrade grads. Student cost is \$225 (Actual cost is \$339-church is paying \$114/per student.) ONLY 5 SPOTS LEFT!</u>**

Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting for Jr. High CIY Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm we will have a CIY Meeting in the

Youth Room for all attending CIY. If you can't make it call Mario at 309-582-6044.

Summer High School Mission Trip

Our High School Mission Trip is coming up! We are headed



to Eagle Butte S.D. We will be doing light construction/painting as well as running a VBS for kids on the reservation. As of now all spots are filled.

ATTENTION! our mandatory meeting is on May 15th at 7pm. Students and a parent need to be present. If you can't make this meeting, please call Mario at 309-582-6044.

Rhubarb Needed!

The Youth Mission Trip Team is making pies on May 16th to sell by the slice at Aledo's Rhubarb Fest on



Friday, June 7th. We are in need of Rhubarb. If you can help, here is what we are looking for. Needed: 30 - 1gallon size bags of cut and washed rhubarb, cut into

half inch pieces. We need the Rhubarb brought to the church between May12th-15th. Thanks for your help!

Pie Bakers Needed- On Thursday, May 16th—We need people to pick up pies to be taken home and frozen and then baked for the Rhubarb Festival. Can you help? Please call Mario Pauley at 309-582-6044.



A Word From Pastor Seth

"The Root"

I have a Poison Sumac in my yard. The first time it was cut down was by the old home



The owner. following summer I cut the plant down. In cutting it down, I got the poison all over my arms followed by a trip to the doctor. My second summer cutting it down successful; was yet I know that this little guy is going to grow back this summer. I know that you all just said "duh"

you never dug up the roots. That's exactly it. I've never dug down and got to the roots.

I'm seeing something similar called unforgiveness and bitterness. Always trying to clear away the top layer of the symptoms. The symptoms or the surface issues are unforgiveness and bitterness but the root is a deeper hurt. Deep emotional hurt. Someone has hurt you and you have not forgiven them. Deep emotional pain that will grow into a poison of bitterness and unforgiveness. The pain that has been left to grow under the surface and is causing many to be defiled. (Hebrews 12:5)

Forgiveness is letting God heal our heart that was damaged by others, or by circumstances, and has led to our bitterness. Forgiveness brings freedom to you. Remember bitterness can be directed toward others, ourselves and God but getting our heart before the Lord can bring freedom from the pain. Get to the root. ~Seth



Quarterly Church Business Meeting

The FBC **Quarterly Business Meeting** will be Sunday, May 5th at following the 10:15am service. All FBC members are encouraged to attend the Business Meetings.

Mission Update

Now that the adult Mission trip to El Salvador is over, I wanted to give everyone an update on our Mis-



sion hip to El Salvador is over, I wanted to give everyone an update on our Mission News. So far this year we have mostly been concentrating on Mission work, in January the adults went to El Salvador and the youth are headed to South Dakota this summer. The mission budget funds most of both of those trips coming to close to half of this year's budget. We also continue to support Danika (Higgins) Voltz (Campus Cru) and our Missionary in El Salvador, Rigoberto with monthly support. In addition, we are supporting One Eighty, Youth Hope and the Mercer County Food Pantries this year as well.

We are thankful for the church's mission support! If anyone has a question about missions, please see me and I would be happy to talk with you about the missions First Baptist supports. ~ Jenny Dixon, FBC Mission Chair

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank– We'll meet on Saturday, May 4th at 9am. All ladies welcome to join us. **Women's Better Together Gathering**– No Better Together Gathering in May.

Secret Sister Program-Ladies of FBC, do you enjoy being encouraged and blessed? Do you enjoy doing the same for someone else? Then the Secret Sister program is for you! As another woman's Secret Sister, you will have the opportunity to encourage her with notes, small gifts, prayers, and any other ways you can think of. The best part is, it's all done in secret until the reveal which is in late October. You will find a Secret Sister form on the women's ministry Corkboard in the lobby. You will complete the form and drop it back in a designated gift bag on the corkboard. We will draw the



name of our Secret Sister May 5th after the 10:15am service so you'll want to attend this meeting if possible. If you have questions, please call Cindy Maynard at 309-644-0028.



J.O.Y. Circle - The J.O.Y. Circle Ladies—(Jesus, Others, Yourself) will meet on Tuesday, May 28th at 7pm Enon Room. All ladies are invited to join us. J.O.Y. Circle is a gathering of the women for a time of fellowship and learning. Questions, see Vivian Kopp or Sherry Huffstutler.

Summer Women's Study—Sign Up on Sunday's Connection Card

This I Know" by Laura Dingman—Taught by Crystal Clark at FBC on Wednesdays June 5th-July 24th 9:30am-11am in the Enon Room. Do you worry often about what the future holds? Do you long for peace but don't know how to have it? Do

you know factually that God is trustworthy, but not practically how to live that out? *This I Know* is a Bible study for those who want to walk upon the water. It guides women into biblical truths about the character of God so they can step faithfully into the unknown, confident in the God they *do* know. Corrie Ten Boom said it best, "Never be afraid to trust your unknown future to a known God."

Join Laura Dingman as she journeys through Acts 17, James 1, Habakkuk 3, Psalm 46, 2 Chronicles 20, and Joshua 3, diving into subjects like abundance in Jesus, the goodness of God in trial, and the value of remembering God's past faithfulness. Each week offers opportunity for prayer, interaction with the biblical text, journaling, and group discussion. Using Scripture, insights from her own life, and prompts for reflection, Laura points readers continuously to the unchanging character of God, helping them surrender their lives to Him and give Him all their trust.



<u>**Prayer Time**</u>—What better way is there to show love for someone than to commit to pray for them? On the first Sunday of each month, our Women's Ministry PrayerCare group spends the Sunday School hour praying for a portion of our First Baptist women. All women are welcome to join us on May 5th @ 9:00am in the lower level classroom #5. If you have questions, see Jeanne Barber or Peggy Johnson.

<u>Save the Date! Ladies Night Out</u>—Wed., June 19th at 6pm at the Aledo Depot. Ladies Night Out will include a dinner, inspirational devotion, and an easy craft. All ladies invited to attend. Stay tuned for details and sign up.

Women's Conference! Revive '19: Seeking Him - Indianapolis, IN September 26th-28th, 2019

RESTORE YOUR FIRST LOVE. **REMOVE** BITTERNESS, FEAR, AND WORRY. **REFRESH** YOUR SPIRIT.



Experience personal refreshment and be equipped to share the hope of revival with others. Cost is \$129 if ticket is purchased before 5/1/19, \$159 after. Attendee is

responsible for purchasing their own ticket and Women's Ministry will cover the cost of the hotel. Please see or call Jenny Dixon (309-373-0104) for more details and to secure your lodging! This conference does sell out jenllong1@gmail.com.

THRIVE Women's Retreat—Nov. 1st-3rd Buchanan, Michigan

Schedules, responsibilities, deadlines, caring for the needs of others— our lives, as women, are filled with opportunities. Most days we wouldn't have it any other way. But the stuff

of life can leave us longing for more of what Jesus promised to give us. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10)."

THRIVE is a weekend designed to help you experience more of Jesus—through

His Word, worship, fellowship, fun, and incredible food (that you don't have to cook!) Come join us! Because Jesus wants far more for you than to simply survive. Cost is \$145 per person (includes lodging and meals.) If Thrive is the only Women's Conference you attend in 2019, the Women's Ministry will pay \$100 towards your cost, making your cost for Thrive \$45. Please see Jenny Dixon to sign up or for more details: jenllong1@gmail.com.



Men's Ministry Council

The FBC Men's Ministry Council will meet Saturday, May 4th at 7:30am in the Enon Room.

FBC Men's Rooted Study Kicks Off in May Now on Wednesday Nights!!

Sunday Night Men's Rooted is moving to Wednesday nights beginning May1st at 6:30pm. We will be going deeper with the Sunday morning message. Pastor Luke will be leading this group. All men welcome, no sign up necessary.





FBC Men's Archery Tag Event

Archery Tag is a fun, action packed sport that you're sure to enjoy! The FBC Men's Ministry Team invites all men to come join the fun on Sunday, May 5th at 5:30pm on the lawn at FBC. We are looking for team captains to get a team of 5 people (Team Captain plus 4 more). If you want to be a Team Captain, call Lonnie Maynard at 309-644-0311. Men's Archery Tag is open to all men age Jr. High and up. Come hungry as we'll be eating too! Menu includes: hotdogs, chips, dessert, and water. Contact Lonnie at 309-644-0311 if you want to be on a team but don't have a team. This is a FREE Event!

Summer & Fall Men's Conference Opportunities



Rooted Men's Conference: Band of Brothers! Saturday, July 6th, 2019—From 8am-3pm at First Baptist Aledo Speaker: A.J. Reynolds—Pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel Monmouth Delicious hot lunch, light breakfast and snacks provided. This is a one day awesome conference with AJ Reynolds, breakout discussions, fun activities, great food, and lots of manly fun. Free to attend! Free to attend! Watch for registration coming soon!

Quest Father Son Retreat at Life Action Camp — Oct. 4th-6th, 2019 in Buchanan, MI—A fun filled weekend

for fathers and sons. These father son adventure weekends feature outdoor events jam packed with activities designed to help dads and sons reconnect. You will make memories that last a lifetime. Spiritual principles are embedded into activities and athletic events to equip fathers and sons for the journey ahead. We recommend that sons be at least six years old for this event. Watch and listen for sign up details coming this summer. Pastor Seth is coordinating and attending this event so if you have questions, please see him for details.





Men's Momentum—Oct. 25th—27th - Buchanan, MI at Life Action Camp—Cost for Momentum is \$100. Men do not thrive on bread alone (although the food is great at a Momentum retreat!) Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's time together. Guests are challenged in their Christian walk, prompting many to make life-changing decisions. We encourage men to lead their families—and ultimately our nation—with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker. This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older. (The actual conference cost for Momentum is \$150

so if you can pay the whole amount it helps the Men's Ministry budget). Watch and listen for sign up.

Congratulations 2019 Graduates!

8th Grade Graduates

Olivia Abbadusky-Mercer County Jr. High School, Leila Arias-Mercer County Jr. High School, Brady Connell-Mercer County Jr. High School, Maddie Dunn-Dunn Academy, Josh Johnson-Mercer County Jr. High School, Jack Kelly-Mercer County Jr. High School, Kassidy Leonard-L'Abris Academy, Kaleb Loving-L'Abris Academy, Jenna Ruh-Mercer County Jr. High School, Connor Adam John Thomas- Mercer County Jr. High School, Cora Whitenack-Mercer County Jr. High School & Blair Wilkerson-Mercer County Jr. High School.

High School Graduates

Mercer County High School Graduates: Theresa Busch, Cassidy Freeman, Grace Hammill, Ben Hess, Rebecca Hess, Gracie Olson, Jessica Ruh, Caleb Smith, Marysia Walter & Camden Whitenack. Home School Graduate: Gage Ortberg. North High School Graduate: Courtney Ellis. Sherrard High School: Alex Ruska. Rockridge High School Graduate: Keli Pearson

College Graduates

Matthew Griswold-Fordam University, Trenton Higgins-University of Northern Colorado, Adam Huffstutler-Augustana College, Halie Parkinson-Columbia College Chicago, Samantha Roth-University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Ezekiel Snyder-University of Wisconsin-Platteville & Jesse Snyder-Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Does your family have a Graduate that is not on our list? If someone from your family is graduating from 8th grade, High School or College, call the office ASAP at 309-582-7812 so we can add them to the Graduate Recognition list. Graduation Recognition Sunday is May 26th during the 10:15am service.



The Church Family Is Invited!

<u>Graduation/Going Away Party for Marysia (Maria) Walter</u>—The Bowns' family invites you to a Grad/Going Away Party for Maria Walter on Saturday, May 18th from 3pm-9pm at the Bowns' Home—1687-100th Ave. Aledo for food, fun, fishing and games.

<u>Graduation Party for Cassidy Freeman</u>— Cassidy's Party is following graduation on Sunday, May 19th at the Dancer's Creek Barn from 2:30-6:30pm; 702 NW 9th Ave Aledo.

<u>Graduation Party for Gracie Olson</u> – The Church family is invited to Gracie's Graduation Party on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 3pm–6pm at First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>Graduation Party for Camden Whitenack, Caleb Smith & Keli Pearson</u> – Please join us in celebrating Camden, Caleb & Keli on Sunday, May 19th from 2:30pm-6:00pm at the Whitenack home—803 SW 2nd Ave. Aledo.

<u>Graduation Party for Ben & Rebecca Hess</u>—You are invited to a Graduation Party for Ben & Rebecca on Saturday, May 25th from 1-4pm at Oakview Country Club in Aledo.

<u>Graduation Party for Grace Hammill</u>—We would like to invite all of you to celebrate Grace Patricia Hammill's High School Graduation with an Open House at Dancer's Creek Barn-702 NW 9th Ave. Aledo on Sunday, May 26th, 2019 from 1:00-5:00pm.

Security Update From Pastor Luke

"A safe place to seek the Lord." Not only do we desire to be a place anyone can come to hear the Word of God and



be given the space and freedom to respond to Christ as the Spirit leads, but we are also mindful of physical safety.Over the years it has become more and more obvious that we cannot take our safety for granted. We began thinking seriously about this when we implemented our

child protection policy, which is a system we use to screen and train everyone who works with our young people at FBC.

In the last few years we have put more security measures in place with an electric door locking security system, video surveillance, and a security team who monitor the building during worship services and other events and programs. We wish

those measures weren't necessary, but unfortunately, they are. We are so grateful for those serving our church in this way. Most of the time you won't notice the guys keeping you safe. But we hope you truly do feel like FBC is a safe place to seek the Lord for you and your whole family. ~ Pastor Luke

Book of the Month

"The Book of Signs: 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse" by David Jeremiah Copies available in the church lobby. Cost-\$15



"The end times." "The apocalypse." "The day of judgment." Terms such as these are both fascinating and frightening for any student of God's Word. They point to key questions people have wrestled with for centuries, including:

- What does the Bible tell us about the future?
- How much can we understand about biblical prophecy and its application in our lives?
- What signs and signals will precede the end of everything as we know it?

• Which of those signs and signals have already come to pass, which are we experiencing now, and which are still to come?

In this landmark collection, bestselling author Dr. David Jeremiah offers answers to these questions and much more. Drawing from decades of experience as one of the world's most-respected Bible teachers, Dr. Jeremiah has updated content from previously published works in addition to writing new material on

a wide variety of subjects. The result is a truly epic and authoritative guide to biblical prophecy—a must-have resource for Christians seeking to navigate the uncertainties of the present and embrace God's promises for the future.

Building Committee Plan

Many people have been asking me what the status is on the building plans. My answer is generally... we're still working on it. To be honest, we are in the final stages. We have the building plans, and layout that we are confident are what our church

needs and where God has been leading. We have a rough estimate of the cost, which is similar to the cost we estimated a couple years ago when we were going in a slightly different direction. We are hoping to bring the final proposal to the congregation soon. We are waiting for the architect to finish some renderings, and at that point we should be ready to plan an all-church meeting to show everyone exactly what we've been working on.

It has been a slow process. It's had many twists, turns, reversals, and stalls. At the end of 2017 our church went through a very difficult time with the departure of a long-time staff member. In 2018, we saw God move in wonderful ways, but it was a time for healing, and searching for a new Youth Director, but not necessarily the time to be building buildings. For me, it was important to see if we were still on the



same path as a church as we had been when we started the building committee. The Lord has been good to us and extraordinarily faithful. We have seen record numbers in attendance as well as in conversions, baptisms and new members. I would say we are not on the same path when we started, but a better one. I'm more excited than ever to see what God has in store for us. The building facilitates the wonderful ministry God is doing at FBC, and we need more space, Praise God! Details are coming soon!~Pastor Luke

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	,	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Joe Ringle	May 1	
e	May 2	Don & Vickie Korns
Sheri Olson	May 3	
Barry Lafever	2	
Ashlie Dellitt Fuller	May 4	
Beth Whitenack	May 5	
Paul Hedrick	May 7	
Beth Bowns	May 8	Adam & Jennifer Russell
Laurie Louck	May 10	
Sam Szalonek	May 11	
Kris Koch	May 12	22.8°
Nathaniel Klink	May 12 May 13	
Blair Shelton	Widy 15	
Jack Kelly		
Logan Cooper	May 14	
Kaylie Schrock	May 15	
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Debbie Blaser	May 16	्
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Jenny Dixon Jordan Clark		
Jordan Clark	M 19	
	May 18	Carroll & Frannie Franks
		Bob & Mindi Schultz
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John Kelly	May 19	
Camden Whitenack		
Aaron Thompson		
Beth Reid		
Ron Moffitt	May 20	
Jason Loving	May 21	
Andy Retherford		
Cindy King	May 22	David & Susan Potthast
Carter Bruns		
Andrew Cooper		
	May 25	Don & Karen McConaughey
Becky Whittington	May 26	Rick & Jodi Ringle
Heather Griswold Cooper	May 27	Chris & Beth Whitenack
Chris Whitenack	-	
Brice Maynard		
Sophia Latko		
Halie Parkinson	May 28	Clint & Robin Huffstutler
Renee' Lloyd	5	Steve & Renee' Lloyd
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Selah Norwick	May 29	у у
Ronda Moffitt	May 31	
Vivian Kopp		
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Baby Shower

It's a Baby Shower for the Hustons! June 2nd at 2pm

The ladies of the church are invited to join us for a baby shower honoring Addison and Brooke

Huston June 2nd at 2pm in The First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Addison and Brooke are registered at Target and Walmart.

J.O.Y. Circle will be selling Pork Chops at Mercer Market on Saturday, May 4th from 10am-1pm.

PORK CHOPS! J.O.Y Circle **Raising funds**

This is a fund raising event for the J.O.Y. Circle. Please join us for a pork chop and support the J.O.Y. Circle!

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HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Joyce & Earl Robbins, Sharon Moffitt, Stacie Bendele, Aggie Adams, Terry Hileman, The family of Billy Searl, MaryAnn Olson, Family of John Young, Wanda Blair, Paul & Ellen Irwin Burton, Phyllis Voltz, Family of Barb Richardson-Thompson, Evan Lomelino, Family of Dee Dellitt, Family of Bob Loving, Family of John Heartt, Family of Clara Slater, Family of Daryl Kadel, Family or Leonard Williams, Jennifer Connell, Isabel Egesdal, Connie Mattson, Peter Beaudoin, John Welch, Mary Kaplan, Chase, Jesse & April Duff, Janet Rind, Dennis, Kathleen & Rhonda Carlson, Scott Price, Henry Leichty, Gage Ortberg, Shawn Carter, Ryan Struble, Lisa Hammill, Connie Freeman, Austin Loving, Jessica Ruh, Tricia & Rory Conway, Bill McKinley, Calvin Frye, Pastor Mark Harris, & Lauryn Russell

NURSING HOME

Bill McKinley, Marge Goding & Bob Sell

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Danika & Stuart Volz & Rigoberto Cruz Jordan Riddell, Jackson McKay, Holly Mattson, Joe Elliott, Spencer Zielke, Jon Szalonek, Tyler Mattson, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Matt VanderHeyden & Tara Helmick

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions