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THE MESSENGER

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Invite Everyone,
Invest In People,
Impact Eternity

Pastor's Message

Step outside on a spring morning, and nature sings its own kind of praise. Birds call out from the trees, fish break atop the water's surface, and even the breeze seems to hum through the branches. No one teaches them to do this. It's simply what they were made to do. Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." And creation leads the way.

This past Sunday, our church joined that chorus in a special way. It was Mother's Day, and our worship service reflected the beauty of every generation lifting praise. Children played handbells, drummed on buckets, and waved ribbons with joy. Students and adults led with instruments and voices. What a gift to witness the whole family of God worshiping together! It was a powerful reminder that there's a place for each of us to use our gifts to glorify God and strengthen His church.

This coming Sunday, we'll gather around the Lord's Table to remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate His presence with us. We'll reflect on what it means that Jesus was *like us*—fully human in every way. He didn't remain distant—He stepped into our world, shared our struggles, felt our pain, and faced death itself. Because He was like us, He could truly stand in our place.

Then on May 25, we'll be led in worship by our friends from Renewal Ranch. Their stories are powerful reminders that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace. Renewal Ranch is a Christ-centered recovery ministry that helps men break free from addiction by finding new life in Jesus. As they share testimonies and lead us in worship, we'll be reminded once again that the gospel is not just good news—it's life-changing news.

Also, don't forget to spread the word about our upcoming Community Health Fair this Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Gym. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors who would benefit from free health screenings, wellness resources, and conversations with local medical professionals. There will also be activities for kids, door prizes, and helpful information for the whole family.

The Personnel Committee has completed a proposed update to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for First Baptist Church. Printed copies are available in Connect Group tubs, and additional copies—including a version with tracked changes—can be requested through the church office. If you have any questions, Dave Johnston is more than happy to discuss them with you. A special called business meeting to vote on the proposed manual will take place on Wednesday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The vote will be a simple yes or no.

I look forward to seeing you tonight at our Night of Worship and Prayer at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It's always powerful when we come together to seek God, give thanks, and pray for what's ahead. Don't miss this special time with our church family.



Mon May 19	Sat May 24
1 Kings 18-19; Luke 21:1-28	2 Kings 6-7; Luke 23:1-12
Don Washam	Jane Yamauchi
Keith Goss	Kori Higdon
Amy Jessen	Michael Pounders
Timothy Shuffield	Cynthia Thornton
Tue May 20	Megan Cotten
1 Kings 20-21; Luke 21:29-38	Saylor Harris
Bill James	Tracey White
Jessica Pounders	Nathan Broyles
Jason Housley	Ryan McKinney
Courtney Moore	Matthew Brandon
Molly Blancaflor	Foster Johnson
Kylie-Ann Davies	Wed May 21
Mel Hegwood	1 Kings 22;
Taylor Baker	Luke 22:1-23
Gracen Warren	Gregg Alford
Fri May 16	Jason Williams
1 Kings 12-13; Luke 19:28-48	Christopher Payne
Chandler Sanders	Robin Armitage
Tara Adams	Karen Dooley
Ainsley Rottinghaus	Jesse Keener
Ashley Erskine	Evelyn Ford
Nathan Reynolds	Rebecca Maynard
Ian Thomas	Marcus Fisher
Mike White	Megan Greeson
Alexandria Simmons	Nate Lindsay
Sat May 17	Annabelle Simmons
1 Kings 14-15; Luke 20:1-6	Jack Henry Walker
Jil Amaden	Herbert Pennington
Cooper Brock	Paul Sepe
Leighton Hall	Tom Hollis
Debbie Green	Thur May 22
Mike Gregory	Luke 24:1-2
Ryleigh McCarthy	Jim Taylor
Sun May 18	John Cox
1 Kings 16-17; Luke 20:27-47	Patsy Ervin
Karen Hendrix	Abby Cambron
Rachel Mangan	Hope Mason
Molly Reeves	Chuck Reeves
Sandy Coats	Mary Bandy
Bobby Hatch	Kaden Miller
John Blankenship	Bobby Hatch
Allie Breitenberg	Luke 24:13-53
Fri May 23	Kara Lowrey
2 Kings 4-5; Luke 22:54-71	Kalli Sassaman
Nancy Norton	Susan Rima
Robert Davis	Kailey Reeves
	Sheena Spence
	Kristi Clay

Safety Team Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th & 5th
7:30-8:30 N Ofc Door	Phil McAdams	Brad Phillips	Phil McAdams	Brad Phillips
7:30-8:30 S Canopy	Buddy Barnett	Buddy Barnett	Buddy Barnett	Buddy Barnett
8:30-10:15 N Ofc Door	Chuck Parsons	Bob Goodman	Phillip McAdams	Richard Carr
Fellowship Hall Door	Wes Shafto	John Dews	Dennis Green	Larry Ingram
SW Ps Door	R.L. Smith	Denise Olson	Matt Teale	Chuck Jordan/Matt Teale
S Steps Door	Larry Ingram	Andy Russell	James O'Neal	Charlie Hill
S Canopy Door	Kelly Robbins	John Smalling	Stan Fouts	Robert Covey
North/West Lots	Vernon Brooks	Terry Hunter	Mark Dickerson	Greg Perkins
South/West Lots	Bryan Garrett	K. Schwarznau	Paul McKinney	Kris Dunn
10:15-12:00 N Ofc Door	Trip Robinson	Jay Winters	A.J. Johnson	Geoffrey Hedrick
Fellowship Hall Door	Shelby Williams	David Epperhart	Wayne Heer	Nick Windle
SW Ps Door	Craig Viscardis	Steve Hibbard	Ronnie Riggle	Tanner Borland
S Steps Door	Josh Sutton	Rick Cherry	Mark Hall	Kirk Harris/Blake Buttrum
S Canopy Door	Henry Brunson	David Ferrell	Blake Buttrum	Ed Argueta
North/West Lots	Graham Rucker	Cody Lancaster	Dustan Gammill	Jason Armitage
South/West Lots	Austin Haight	Jeff Olson	Travis Spalding	Bill James
Golf Cart 1 N Side	Kevin King	Casey Dobbs	Lane Stovall	OPEN
Golf Cart 2 S Side	E. Pennington	Brett Miller	Servando Ibuado	H. Pennington
Wed 5:45 pm	David Dickinson	Mike Prados	Tony Menotti	Jimmy Schultz
N Ofc Door	Donny Moore	Norm Mason	Louis Tamez	John Smalling
FH Door	Jason Smith	Mike James	Mike Eastwood	OPEN
S Canopy Door	David Hasstedt	David Hasstedt	David Hasstedt	David Hasstedt
5:30-7:45 Golf Cart	Ron Cleveland	Ron Cleveland	Ron Cleveland	Ron Cleveland
FLC Door 4:15-5:45				
Sunday Door Greeters				
8:30-9:15 am	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
N Ofc Door	James O'Neal	Bob Biles	Betty James	Anita Gordon
FH Door	Wanda Thorp	Wanda Thorp	Wanda Thorp	Wanda Thorp
S Foyer	Nita Ingram	Jane Yamauchi	Nell Phillips	Kristi Huddleston
SW Canopy	Marty Black	Lynne Perrine	Janet Horton	Marcia D-Smith
PS Door	N & J McLean	Natalie Russell	Tami Patterson	Tami Patterson
N Foyer	John Robbins	Jim Bledsoe	Julie Capps	Charlie Capps
Info Desk	Tammy Catlett	Jane Bledsoe	Charlie Capps	Charlie Capps
10:10-45 am				
N Of Dr	Judy Garrett	Mary Goodman	Norman Wolf	Janet Porter
S Canopy	Cody Lancaster	Suzanne Ferrell	Betty Myrick	Melissa Stovall
SW PS Door	Becky Morris	Kimberly Chance	OPEN	Sara Terlecki
N Foyer	Scott Dews	Dana Vance	Mark Lewis	Pam Warren
S Foyer	Vonni Ensz	Carla Buttrum	Kecia Sandusky	Terri Knapick
Info Desk	Phyllis Brooks	Mary Harris	Emelinda Eason	Sara Olaru
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Sunday & Wednesday Schedule

Sunday Morning

9:00 am
Classic Service / Connect Groups
10:30 am
Celebration Service / Connect Groups

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study

Deacons of the Week

May 18

9:00 a.m. Don White
10:30 a.m. Tony Prothro

Sunday, May 11

New Member

Adrianna Wallace

Connect Groups 9:00 434
Connect Groups 10:30 358
Connect Groups Total 792

Sunday Worship 9:00 490
Sunday Worship 10:30 856
Sunday Online Worship 265
Total Participation 1,611





Just 3 Days Away: Community Health Fair! Let's Come Together as the Body of Christ

The countdown is on—our **Community Health Fair is happening this Saturday, May 17th!** This is more than an event—it's a chance to live out our faith, love our neighbors, and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Whether you're **volunteering, praying, or simply helping spread the word**, your role is essential. Not assigned to a specific task? No problem! Your presence alone can make a big impact. Stroll through the booths, enjoy the fair, and most importantly—**connect**. A warm smile, a kind word, or a listening ear might be just what someone needs that day.

Volunteers—please arrive in the **gym** by **9:30 AM** to get ready, pray together, and prepare to serve with joy.

Let's come together as one church family to bless our community—**physically, emotionally, and spiritually**. Make sure **May 17th** is circled on your calendar.

We can't wait to see you there—**let's make this day unforgettable!**

Missions Moment

This is an exciting time of year! Kids are getting out of school. VBS week is almost here. Camps are right around the corner. We're preparing for mission trips. It's all the best things rolled up into a semi-small period of time, and I couldn't be more excited! Thank you for the blessing of being your missions pastor!

Our most recent Honduras team has been home for about a week and a half now. I *love* to hear stories from the field, and this year's April/May team has plenty of stories of share. When you see one of them, stop for a moment and ask them about the trip. Ask them to share one trip defining moment with you. No doubt, you'll hear an amazing story of God's grace and provision. Thanks to **Donny Moore** for leading that team well. We're glad you guys had a wonderful trip!

Tickets have been bought for our upcoming trip to Thessaloniki. Sunday before last, we had 3 of us committed to this trip. In the next couple of days, that number doubled! Here's who's going on this trip (June 11-18): **Jeana Roan, Cindy Henderson, Wallace Yamauchi, Andre Simon, Tonia Lambert, and Jamie Staley**. Would you commit to praying for this team as we plan, pray, and go?

Finally, be on the look-out for information about summer collections for Operation Christmas Child beginning in the month of July! **Beverly Dews** is doing a phenomenal job leading out in all things OCC at First Hot Springs!



Praise the Lord for this past Sunday! Not only did we gather for worship of our Savior, but we were led by all generations in our church – children, youth, adults.

I believe that Multi-Generational Worship is a Biblical model but also essential to the ministry of the local church. The Old and New Testaments have given us clarity on how all generations should worship together.

Psalm 145:4-7: "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds, they celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness."

This passage gives us 5 activities that all generations should do together. They should command, tell, speak, celebrate, and sing. The Psalmist is so affected by this worship experience that it compels him to both internally meditate and externally proclaim.

Look at Ephesians 5:18-21, "...be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ."

Or look at Colossians 3:16 as Paul declares this a second time, "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Why Multi-Generational Worship?

- The Bible commands it.
- It cultivates an "on Earth as it is in Heaven" environment.
- It brings unity within the body of Christ.
- It teaches the individual church member.
- It edifies the body of Christ.
- It trains up leaders and not performers.
- It affects eternity.
- It displays what God is doing through different generations.
- It brings families together to worship.
- It gives faith-building experiences to each generation.

I am thankful for our Children's Choir volunteers who not only teach musical skills but also Biblical foundations of worship. In addition, thank you to our Worship Choir & Orchestra; Contemporary Band, Vocal Team and Choir; Youth Band and vocalists, Media team and so many others who rehearse and lead in worship each week.

Join with me in praying for our worship this Sunday.

Blessings,
Andre

BUDGET REPORT 5/11

Ministry Fund	
Weekly Receipts	\$31,305
Online Giving	\$35,856
Total Given	\$67,161
GCF (Great Commission Fund)	
Weekly Receipts	\$600

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com/give, and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.



CONNECT & FELLOWSHIP



the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday of each month, 9 AM til Noon in Room 129. Come join us in making Quilts of Honor and enjoy great fellowship.



Women on Missions is excited to have as our guest speakers, Mike and Kecia Sandusky who will share about their recent trip to Greece on Thursday, May 22nd in room 129. Hear about what is different in Greece now since Paul was there teaching about Jesus so long ago. See you there at 10am. (Enter door by church offices)



Loving Threads

Every 4th Thursday of the month. 1:00-3:00 in Rm 131. All are welcome.



Congratulations to **Trevor and Ashley Rogers** on the birth of their daughter, **Mabry Lynn**. She weighed 7 lbs 15 oz and was 19 in long.

Wednesday Night Meal / Served 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.
Reserve your meal by Monday @ 4 pm to get on the list for that Wednesday. Respond by texting "fbcnightr" to 94000 or call the office, 624-3345, with these things: Your name / Which meals / How many

Youth & Adults, \$8/Children 4-12, \$4/
Children 3 yrs & under, Free/Family Max - \$25
Available each week: Salad bar, dessert bar and tea, lemonade & water (For the kiddos) Jello cup or pudding cup, juice box

5/14: 1-Spaghetti & meatballs, steamed mixed vegetables, fried breaded mushrooms, buttered corn, garlic bread 2-Corndog, buttered corn, chips, mixed fruit

REMINDER: Please ask for the option you signed up for. We prepare food according to the options that are chosen when you sign up. Thank you!