



The Messenger

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Welcome to FBC Mount Holly

The Jubilant Seniors hosted a spring Gala featuring KC Armstrong.
What a wonderful evening of fellowship and praise.





The days left until summer are counting down quickly. Shewww!!

This year has been incredibly fast as our family finishes up the first school year in Mount Holly. When we have reached the month of May in previous years, summer felt like it would just never get here as there was still over a month left. This May feels very different as the freedom of summer is just a few days away.

Our summer calendars are probably full of activities for fun, travel, and rest. I know we all need a break. In the midst of this change of schedule and weather, I hope you will consider the challenges you have heard over these last several weeks. As we have been **Advancing** from the empty tomb, hopefully it has been made clear that each of us have a role in sharing the good news of Jesus. It can even happen in the summer!

What if we saw our vacations or travel plans as the opportunities to share the love of God? Even though we may be on a break from a normal routine, we still have opportunities to see others all around us. I'm not asking families to travel to the beach and start preaching from the closest sand dune. (Although if you do, please take pictures.) My encouragement to all of us is to be open to how God might use us.

Take some extra waters on that mountain hike and share with a stranger. Ask your waiter or waitress how you could pray for them before you ask God's blessing on the food. Make a small gift bag for that hotel worker who is often underpaid and overworked. Write a thank you note to someone who serves you while on vacation. Visit a rest home and sit with someone who needs a kind word. The opportunities are all around us.

Help someone smile. Bring a little laughter into our world. These are just some beginning steps. Maybe that person you meet needs a reminder that kindness still exists in people. It could lead to a chance to share your own story about Jesus. Maybe your interaction is just another in the long line of God's movements for that person. You do not need to be a preacher or a Sunday school teacher or even a Bible expert. All you need to do is be available. Right where you are, doing the things that you enjoy.

Spend time in prayer and ask for opportunities. God might just surprise you!

Pastor's Pen

fans & followers

May 5 Fan or Follower?/Matt. 4:18-25

May 12 Like or Subscribe?/Matt. 8:18-22

May 19 Set the World on Fire/Youth Sunday

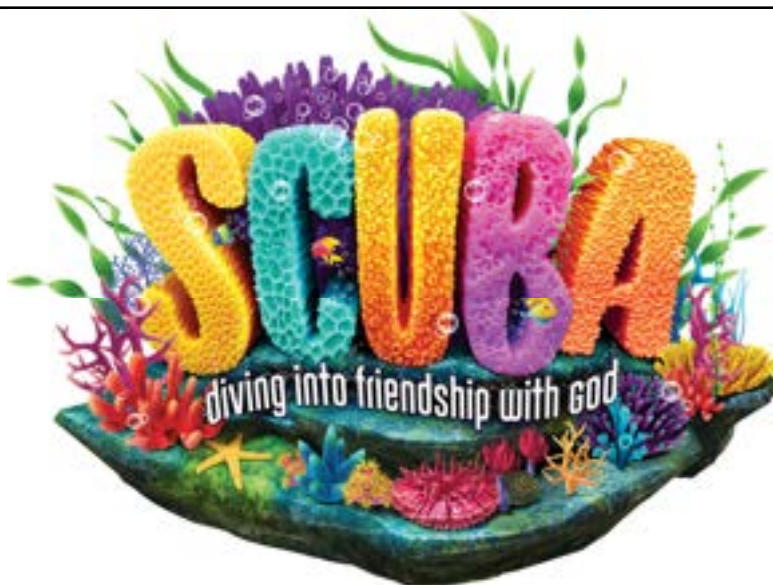
May 26 Run or Pray?/James 5:13-16

Telling sTORies

I am grateful for the support and love I have felt at First Baptist over the last four years. As Youth Sunday approaches and Children's Sunday was just a few weeks ago, I cannot help but be overwhelmed with gratitude for the ways that you have supported these ministries through prayer, generous donations, and becoming involved. It does take a village to raise children and teenagers in the faith, and it means more than you will ever know that you have partnered with us to be a part of these unique villages.

Our ministries have grown and are flourishing because of parents' dedication to ensuring their children are actively involved in the church's life. We are excited about what is to come and cannot wait to share more with you along the way!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for supporting our ministries and me.



VBS is coming July 8th-July 11th.
 Registration opens Sunday, May 5th!
 Be on the lookout for the QR code to scan!

Illumination Student Ministry

- 5/12: No Youth (Mother's Day!)
- 5/19: Youth Sunday & Youth End of Year Pool Party with Mentors
- 5/26: No Youth (Memorial Day!)
- 6/2: Youth Atlanta Trip Meeting @ 4:30pm; Connect Pool Party @ 6:00pm



Children's Ministry

- 5/15: Afterschool Program Ends. End of Year Party during Program.



Youth & Children's Ministries



BASS CLEF SINGERS

Who are the BASS CLEF SINGERS you may ask? Great question!

Anyone who sings TENOR or BASS is invited to come and be a part of this group.
We will be rehearsing to sing in worship.

**REHEARSAL - WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st
7:00 - 7:45 in the CHOIR ROOM**

Wednesday night, May 1st we will be rehearsing to sing on Sunday, June 16th (Father's Day) and Sunday, August 18th. We will rehearse those Sunday mornings at 9:00 as well. Please come and join us!

BOWLING

At the latest choir fellowship you could hear the sounds of laughter and bowling balls dropping (thank you Jane) along with lots of high fives. And there was a little competition between Peggy and Andy. If you are wondering, Peggy won.



Musical Notes

Memorials and Donations

Landscape Fund

In honor of Suzanne Griffin by Roger & Denise Hawkins

Bus Fund

In memory of Tom Medley by Lanny Ray & Lancy Rhyne, Mary Jane Hinkle

Building Fund

In memory of Tom Medley by Peggy Morse

In honor of Mary Lou Davis by Paul & Emily Gale

Operation Christmas Child 2024

Have you viewed SPTV.org?

For the month of May, we are asking everyone to bring SOCKS OF ALL SIZES FROM TWO YEARS OLD TO 14 YEARS OLD. The more colorful, the better. No camouflage or war related socks please. Our goal for May is 300 pairs of SOCKS so we can include at least 2 in EVERY Shoebox.

A bin is available in the Gathering Place with an OCC sign requesting that you place your SOCKS in it.

If anyone prefers to shop and fill the Shoebox as we have traditionally done at FBCMH, that will be equally appreciated. We will have those Shoeboxes available on Sunday August 4th.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our Lord alongside you.

Questions? You may reach me at 980-253-7180 or

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Kay Miller MacIntosh, Project Leader



Spotlight on Our Library

Did you know that our church has an incredible library? It is an incredible resource for our congregation. There are lots of great books for readers of every age.

Our Wednesday night Bible study has been discussing the subject of "Heaven." There have been several new additions to the library on this topic. Here are a few of them for you to check out:

Heaven (A Comprehensive Guide to Everything the Bible Says About Our Eternal Home) by Randy Alcorn

The World's Last Night: And Other Essays by C.S. Lewis

The Heaven Promise by Scot McKnight

Our library is open on Sunday: 9:15am - 10:30am and 11:30am -12:00pm and Wednesday: 4:00pm - 6:30pm.

Spiritual Gifts Corner

Your Spiritual Gifts Committee is shifting into high gear as spring is quickly turning into summer. We have identified a fantastic nominee to be the next Sunday School Director (the Church will vote on the first Sunday in May). Now our attention is turning to the Annual Church Report and nominees to serve on Committees, as Directors and Church Officers, and leading Sunday School classes. Please take some time during this busy season and pray along with the SGC that our work bears fruit, folks are called to put their spiritual gifts to use within our church, and that the ultimate outcome is to praise God and put our hands and feet to work for the betterment of His kingdom on earth. Amen.

In Christ - Your Spiritual Gifts Committee

FBC Missions

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

May 1: BBQ
 May 8: Ham, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Apples
 May 15: Piza

A Salad Bar is provided every week.

Welcome

New Members!

Mark & Julie Haver
 joined on April 21st.

Jubilant Seniors Will Have a Rocking Good Time!

Mark your calendars for May 11th for a rocking good time! We will begin with lunch at Golden Corral Buffet and Grill in Spartanburg at 12:30pm where we have reserved a banquet room. Some options may include Steakburger Bar, Bourbon Street Chicken, Awesome Pot Roast, Meatloaf, Fried Chicken, Fried Fish and Baked Fish. Lunch is on your own and the price is \$16.00 per person including drink and tax. They will provide individual meal checks.

Then, we will continue to Spartanburg Little Theatre to see "School of Rock." Based on the hit film, "School of Rock" follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star, who decides to earn a few extra bucks by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There, he turns a class of straight-A students into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. Featuring 14 new songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber and all of the original songs from the movie, "School of Rock" is a full-throttle tribute to the power of music. Senior Tickets are \$27. However, through the generosity of a Jubilant Senior, your cost will be \$14. We have reserved 35 seats in the Orchestra section about halfway from stage. If we need more seats, we can reserve them IF you register early. If you wait until later, we may not be able to secure more seating.

The deadline for registration and payment is Wednesday, May 1 before Bible Study. The total cost is only \$30 per person (Lunch=\$16 and Performance=\$14)!

Our schedule:

- * 10:45AM - Devotion at FBCMH
- * 11:00AM - Leave FBCMH
- * 12:30PM - Arrive at Golden Corral, Spartanburg
- * 1:30PM - Leave Golden Corral
- * 2:00PM - Arrive at Spartanburg Little Theatre
- * 2:30PM - Enter theatre
- * 3:00PM - "School of Rock"
- * 5:30PM - Play ends
- * 7:30PM - Arrive at FBCMH

Please make plans to join us.



Childcare Volunteers

Infant

5/5-Maggie Pressley, Gabrielle Cox & Colleen Grealis
5/12-Maggie Pressley & Colleen Grealis
5/19-Jo Ann Rollins & Cheryl Lineberger
5/26-Maggie Pressley & Colleen Grealis

Toddler

5/5-Sajiah Taylor & Rebekah S.R.
5/12- Linda Richardson & Ann Little
5/19- Colleen Grealis & Maggie Pressley
5/26- Mike & Erica Purser

Children's Church

5/5- Children Stay in Worship
5/12-Youth
5/19-Brooke Shepherd Elting
5/26-Lancy Rhyne & Lanny Ray

- 3 Linda Piercy
- 4 Cindy Reed
- 5 Karlie Missak
- 6 Ronnie Hilderbran, Emma Rhyne
- 7 Cindi Laughlin, Leah Allen
- 10 Colton Smith, Kaylee Seedorf
- 11 Alice Nixon
- 15 Richard Flowers, Buddie Hodges, Carter Hilderbran
- 16 Julia Richardson, Bryan Hough
- 21 Dale Barrow
- 22 Bob Laughlin, Peggy McGlohon
- 23 Chris Waters, Linda Hawley
- 24 Tim Cauthen
- 25 Ginger McLean, Nancy Lewis
- 26 Wanda Holloway, David Gaddis
- 27 Teressa Painter, Josh Allen, Zach Huneycutt
- 31 Derek Staton



Church Security

Ricky Wrenn	April 29—May 5
David Wrenn	May 6—May 12
Gary Farmer	May 13—May 19
Keith Piercy	May 20—May 26
Ken Fortsch	May 27—June 2

Ushers and Greeters

- 5 David Wrenn, Roger Hawkins, Denise Hawkins, Jay Ratliff, Mike Huff
- 12 Dickie Thomas, Stephen Abernethy, Cheryl Lineberger, Jo Ann Rollins, Danny Snead
- 19 Ricky Russell, Kevin Collier, Mac Richardson, Tami Piercy, Cornelia Pressley
- 26 John Petersen, Suzanne Griffin, Missi Fortsch, Brent Green, Chris Medlin



- 1 Brad & Erica Withers
- 4 David & Nancy Wrenn
- 19 Keith & Tami Piercy
- 22 Ken & Missi Fortsch
- 25 Steve & Jackie Hilderbran, Zach & Lauren Huneycutt
- 26 John & Kasey Petersen, Edward & Jaime Moore



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OFFICE SCHEDULE

Mondays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman

Kim Payne (remote)

Tuesdays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman

Kim Payne

Wednesdays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman

Kim Payne (remote)

Thursdays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman (remote)

Kim Payne

Fridays

Kim Payne



March 2024

Total Receipts – \$84,869

Bldg. Fund – \$4,525

Bldg. Fund YTD – \$5,505

Other Designated – \$6,426

Other Designated YTD – \$28,512

2024 Budget – \$538,227

Avg Needs – 3/31—\$134,557

Budget Receipts YTD – \$157,163