

Arbor News

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From the Pulpit to the Pew...



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Thank You Lord for giving us another amazing Easter Sunday and season at Fishing Creek Arbor. The Easter Egg Hunt, The Praise & Worship special, Sunrise service, breakfast, communion it was all so good and again thank you to everyone who made it all possible.

But, most of all thank you Lord for the souls who made professions of faith during this time, that's the most important thing of all and makes every second worthwhile. Indeed, Jesus loves and is Lord of His church.

Revelation 3:20 says, Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

In one of his Turning Point devotions, Dr. David Jeremiah reminds us of a well-known piece of Christian art, which is a painting titled *The Light of the World* by an artist from the 19th Century, William Hunt. The painting is intended to give us a visual of Revelation 3:20 and shows Christ standing at the door of a house which seems to have not been opened in a long time. In one hand Jesus is holding a lantern while His other hand is knocking on the door. Often unnoticed in the painting is that the door has no handle on the outside, representing that it


can only be opened from the inside by the occupant. The actual meaning of Revelation 3:20 describes Jesus Himself standing at the door of the church of Laodicea, knocking, waiting to be invited in to have fellowship with them. He does not force His way even though He could, but waits to be invited in, waits for His own Church in which He died for to open its door to Him.

Jesus wants all of us to open the door of our lives / hearts to Him and invite Him in so we can have fellowship with Him and maintain relationship with Him. Isn't that amazing? The LORD of all, of heaven and earth wants a personal, close relationship with you and me! Let's open the door and let Him in.

God Bless,

David

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	5 6:00 Basketball	6 6:00 Pickleball	7 5:45 Wed Night Meal Tacos 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	8 6:00 Pickleball	9	10 Ladies Refresher
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 	12 6:00 Basketball	13 6:00 Pickleball	14 5:45 Wed Night Meal Pizza 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	15 6:00 Pickleball	16	17
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Baptism	19 6:00 Basketball	20 6:00 Pickleball	21 5:45 Wed Night Meal Sub sandwiches 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	22 6:00 Pickleball	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Baby Dedication	26 6:00 Basketball Memorial Day	27 6:00 Pickleball	28 5:45 Family Night Meal Bring A dish to share 6:45 Church Conference	29 6:00 Pickleball	30	31
		Life Groups meet each week at 6:00pm on Mondays at the Sparks Home	Life Groups meet each week at 6:00pm on Thursdays at the Royalls home			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Luke Jarvis Gabe Sale	2 Gary Smith	3 Josh Call
4 Michelle Brown Dustin Foster Melissa Gregory	5	6 Ray Absher Aikman Chambers Rob Jones Adam Richardson	7 Danny Johnson Jacklyn Richardson Lori Trivette	8 Tanner Bailey	9	10 Ethan Gambill
11	12	13 Allison Foster	14	15 Linda Huffman	16	17 Danielle Wingler
18 Faye Curry Sam Hunnicutt	19 Ava Call Ava Foster	20	21 Brooke Bumgarner Walter "Pate" Shew	22 Hannah W. Richter Harry Warren	23 Amelia Mathis	24
25	26 Laken Jarvis	27	28	29 Ethan Sparks	30 Kay Call	31

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

May 2

William & Natalie Forbes

May 5

Ray & Teresa Absher

May 7

Matt & Whittney Gragg
Rob & Patsy Jones

May 8

Frog & Jane Chambers

May 20

Larry & Debbie Church

May 21

Rhyne & Lisa Dowell

May 22

Ricky & Wanda Smith

May 24

Mike & Tammy Mabe



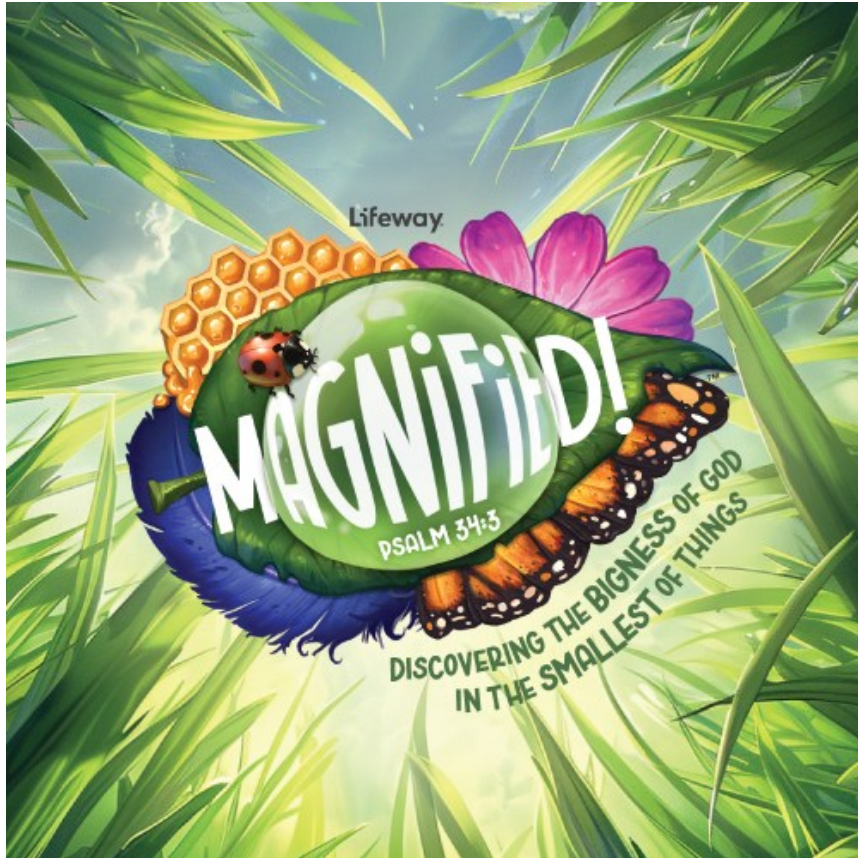
If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please inform Shannon Lowe so we can update our records.

Save the Dates

Ladies 2-day Refresher

Friday, May 2nd & Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

More details to come!



Vacation Bible School 2025

**Monday, June 16th—Friday,
June 20th, 2025**

**Join us this summer for
“Magnified”!**

Watch for more information coming soon about VBS meeting for anyone teaching or volunteering at VBS! Be much in prayer for our VBS, as this is one of our largest outreaches each year!

Be in prayer for all our kids that will be attending Camp Merriwood and Camp Caswell this Summer!

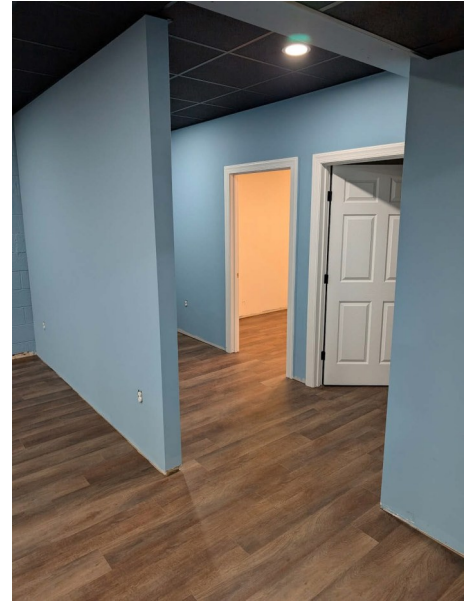


Youth Updates

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don't just say to each other, "We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham." That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. **Luke 3:8 NLT**

Updates

- The renovations in the new youth room are underway! We are incredibly excited to move into this new space in the next couple of months!
- We are excited for everyone in the church to have free access to RightNow Media! This platform has thousands of videos and resources that can aid in your discipleship and equip you to make disciples! Ask Rev Trev how you can get access to your free account!



Our new youth room renovations are continuing to progress!

Upcoming Events

- **Youth Rally** - Sun. May 4th @ Baptist Home Baptist Church
- **Caswell Meeting** - Wed. May 7th @ 7:45pm (right after Bible Study) in the Fellowship Hall
- **VBS** - June 16 - 20th (6:30-9pm)
- **Camp Caswell** - June 30th - July 4th
- **Sunday School** - every Sunday @ 9:15am
- **Wednesday meals** - every Wednesday @ 5:45pm
- **Wednesday Bible Study** - every Wednesday @ 6:45pm

Thoughts for May

April was a very busy month for me personally! We went to Lynchburg, VA for a weekend, had our church's easter egg hunt, and served at my first WYLD after prom party of the season. Easter Sunday was great and we followed that up the following day with a trip to Carowinds! This past week I have been teaching at East Wilkes Middle School with the Wilkes Pregnancy Care Center! And I have a feeling with summer on the horizon, things will not be slowing down anytime soon!

It is important, especially in the busy seasons of life, to make sure we are taking the time to slow down, rest, and spend time with God. That is the only way to continue to thrive through the busyness and not get burnt out.

We have currently been studying the book of Revelation on Sundays & Wednesdays in our ARBOR YOUTH class! We are halfway through an 8-part video series called "The Overcomers" taught by Matt Chandler on RightNow Media!

I am excited for everything that is coming up soon! [Check out our upcoming events over on the left!](#) I am also very excited to move into our newly renovated youth room! Hopefully we will be moving in there very soon!

Sincerely,
Rev Trev

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Welcome to the Arbor News. The Arbor News is published monthly and will be left on the table in the vestibule at Fishing Creek Arbor Baptist Church. The Arbor News will be published the last Sunday of the month. Don't miss an issue. You may also find the Arbor News on the church web page and app each month along with the church bulletin and teaching schedules each week.

Please pray for the newsletter and pray that it will be a blessing to someone. Your help and suggestions are needed in order to make the newsletter a success. To comment on the newsletter or to make suggestions about what you'd like to see in future issues contact Shannon Lowe at 336/984-4155 or email to secretary@fishingcreekarbor.org.

Your Place to Call Home

We encourage you to forward this newsletter on to family and friends.

We're on the web!

<http://www.fishingcreekarbor.org>

June Newsletter Deadline: May 20th

Mission Project

For the month of May, we will be collecting items for Wilkes Pregnancy Care Center. Items being collected are: sippy cups, bottle brushes, teething toys, feeding accessories, baby blankets, burp cloths, and diaper bags. Please place items in the collection basket in the FLC vestibule. Thank you for your support of the monthly mission project!