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# ***The Network***

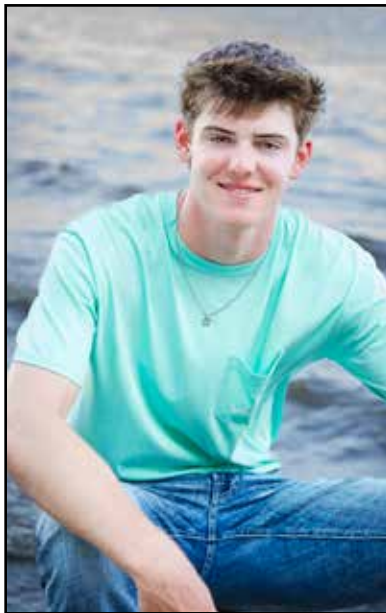


The Weekly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee

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## **2026 High School Graduates**



Turner McSwain



Drew Overton



Emily Puckett



Sloane Russell



Abby Smith



Wes Wainscott

## From the Pastor's Desk

I hope you enjoyed your Mother's Day weekend and made time to be with family. It was good to worship the Lord together as families on Sunday morning, to recognize our mothers and to receive encouragement from God's Word. We were also blessed by the singing of our children's choir to begin our service. We appreciate the work of our children's choir leaders and the time they invest each week with our children.

This Sunday, we look forward to worshipping together again. We will take time to recognize our 2026 high school graduates. This service each year is a great opportunity for our church to encourage and pray for our graduates as they transition to new seasons of life whether furthering their education or entering the workforce. I will be sharing a message from Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 on the subject, "Finding Direction for Your Life."

As we move quickly through the month of May, don't forget to pray for several important ministry and mission opportunities coming up in the next few weeks. Pray for our Active Impact Basketball outreach on May 30 at Ogburn Park, led by Dylan Poole and his team. Pray for Angela James and our VBS team as they prepare for VBS June 1-5. Pray for our Guatemala mission team as they prepare for their trip June 11-18. (You can read about ways to support their mission in this newsletter.) Pray for our middle school and high school students as they prepare for camp June 22-26. As you can see, the ministry of our church does not slow during the summer! Please pray for and support these ministry and mission opportunities.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

In Christ,  
Bro. Trent



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Submission deadline  
for the next issue is  
Monday, May 18, 2026

**Imani Milele  
Children's Choir**

**Special FBC  
Performance**

Following Children's  
Choirs Spring Program  
Wednesday, May 20

**FAITH  
HOPE  
LOVE**

Children's Program  
begins at 6 p.m.

The poster features a photograph of three children from the Imani Milele Children's Choir. They are wearing colorful, vertically striped shirts and have their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The background is dark with some red and yellow geometric shapes.

## 2026 Guatemala Mission Trip Needs

This year, we are excited to have 18 adults and students participating in our Guatemala mission trip June 11-18. As our mission team prepares for their ministry during that week, they are seeking ways to assist our partner church led by Pastor Hector and his wife, Ingrid. As in years past, they are planning to distribute 30 food bags at a cost of \$35 each and install 10 water filtration systems at a cost of \$55 each. In addition, they desire to assist the church with their ongoing efforts to make connections with their community by providing playground equipment for a local school. The cost of installing a playground slide is approximately \$300, and the cost of installing a swing set is approximately \$470. We ask that you begin now praying for our mission team as they prepare for their trip. If you would be interested in giving toward any of these projects, please contact our team leader, Ed Brazelton, for more information.

## This Week At First Baptist

### SUNDAY, May 17

#### GRADUATE SUNDAY

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Adult, Youth & Children's Discipleship Groups

### MONDAY, May 18

- 11:00 WDBA Senior Adult Luncheon-Orr Hall

### WEDNESDAY, May 20

- 5:00 Family Night Meal
- 6:00 Children's Choirs Spring Program; Imani Milele Children's Choir Concert

### THURSDAY, May 21

- 5:30 Biblical Counseling Ministry Team Meeting

### SUNDAY, May 24

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship
- No Evening Activities

### MONDAY, May 25


Memorial Day  
Church Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, May 27

- 5:00 Family Night Meal
- 6:00 Adult Equipping Centers; Children's Choirs; Youth (The Loft)

### SATURDAY, May 30

- 9:00 Active Impact Basketball Outreach at Ogburn Park



**MAY**  
**LLL Meeting**  
**WDBA Senior Adult Luncheon**  
 Monday, May 18  
 11 a.m. • Orr Hall  
**Program:**  
**Rev. Jim Twilbeck**  
*In recognition of his retirement after serving 25 years as director of missions for the Western District Baptist Association*




**BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP**  
 BOYS AND GIRLS 5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
**MAY 30**  
 9 AM-12 PM & 5 PM-8PM  
**FREE SKILL CAMP SNACKS REFRESHMENTS**  
**OGBURN PARK - PARIS, TN**  
**HOSTED BY:**  
**FBC PARIS & ACTIVE IMPACT**  
**ACTIVE IMPACT INTERNATIONAL**  
Families are encouraged to come cheer on their campers during the 3v3 games from 5-8pm



**Memorial Day**  
*Service of Remembrance*  
 Sunday, May 24 • 10:15 a.m.  
 \*No Evening Activities

**Vacation Bible School 2026**  
 June 1-5  
 9 a.m.- Noon Each Day  
 VBS at FBC Paris is open to children who have completed kindergarten through the 5th grade. To register your child for VBS, please scan the QR code provided with your cell phone's camera.  
**Time of Prayer for VBS: Sunday, May 31 • 5 p.m.**



**Myrtice Owens**  
**Missions Group Meeting**  
 Monday, May 18 • 6 p.m.  
**WDBA Ministry Center**  
 Guest Speaker:  
 Rev. Jim Twilbeck



*Congratulations to*  
**Luke Jackson**  
*Bachelor of Science*  
*in Business Administration*  
*(Emphasis on Economics)*  
 Tennessee-Martin

**Deacon Ballots**  
**Due Sunday, May 31**

# First Baptist Church



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*One Block North  
of the Court Square*

## Sunday School

9 a.m.

## Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.



## Sunday, May 17

*Finding Direction for Your Life*  
Ecclesiastes 12:1-14  
**Dr. Trent Bullock**

### GIFTS RECEIVED

Donna Shell in memory of **Molly Gallimore**; Linda Brenda in memory of **Tylene Morgan, Thelma Brenda**; M/M Bill Youngbluth in memory of **Stella Rader**; Bettye Paschall in memory of **Jane Sturdivant, Tootsie Paschall**; Cindy Knott in memory of **Faye Kesterson**; Jimmie Isbell in memory of **Shirley Isbell**; Janice Miller in memory of **Lennie Mary Powers**; George & Rita Wofford in memory of **Mattie Wofford, Claudine Thompson Burton**; Philip & Lisa Todd honoring **Linda Neal, Judie Todd Miller**; Dawn Scharff honoring **Puckett SS Class**; Bettye Paschall honoring **Lori Parker, Leigha Reddick, Lisa Nichols, Julie Taylor, Monica Paschall**; Cindy Knott honoring **Julie Boyd, Amy Knott, Melinda Knott**.

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## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### May 10, 2026

Worship Attendance ..... 406  
Sunday School Attendance .. 284  
Budget Required ..... \$29,206.83  
Budget Received ..... \$20,040.05  
Other Designated ..... \$15,309.00  
Total ..... \$35,349.05

### Mother's Day Offering

**Received: \$4,933.00**

### April 2026 Financial Summary

**Receipts April 2026: \$107,292.00**  
**Expenses April 2026: \$106,382.00**  
**Over/Under Expenses: +\$910.00**  
**Over/Under YTD: +\$27,488.00**



### May 20

Green Salad  
Spaghetti  
Toast  
Dessert

### Alternate Menu:

Same Menu for Everyone

## Church Volunteers for May 17

### Bus Ministry

#### Driver

Roger Veazey

### Children's Ministry

#### Babies

Lisa Todd

#### 1-year-olds

Marilyn Oliver

#### 2 & 3-year-olds

Mary Thrash,

Matt & Devin Craig

### Media Ministry

#### Sound

Will Jelks

#### Video

Tripp Anderson

#### Media Room

Michael Denman

Evan Twilbeck

Reece Veazey

### Security/Usher Ministry

#### Security

Jamie James

Jim Madison

Bob Moultrie

Steve Parker

Milton Peale

Bo Sinclair

#### Offertory Prayer

Wes Waincott

#### Ushers

Bill Anderson

Stephen Burns

Gideon Gielis

Ben Glover

John Hudson

Bob Irby

Homer Maddox

Scott Nanney

Scott Stephens

### Welcome Team Ministry Greeters for May

Chuck Adams, Tammy Irby, Marilyn Oliver, Brad White

## Bible Reading Plan

### Week 19 (May 11-15)

**Day 1** - Deut. 1; Acts 2; Psalm 53

**Day 2** - Deut. 2; Acts 3; Psalm 54

**Day 3** - Deut. 3; Acts 4; Psalm 55

**Day 4** - Deut. 4; Acts 5; Psalm 56

**Day 5** - Deut. 5; Acts 6; Psalm 57

### Week 20 (May 18-22)

**Day 1** - Deut. 6; Acts 7; Psalm 58

**Day 2** - Deut. 7; Acts 8; Psalm 59

**Day 3** - Deut. 8; Acts 9; Psalm 60

**Day 4** - Deut. 9; Acts 10; Psalm 61

**Day 5** - Deut. 30; Acts 11; Psalm 62