

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Sunday School Total.....396
 First Day Worship.....280 (14)
 11:00am Worship.....189 (10)
 Total.....469 (24)

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sunday School Total.....407
 First Day Worship.....321 (14)
 11:00am Worship.....191 (7)
 Total.....512 (21)

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Sunday School Total.....366
 First Day Worship.....248 (12)
 11:00am Worship.....194 (16)
 Total.....442 (28)

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Sunday School Total.....331
 First Day Worship.....231 (11)
 11:00am Worship.....144 (10)
 Total.....375 (21)

MAY 2023 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$532,753.44
 Received YTD.....\$416,298.20

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Luncheon on
 Monday, June 19 at 12:00pm
 at the Gateway Pavilion.
 We will grill hamburgers and hot
 dogs with chips and drinks.
 Bring a dessert and join us for a
 great lunch!



Hey FirstKids and Parents!
 Summer is FINALLY here,
 and we are going to make the absolute
 most of it! Be sure to check the church's
 Facebook page to be able to see each
 week's 104Blast activity! I am SO looking
 forward to spending this summer
 growing in the Word and in fellowship
 with you!

-Mrs. Danielle

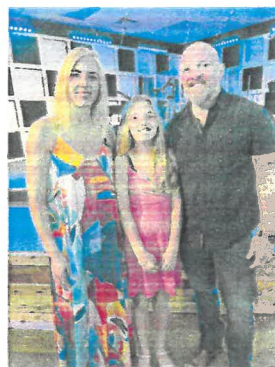
FBC YTH

Summer is here!
 We will still come together on
 Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm
 for games. We're looking forward to a
 busy but great summer break!

Welcome to our new members...



Isabella
 Golden



Josie Park

Come find your place at FBC!
 Join us for Sunday School
 at 10:00am on Sunday mornings.
 If you need help finding a class for you,
 find someone at the Connect Booth
 on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.
 They will be happy to help!!

**11:00am USHERS
 for JUNE 2023**
 (* indicates prayer door)

June 4

*Jerry Bell Clark Sexton
 Jeff Stafford George Stegall
 Bryan Warren Phil Webb

June 11

*Sam Gibbs Dee Atkins
 Mike Bowen Freddie Bridgeman
 Kris Butler Phillip Cox

June 18

*Ellis Reeder Roger Gentry
 Wally Henry Jay Hughes
 Rickey Littlejohn Mac McAuley

June 25

*Eddy Taylor Ross Montgomery
 Steve Montgomery Justin Moss
 Mark Patterson Bob Ray

**DEACONS ON CALL
 for JUNE 2023**

June 4

Kevin Koehler
 Jody Stringer
 Buddy Montgomery

June 11

Jerry Robbins
 Eddy Taylor
 Terry Wood

June 18

Jim Long
 Mark Vandiver
 Larry Young

June 25

Neal Anderson
 Craig Downing
 Jason Angle

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
 will meet on Wednesday, June 7
 at 5:00pm in the FH

COMMITTEE on COMMITTEES
 will meet on Sunday, June 25
 at 5:00pm in the FH



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JUNE 2023

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP



You are invited
 to a Bridal Tea
 honoring Miss Karleigh Kimbrell,
 bride-elect of Zac Peoples,
 on Sunday, June 4, 2023
 from 1:30pm-3:00pm in the
 Fellowship Hall.

RECESS

Friday, June 2 at 6:00pm
 in the Fellowship Hall.
 If you'd like to volunteer,
 please contact
 Danielle Davis

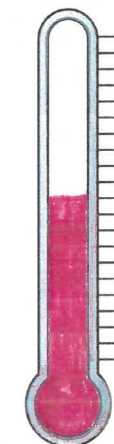
ACE Volleyball Camp

June 11-15 from 4:30pm-6:00pm
 in the church gym.
 A 5-day volleyball camp for girls in
 grades 3-6 that want to learn about
 the Gospel and the fundamentals of
 volleyball.
 Sign up forms are available in the office.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 Join us June 11-15 from 6:00pm-8:30pm
 Children ages 4 years old-6th graders
 If you would like to volunteer to help,
 please contact Danielle Davis

GOAL!



We are getting closer
 to our goal of
 \$2,000,000 to begin
 our
 Building
 Renovation-
 Currently we are at
 \$1,081,107.04



DEACONS MEETING
 Sun, June 18 at
 3:30pm in the FH



**BROTHERHOOD
 BREAKFAST**
 Sun, June 25
 at 7:00am
 in the FH



**LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL
 WALK/5K**

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2023
 Where: FBC gym parking lot
 Time: 8:00am
 Cost: \$25/person before 6/25 (guarantee t-shirt)
 \$30/person AFTER 6/25
 * Registration forms are available
 in church office



FIRST THINGS FIRST



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June 2023

Parson to Person

A lot of us love old-school church traditions...well, sometimes. Sometimes the “old-school” way just ain’t gonna work. For example, Vacation Bible School used to last FOUR (4) weeks. Later, some adjustments were made and VBS lasted FIVE (5) weeks! Can you imagine?!

It all started in 1894 when a public school teacher, D.T. Miles, felt like she was too limited by the constraints in her school to teach the Bible to the children. So, she started an everyday school during the summer to teach the Bible.

Later in 1898, Virginia Sinclair Hawes really got the VBS train rolling in church. She was the director of the children’s department at Epiphany Baptist Church in New York City. She let the kids come in their “play clothes.” Well, since the dress code was so casual, they obviously could not have it at church. So, Mrs. Hawes rented out a Beer Parlor in New York’s East side for VBS. That’s right, a Baptist Church rented out a Beer Parlor during the day so the kids could have VBS. That VBS lasted for five weeks.

Lesson number one, never ever underestimate the power of Baptist Woman who has made up her mind to teach children God’s Word. The next year the church wanted to have VBS in the church facilities. But the children had to dress appropriately in their Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes. It failed miserably. So, the next year VBS went back to the beer parlor and it blossomed from there.

Vacation Bible School is a tradition. It’s a great tradition. And part of the VBS tradition is change. The VBS I grew up going to had a stand-up chord and a sit-down chord. We sang hymns in the opening assembly. I’m falling asleep just writing about it.

Now, we’ve got cool music as the kids march in. Now, we’ve got motions to all of the songs. And Yes! The songs keep playing in our minds over and over for the rest of the summer! Now, we’ve got great decorations. Back when I went to VBS, we had no decorations. All we had back then was the violent game of Red-Rover.

I am super excited about VBS this year. There is a change. We will be having VBS at night. And we will be starting on Sunday—going through Thursday. This year we will have a bonafide meal to start off VBS. VBS will go from 6:00pm—8:30pm. I will be teaching the Bible study.

Please be in prayer for this year’s VBS. Our goal for the change is the same goal that existed since the first VBS—to reach as many kids as possible with the truth of God. We believe that these changes give us a better chance to reach more kids.

*But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me And do not hinder them,
For such belongs to the Kingdom of Heaven.”*
Matthew 19:14

Y-E-S to V-B-S!
Ken



June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY	3
4 1:30-3:00pm Bridal Tea for Karleigh Kimbrell	5	6	7 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM DAY	8 NATIONAL BEST FRIENDS DAY	9	10
-----GENERATE CAMP IN MARSHALL, TEXAS-----						
11	12	13	14	15	16 NATIONAL TAKE A ROAD TRIP DAY	17
-----VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL from 6:00pm-8:30pm-----						
18 <i>Happy Father's Day</i> 3:30pm Deacons' Mtg to Ocoee River—	19 12:00pm Sr. Adult Luncheon	20	21 6:30pm Children's Camp Parent Meeting	22	23 NATIONAL FOOD TRUCK DAY	24
25 7:00am Brotherhood Breakfast	26	27	28	29 NATIONAL HAND SHAKE DAY	30	
-----CENTRIKIDS CAMP 6/30-7/2-----						
LAST DAY TO ORDER A LWI T-SHIRT						