

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sunday School Total.....481
 First Day Worship.....318 (33)
 11:00am Worship.....169 (11)
 Total.....487 (44)

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Sunday School Total.....490
 First Day Worship.....353 (26)
 11:00am Worship.....155 (12)
 Total.....508 (38)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Sunday School Total.....471
 First Day Worship.....343 (28)
 11:00am Worship..... 165 (17)
 Total.....508 (45)

Sunday, April 28 2024

Sunday School Total.....507
 First Day Worship.....372 (25)
 11:00am Worship.....144 (0)
 Total.....516 (25)

APRIL 2024 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$347,014.08
 Received YTD.....\$338,607.14



Senior Adults

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00pm on Monday, May 20 for our Senior Adult Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Beth Norton- Bring a side dish and come!



Welcome to our new members...



Don Garnsay

**The Hodge Family
 Tyler, Carol,
 Jackson & Harley**



MISSION FRIENDS RECOGNITION
 Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30pm
 in the Sanctuary

Baby Dedication — Sunday, May 5
 If you would like for your child(ren) to be dedicated, please call the church office with the correct spelling of their name.

R.A. / G.A. RECOGNITION
 Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm
 in the Sanctuary.

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 Friday, May 10 at 6:00pm
 in the Fellowship Hall

FUSION RECOGNITION
 Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm
 in the Youth Room

If your child or youth is signed up to go to summer camp this year, please plan to attend the summer camp meeting for parents on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30pm.

You are invited to the Senior Piano Recital of Izzy Park and Benji Ross on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary of FBC

11:00am USHERS for May 2024
 (* indicates prayer door)

May 5-
 *Mark Griffith, Ben Howard,
 Jay Hughes, Dean Jousan,
 Matt Koon, Rickey Littlejohn

May 12-
 *Howard Hill, Carey McMullen,
 Brayden Lunn, Ross Montgomery,
 Steve Montgomery, Justin Moss

May 19-
 *Chad Anthony, Pete Reeder,
 Jay Reeder, Clark Sexton,
 George Stegall, Micah Grubbs

May 26-
 *Chase Jefcoat, Bryan Warren,
 Joe Brown, Dee Atkins,
 Joe Austin, Phillip Cox

Head Usher for May

**If you are unable to fulfill your duty as usher, please contact the head usher or find someone to take your place.

DEACONS ON CALL
 for MAY 2024

May 5
 Richie Chrestman
 Neal Anderson
 Craig Downing

May 12
 Sam Gibbs
 Chad Anthony
 Mark Griffith

May 19
 Glenn Gillen
 Howard Hill
 Kevin Morrow

May 26
 Scott Hatcher
 Chase Jefcoat
 Ellis Reeder



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May 2024

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT at FBC

Calling all Pickleballers!!
 Summer serving in
 Southern France Mission Fundraiser
 supporting Oliver Gibbs-
 SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
 Sign-in begins at 8:30am
 \$80 per team
 Doubles Teams Only
 Lunch will be provided for players
 For more info, call (662) 419-6887

Senior Tables will be ready for decorating on Sunday, May 5 after church.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL
 Our children's choirs will perform their summer musical in the Sanctuary at 5:00pm on Sunday, May 5. **Join us in the Fellowship Hall afterwards for sandwiches and snacks!



CONGRATULATIONS
 to the
 CLASS OF 2024

Will Angle (SPHS)	Connor Kilpatrick (PHS)
Rhodes Anthony (NPFS)	Ella Lilly (NPFS)
Mollie Butler (PHS)	Landon Long (PHS)
Breanna Crowley (SPHS)	Izzy Park (PHS)
Buddy Ferguson (PHS)	Benji Ross (PHS)
Aiden Harris (TCPS)	Zoey Tether (PHS)

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 12 at 11:00am for Baccalaureate to honor these graduates.



VOLUNTEER BANQUET

Let us thank each of you that volunteer with our children and youth! We want to honor you with a dinner on Wed, May 22 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and make plans to come!

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST
 Sunday, May 26 at 7:30am in the GYM



DEACONS MEETING
 Sunday, May 19 at 3:30pm
 in the Fellowship Hall



LIVING WATER 5K MEETING
 Sunday, May 19 at 5:00pm in the FH





FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Clay Stegall-
Associate Pastor

Justin Cobb-
Minister of Youth

Danielle Davis-
Minister of Children

Zach Keller / Mickey Gentry- Ministers of Music

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Dr. Ken Hester, Pastor

May 2024

Parson to Person

It is a big transition. Ready or not. Some of our families signed up their little child to go to school for the first time. The innocent days of just play are too quickly coming to an end. Some are making the transition to junior high. Some are making the transition to high school. Some are making the transition out of high school. May is a big transition month. Some families will make the transition to move into our area and some will make the transition to move away.

Transition brings a lot of emotions to the surface. Graduation brings lots of pictures, back-slaps, hugs, smiles, and maybe a tear or two. We are excited about what is to come. We are a bit anxious about what's ahead. We have more questions than answers. We will face these days with a spirit of adventure daring the great unknown with a smile. All the while we mask our nerves behind a false bravado. "Fake it till you make it," becomes our mode of operation.

As the sun sets on one phase of our life, the sun dawns on the next. The daylight forces us out of our bed of the comfortable known. We rub the clouded past from our eyes only to squint at the brightness of our new today. The song lyrics, "the future is so bright I gotta wear shades" seems to mean that we may be too reluctant to face what it is ahead.

I can't give you the answers to your questions. No one can give you the answers to your questions, except for God. And He ain't telling. Well, at least, not yet.

What God does do for us, He points us in the right direction. He knows the way, but we are the ones who have to walk it. We have to "walk it like we talk it."

Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." So, the navigation of life needs to come from the Word of God. The Bible is kind of like that GPS on your phone. He will tell you what's ahead and where to turn, but only if you are listening. That phone GPS doesn't steer the car for you. Nope. You have to be in the Word to hear the Word.

One thing is for certain. You cannot stay where you are. Ready or not. We have to move. And if we choose to live in the past, we are going against the stream of life. Life pushes us forward.

That push forward - well, sometimes it's a blessing and sometimes it feels like a curse. Regardless of whether or not we want it, that push forward is real. And that push forward can seem harsh on some days. But one day, when you've pushed forward on enough days, you'll see that the push forward is really a gracious thing. That push forward graciously believed in us more than we believed in ourselves. That push forward made us who we are and keeps the excitement burning on what we will become.

So, yeah. May is a big transition. But God has brought us to it, and God will see us through it. So, "Carry on my wayward son."

Push Forward,

Ken



MAY 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 5:00pm Our last Family Night Meal Mission Friends Recognition	2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	3	4 PICKEL BALL TOURNAMENT for Oliver Gibbs
5 11:00am Baby Dedication 5:00pm Children's Summer Musical	6 NATIONAL NURSE'S DAY	7	8 R.A./ G.A. Recognition 6:30pm Youth at ByFaith	9	10 6:00pm RECESS NIGHT NATIONAL CLEAN YOUR ROOM DAY	11 NATIONAL EAT WHAT YOU WANT DAY
12 Mother's Day 11:00am Baccalaureate Service	13 NATIONAL APPLE PIE DAY	14 6:00pm Senior Recital for Izzy Park and Benji Ross	15 6:30pm Fusion Recognition 6:30pm Youth at ByFaith	16	17	18 NATIONAL NO DIRTY DISHES DAY
19 1:30-3:00pm Baby Shower for Brooke Anthony 3:30pm Deacons Meeting 5:00pm LWI 5K meeting	20 12:00pm Senior Adult Luncheon	21	22 6:00pm Volunteer Banquet in FH	23	24 NATIONAL BROTHER'S DAY	25
26 7:30am Brotherhood Breakfast in GYM	27 OFFICE CLOSED for MEMORIAL DAY	28 NATIONAL BURGER DAY	29 104BLAST Begins 6:30pm Summer Camp meetings for parents	30	31 NATIONAL SMILE DAY	

