VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, April 7, 2024 Sunday School Total.

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

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 Total471
First Day Worship343 (28)
11:00am Worship 165 (17)
Total508 (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

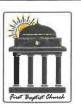
May 12 Sam Gibbs **Chad Anthony Mark Griffith**

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

Senior Tables will be ready for decorating

For more info, call (662) 419-6887

CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL

on Sunday, May 5 after church.

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) **Rhodes Anthony (NPHS)** Mollie Butler (PHS) **Breanna Crowley (SPHS) Buddy Ferguson (PHS)**

Aiden Harris (TCPS)

You are invited

to a Baby Shower

in honor of

Mrs. Brooke Anthony

on Sunday, May 19, 2024

from 1:30-3:00pm

in the Fellowship Hall.

Brooke is registered at

Amazon, Ultra Violet,

and The Red Door

Connor Kilpatrick (PHS) Ella Lilly (NPHS) Landon Long (PHS) Izzy Park (PHS) Benji Ross (PHS) **Zoey Tether (PHS)**

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

CHANGE!!

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



VOLUNTEER BANQUET

Let us thank each of

vou 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

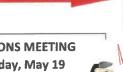
BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 26

at 7:30am

in the GYM

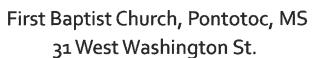
LIVING WATER 5K MEETING Sunday, May 19 at 5:00pm in the FH







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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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 your 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	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	3	4 PICKEL BALL TOURNAMENT for Oliver Gibbs
5 11:00am Baby Dedication 5:00pm Children's Summer Gay! Musical	6 NATIONAL NURSE'S DAY	7	8 R.A./ G.A. Recognition 6:30pm Youth at ByFaith	9	6:00pm rECESS NIGHT NATIONAL CLEAN YOUR ROOM DAY	NATIONAL EAT WHAT YOU WANT DAY
Mother's Day 11:00am Baccalaureate Service	NATIONAL APPLE PIE DAY	6:00pm Senior Recital for Izzy Park and Benji Ross	15 6:30pm Fusion Recognition 6:30pm Youth at ByFaith	16	17	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	6:00pm Volunteer Banquet in FH	23	NATIONAL BROTHER'S DAY	25
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	NATIONAL SMILE DAY	