



FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Parson to Person

Baby monitors. They are great. Here's the story.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" asked the 4 year old to his little brother who had just turned three.

The little brother lay on the bottom bunk, still sucking on his sippy cup. Then the older brother couldn't take it anymore. He asked the little brother another question, "Wanna know what I want to be when I grow up?"

"What?" came the question the 4 year old had longed for.

"I'm gonna be a fireman. I'll get to wear that cool hat, squirt water with that hose, and ride in the fire truck. That's going to be so cool."

The ever-competitive little brother sucked down his last bit of juice from his sippy cup and said, "Wanna know what I'ma be when I get big?"

"I wanna be a fire truck."

"You can't be a fire truck."

"Can too!"

"Can not!"

"Can too! Mama said I can be whatever I want to be when I get big."

The older brother leaned over the side of the bed, looked down at his younger brother, and said, "But you can't be a fire truck."

"Mama! Mama! Gawett (3 year old for "Garrett") says I can't be a fire truck! Mama! Mama!"

Of course, Mama and Daddy are laughing hysterically. But Mama gets up from her bed and makes her way to the boys' room. The 4 year old blurts, "Mama, George wants to be a fire truck when he grows up."

Mama sits on the bottom bunk, takes the sippy cup, further tucks the 3 year old under the covers, and asks, "Don't you mean you want to be a fire MAN?"

"No, Mama. I wanna be a fire truck."

Brushing back little George's hair as he lay on his pillow, his Mama said, "Well, you've still got some time to make that decision. If you want to be a fire truck right now...well... We'll see what you want to become when you get older."



Smiling, the 3 year old said, "Okay, Mama." And then quipped at the older brother. "See, I told ya."

"Now both of y'all be quiet and go to sleep."

On May 7 we will have our Baby Dedication. And then on May 14, we will have our Baccalaureate service. Rest assured little ones do grow up. And they grow up way too fast. And we as church must do our best to help these young ones (and those who are trying to parent them) grow up in a mighty confusing world.

So, let us all raise our sippy cups and salute these blessings!

Salute!
Bro. Ken

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NATIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S DAY	2 NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY	3 *Last Family Night Supper	4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5	6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DELIA KELLER 
7 11:00am Baby Dedication 5:00pm Children's Choir Musical	8	9 11:00am Faith, Flowers, & Fellowship	10 RA/GA Recognition	11	12 6:00pm rECCESS NIGHT	13 NATIONAL FRUIT COCKTAIL DAY 
14 Happy Mother's Day Baccalaureate Service	15 12:00pm Sr. Adult Luncheon	16 --- SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO PICKWICK, TN ---	17 Fusion Recognition	18	19 NATIONAL DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE DAY	20
21 3:30pm Deacon's Meeting 6:00pm Volunteer Banquet	22 NATIONAL VANILLA PUDDING DAY	23	24 104BLAST Begins	25	26 NATIONAL BLUEBERRY CHEESECAKE DAY	27 NATIONAL GRAPE POPSICLE DAY
28 7:00am Brotherhood Breakfast	29 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY Church Office CLOSED	30	31 NATIONAL SMILE DAY			

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Sunday School Total.....388
 First Day Worship.....282 (12)
 11:00am Worship.....131 (12)
 Total.....413 (24)

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Sunday School Total.....482
 First Day Worship.....614 (14)
 11:00am Worship.....228 (14)
 Total.....842 (28)

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Sunday School Total.....390
 First Day Worship.....300 (14)
 11:00am Worship.....140 (11)
 Total.....440 (25)

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Sunday School Total.....408
 First Day Worship.....275 (17)
 11:00am Worship.....174 (17)
 Total.....449 (34)

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Sunday School Total.....
 First Day Worship.....
 11:00am Worship.....
 Total.....

MARCH 2023 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$399,565.08
 Received YTD.....\$323,043.36

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Luncheon on
 Monday, May at 12:00pm
 in the FH.
 Bring a dish and join us!

Pickwick, TN Trip
 May 16-18, 2023

\$250 includes meals

Call the church office to sign up.



Hey FirstKids and Parents!
 May is here, and that means
 our summer programming is right
 around the corner! 104Blast will
 officially begin on Wednesday May 24th.
 Be sure to stay tuned for more
 information coming soon!
 Also, thank you to everyone who's made
 this year of Mission Friends, RAs, GAs,
 and Fusion so great!
 -Mrs. Danielle

FBC YTH

Summer is right around the corner!
 If you have not finished paying for
 Generate, Super Summer, and the
 White Water Rafting Trip, now is the
 time to do so.
 Thank ya'll so much for supporting all
 of our fundraisers this year!

Welcome to our new members...



Elliott Gibbs



Caroline Howard



Delia Keller



Evelyn Rose
 Merritt

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

May 7

*Richie Chrestman, Mike Bowen,
 Joe Austin, Freddie Bridgeman,
 Tim Burchfield, Terry Butler

May 14

*Billy Montgomery, Phillip Cox,
 Bill Cook, Wally Henry,
 Ricky Hill, Clark Sexton

May 21

*Buddy Montgomery, Jay Hughes
 Ross Montgomery, Ben Howard,
 Rickey Littlejohn,
 Mitch Montgomery

May 28

*Eddy Taylor, Joe Brown,
 Steve Montgomery, Bob Ray,
 David Ray, Jay Reeder

**DEACONS ON CALL
 for APRIL 2023**

May 7

Neal Anderson @ 489-7710
 Craig Downing @ 419-5124
 Jason Angle @ 488-1463

May 14

Chad Anthony @ 308-0762
 Mark Griffith @ 816-9506
 Mark Crenshaw @ 418-6245

May 21

Howard Hill @ 419-6464
 Kevin Morrow @ 419-0532
 Sam Dowdy @ 419-5508

May 28

Chase Jefcoat @ 397-5111
 Ellis Reeder @ 419-8881
 Billy Montgomery @ 488-7169

Thank you so much for coming
 out and supporting our
 Night of Worship at the
 Gateway Pavilion!
 What a great night we had
 worshipping our Lord with
 churches around Pontotoc!



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MAY 2023

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP



**CONGRATULATIONS
 to our
 2023 GRADUATES**

Connor Armstrong Trey Riley
 Chance Blanchard Ryan Shirley
 Carson Long Emery Tedder
 Lake Trimble



FAITH, FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, May 9 from 11am-1pm at
 The Farmstead in Oxford, MS.
 Take a flower farm tour with lunch
 following. If you'd like to go, contact
 Kerry Koehler at 488-5819.



BACCALAUREATE

Sunday, May 14 during both
 morning services.
 *Senior Tables will be set up in the
 church gym

DEACONS MEETING

Sun, May 21 at 3:30pm in the FH



BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11:00am

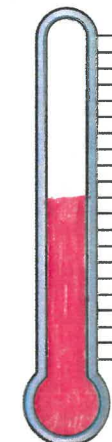
If you would like to have your child(ren)
 dedicated, please contact the church
 office by Wednesday, May 3.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SING

Our children's choirs will perform their
 end of the year program in the
 Sanctuary on Sunday, May 7 at 5:00pm.



GOAL!



We are getting closer
 to our goal of
 \$2,000,000 to begin
 our
 Building
 Renovation-
 Currently we are at
 \$1,011,413.38

**VOLUNTEER
 BANQUET**

Sun, May 21
 at 6:00pm
 in the FH.
 Theme:
 HAWAIIAN
 If you help with
 children or
 youth, this is for
 you!
 Join us for a
 great night!

**BROTHERHOOD
 BREAKFAST**

Sun, May 28at
 7:00am
 in the FH



OFFICE CLOSED!
 Our church office
 will be closed on
 Mon, May 29 for
 Memorial Day