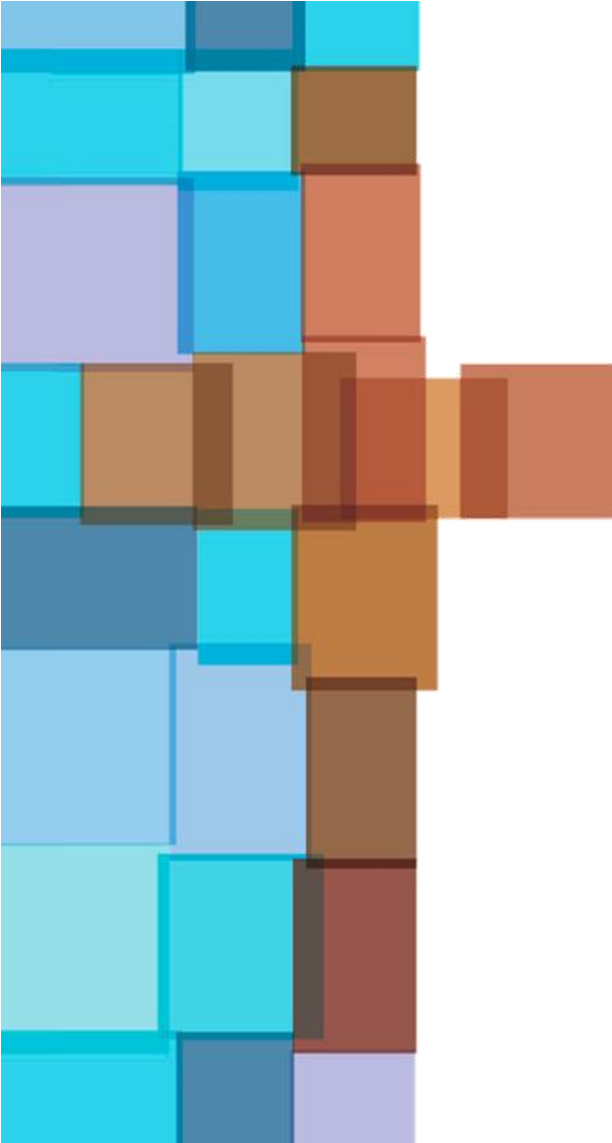




# First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

May 5, 2024



...the life  
I now live  
in the flesh  
I live by  
faith in  
the Son  
of God,  
who  
loved me  
and gave  
himself  
for me.

Galatians 2:20, NRSV

# *Welcome to First Baptist Church!*

*We are a warm fellowship of Christian believers.*

*We trust you will be blessed by your visit today. Here you can find wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and Christian growth. Please join us again.*

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**The Worship of God**  
**May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

Meditation: "Jesus came to announce to us that an identity based on success, popularity and power is a false identity- an illusion! Loudly and clearly he says: 'You are not what the world makes you; but you are children of God.'"  
- Henri J. M. Nouwen

Prelude

Robert Wilson

Lighting of the Gospel Candles

Rudy MacKenzie Dunlap

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

**"O Church of God, Reach Up, Reach Out!"**  
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Chancel Choir

O Church of God, this is your hour, This is the time to show your pow'r,  
Rise up, O Church begin anew, The Lord has made this day for you!  
O Church of God, reach up, reach out!

\*Opening Hymn 379

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

Invocation and Welcome

David Jennings

Special Music

“Seek First the Kingdom”

Young Musicians

Kayla Beard, director

Words and music by Dennis Allen and Nan Allen

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Refrain:

Seek first the kingdom of God. Seek first His righteousness.

And all the good things, the good things of life, yes, they will be added to you.

If he feeds the birds of the air, if he clothes the flowers we see,

How much more will He provide for all that you need? Refrain

Search for God with all of your heart. Trust His Word, and walk by His side.

As a child of God you want to do what is right. Refrain

Special Music

“Be Forgiving and Kind”

Music Makers

Jonah Maze and Claire Hudson, directors; Lou Hilley, assistant

Text based on Matthew 5:7

Words and music by Ruth Elaine Schram

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Be forgiving and kind. Be forgiving and kind.

Be forgiving and kind like Jesus. Be forgiving and kind.

Jesus taught us how to live; always be kind, always forgive.

Be forgiving and kin. Be forgiving and kind.

Be forgiving and kind like Jesus. Be forgiving and kind.

*(After their choir sings, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a  
Children’s Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children’s Church.)*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 98

Rudy MacKenzie Dunlap

(Pew Bible, OT, page 514)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

\*Offertory Hymn 328

“O Sing to the Lord”

CANTAD AL SEÑOR

Verse 1: Chancel Choir

**Verses 2 and 3: Congregation**

Offertory Prayer

Ryan Hewitt

\*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

Anna Burch

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy  
**The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Galatians 2:15-21

Johnny McKinney

(Pew Bible, NT, page 166)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”

Chancel Choir

Words by John Newton (Stanza 4 Anonymous), Music from *Virginia Harmony*

Arranged by Jack Schrader

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.  
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there, ten thousand years, bright as the shining sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.

Amazing grace! Amazing grace; how sweet the sound, the sound.

Sermon

“Identity Gift”

Johnny McKinney

\*Hymn of Commitment 581 “I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

\*Benediction

Johnny McKinney

\*Choral Response

“I Am with You Always”

Chancel Choir

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I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Postlude

Robert Wilson

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

### **FBC Wants to Celebrate with You!**

The First Baptist Church family wants to honor any student (high school, technical school, college, or graduate school) associated with First Baptist who graduated in the Fall of 2023 or who will graduate in the Spring or Summer of 2024. These students will be recognized during worship on May 19. Graduate information may be submitted via email to [gfbesc@gmail.com](mailto:gfbesc@gmail.com) or brought to the church office. **The church office needs the information below no later than this Friday, May 10.**

#### **Graduate Information Needed:**

- Graduate's Name
- School
- Date of Graduation (Month/Year)
- Degree, if applicable
- Future Plans
- A Recent Photo

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Thomason by Bill and Nancy Thomason.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## May Is State Missions Emphasis Month at FBC

### Sunday, May 5

- 9:30 am 2025 Ministry Plan Development meeting for committee chairs
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live at the home of the Firmins (408 Lakeport Dr.)

### Monday May 6—Noon, Deadline for May 8 Family Night Meal

- 10:30 am Alma Johnson Circle at the home of Lee Wyndham
- 6:30 pm Rosemary Benjamin Circle hosted by Donna Firmin

### Tuesday, May 7

- 10:00 am Dement-Waldrop Circle
- 10:30 am *Sounds of Grace*
- 11:45 am Never Grow Old Club

### Wednesday, May 8

- 5:00 pm Family Night Meal
  - Adult menu:** chicken pot pie/shepherd's pie, creamed potatoes, broccoli and mixed vegetables, salad, fruit, apple cobbler, ice cream, cookies
  - Children's menu:** chicken tenders
- 5:30 pm Children's Music activities and Choirs
- 6:30 pm CIAs and Infant and Toddler Childcare, Holy Ground (youth)
  - Building Blocks (adults)
  - Chancel Choir
- 7:15 pm Youth Choir

### Thursday, May 9

- 6:30 am Chokhmah Men's Breakfast at Howard's on Main
- 10:00 am Betty Schopp Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Sunday, May 12—Happy Mother's Day

- 9:30 am Executive Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:50 pm NO Youth Choir

### Monday May 13—Noon, Deadline for May 15 Family Night Meal

- 6:00 pm Laucis-Parham Circle

# CHURCH NEWS

## **CIA's Need Your Coins (Dollars Also Accepted)**

The CIA project for May is collecting money to help build a playground for Pathway House. Collection containers are in the office and the children's carpeted area.

## ***Sounds of Grace Spring Concert at Never Grow Old***

The *Sounds of Grace* will present a spring concert of sacred music at the *Never Grow Old* Fellowship on Tuesday, May 7. The senior choir is directed by David Corbitt and accompanied by Stephanie Turner. The program will begin at 11:45 am, followed by the catered meal. Please come and bring a guest to support our dedicated senior choir members. The menu for the meal is chicken strips, macaroni pie, green beans, and strawberry shortcake. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. The group will not meet again until October.

## **Chokhmah Men's Group**

The Chokhmah Men's Group will meet at Howard's on Main at 6:30 am, Thursday, May 9. The group has also scheduled a church outdoor workday on May 18. For additional information, please contact Jason Reed (864) 941-7141.

## **Young at Heart**

Beth Hardage is assisting Nancy Rooney as co-leader of the Young at Heart group. The group's next meeting is at noon on Tuesday, May 14 at the Country Club.

## **Serious Illness in Christian Research Study**

A local nurse-researcher is conducting a research study about the personal experiences of Christians who regularly attend church and are living with a serious illness that was diagnosed at least one year ago. Participants must speak English and be between 18 and 88 years old. More information is available on the bulletin board near the church office or by calling Judy Lentz, RN, MSN at 864-323-2769.

## **Help Needed on Sunday**

Help is needed on Sunday with the sound and camera crew. To learn more about the position or for questions, please contact Keith Jameson at 229-5557 or [keithjameson@hotmail.com](mailto:keithjameson@hotmail.com).

## Building Blocks

In May, in addition to the ongoing Building Blocks of Chancel Choir and *Growing on Grace*, Mary Frances Thompson and Bill Harris will each offer an option.

Mary Frances has decided to change topics and will lead a study of *In the Footsteps of the Savior*. Each session has an approximately twenty minute video of various locations in the Holy Land with Max Lucado teaching about a particular scripture. Following the video, Mary Frances will use the series' study guide to lead participants in a group study and discussion.

Bill will lead a group discussion on "faith for the rest of the way." The discussion is based on the ideas presented by Richard Rohr in his book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Participants will share discoveries and changes in faith through the stages of life. Anyone who would like the Rohr book is asked to contact Cathy Harris (341-2290).

## M&M Night (Music and Missions)

Join us Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for M&M Night where our children's music activity group and choirs and CIAs will share what they have learned about this year. Your presence lets our children know you care about their spiritual growth.

## CIA Fun Night

CIA Fun Night is Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 pm. Children, dress for messy games, weather permitting! Parents, prepare for the trip home.

## Children's Family Bowling Night

Children and their families will go bowling Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

**Reservations are needed by Thursday, May 23.**

## Vacation Bible School 2024

*Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid* is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 23-26. Supper is at 5:30 pm and Vacation Bible School is from 6:00 pm-8:15 pm for children who were in 3K –5th grade during the 2023-2024 school year. Invite friends. **RSVP by June 18.** We will decorate on Thursday, June 20, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Volunteer Help

A volunteer is needed for Children's Church (3K-5K) on the first Sunday in June, August, October, and December. Please contact Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## **Camp Prism**

Camp Prism is July 16-19 at Bonclarken. The theme is *Free to be God's People* (Exodus). Camp is for completed 3rd-5th graders. The cost is \$190.00 with a **\$50.00 deposit due on May 24**. The parent and camper meeting is Sunday, July 14. Mary Weaver has offered to chaperone. If you are interested in chaperoning or know someone who is, please let Anna know!

## **Splash Pad Fun**

While the older kids are at Camp Prism, the younger kids will have a splash pad night, Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm! Alice and Terry Gilchrist will be there, since Anna will be at camp, and will provide an icee treat!

## **Sunday Night Live Tonight**

Tonight is Sunday Night Live night at the home of Donna and Jim Firmin (408 Lakeport Dr.) 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.

## **Ministry Plan Update (as of April 28):**

2024 Year-to-Date Required:	\$323,133.79
2024 Year-to-Date Received:	\$265,288.02
2024 Deficit:	\$ 57,845.77



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