

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS & CHAPERONES

The following FBC students and chaperones leave Monday, June 1 for Immokalee, FL to work with our CBF mission partner, Cultivate Abundance. Please pray for safe travel and a wonderful experience for all who are attending:

John Bishop, *Chaperone*
Andrew Marchman, *Chaperone*
Suzanne Reece, *Chaperone*
Anna Grace Barbieri
London Flanders
Ava Hall
Mary Jack Smith

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 24



FROM OUR PASTOR

Seeing Green

This time of year, when I look out the window from my study at home, all I see is green. Our house sits on a wooded lot with plenty of oak and hickory trees, along with a few dogwoods and pine saplings mixed in. In the dead of winter, the view from my window is stark and bare. But with summer almost here, all I see is green—and that makes me smile.

Green has always been my favorite color. As a child, the green crayon was the one I wore down the quickest. No picture was complete without some green in it. And today, I'm still biased. I love a green traffic light, a green pen, green grass in my yard, green beans, and green M&M's. Green soothes my soul and warms my heart.

Green also reminds me of my need to grow — in faith, in love, in patience, and in understanding. No matter our age, we are invited by God to keep growing and maturing, becoming more like Jesus. As Paul wrote, "Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

This summer, I encourage you to be intentional in your growth as a Christian. It doesn't have to be complicated or burdensome. Instead, take some simple steps to deepen your discipleship and faith in God. Those steps might include reading from the Gospels each day, coming to Bible study and worship on Sundays, volunteering in a local ministry, praying more often, or simply sitting in silence with God.

However you choose to grow, ask God to help you. Set simple and achievable goals. Give yourself plenty of grace along the way. And give thanks whenever you begin to see the fruit of the Spirit emerging in your life.

May this summer be a green and growing season for us all.

Your pastor and friend,

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

REGISTER TODAY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's time to register for VBS! **This year, the registration link not only allows you to register your child, but as a volunteer as well!** Please scan the QR code to register or find the link in your e-Spire or on the website.



VBS WORK SCHEDULE

Help us as we begin our journey into Egypt and learn all about Joseph! We will be working in the gym from May 26-28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning in June, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you are able to help at any point during those times set up for VBS, it would be greatly appreciated!

STUDENT NEWS

MISSION IMMERSION TRIP TO IMMOKALEE, FLA.

Begin praying now for those planning to travel to Immokalee June 1 - 6 for a hands-on missions experience. Pray for safety and for all those involved. Pray also for the mission and ministry of Cultivate Abundance led by our CBF Global Mission Personnel, Rick and Ellen Burnette. Cultivate Abundance is working daily to address the food insecurity of Immokalee's farm workers. Their work is year-round as they grow, collect, and share nutritious food and seek to provide for the individuals and families they serve. Finally, pray for the hearts and minds of each person to be open to experience not only the work and mission of Cultivate Abundance, but to be open to the work and movement of God in their lives.

CHAPERONES NEEDED FOR M28 SUMMER CAMP

Students will attend M28 camp at Lake Junaluska, NC, from July 11 - 14. We are in need of one male chaperone and two female chaperones. If you are interested in chaperoning this trip, please reach out to April Lucas ASAP!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER OF THE GOSPELS

Let's spend some time this summer wading around in the Gospels. We'll read the Gospels together throughout June, July, and August. There will be reading plans, reflection experiences, and discussion opportunities. How might our lives be impacted if we spend these three months reading and exploring the teachings and truth of the Gospels? Author Annie F. Downs says, "You don't have to read the Gospels every day to be changed, but every day you read the Gospels will change you." Let's join together as a congregation and commit to reading the Gospels this summer. Stay tuned for a reading plan, as well as dates for discussion. Also, there will be options for listening to the Gospels daily if that's a better option for you.

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS

Throughout this month, deacon nomination forms are available in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. You can also submit your nominations by using this QR Code. All nominations are due by Friday, May 29.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are in need of more volunteers at the Community Kitchen for the following dates: May 27-29, June 24-26, July 29-31. Volunteer times are 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., but you are welcome to drop in and help whenever available. Please contact Mary Rolan if you have any questions or would like to serve! (Volunteers must be ages 12 and up with a parent, or 16 and up without a parent.)

MISSIONS

MAY MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Throughout the month of May, we will be highlighting the work and ministry of the William S. Davies Homeless Shelters. The men's shelter houses up to 16 men at a time, and the women's shelter houses up to 8 single women or 4 women with children. The Davies Shelter has a new director, Matt Stacy, who recently joined the shelters as the Executive Director in February of this year. The Davies Shelters seek to provide restoration and hope through the experience of shared community. Pray for Matt as he leads and for all those who are currently living in one of the Davies shelters.

Volunteer Opportunity!

We need new and additional volunteers to help in the Church Office.
Call 706.291.6850 to sign up.



CHILDREN'S CONCERT



Our youngest singers entertained everyone with a concert recently. Thank you everyone, for supporting our children!



GIVING TO GOD

APRIL 2026

April Offerings	\$118,242.00
April Budgeted Offerings	\$180,000 .00
April Expenses	\$296,716.00
April Budgeted Expenses	\$254,612.00
Income YTD	\$1,717,873.63
Budgeted Offerings YTD	\$1,467,147.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$1,542,660.00
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$1,595,792.00

May 23- June 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday
 Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Worship 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
 YouTube Channel
 Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)

Monday, May 25

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 27 - Friday, May 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

Wednesday, May 27

Prayers & Reflections, F.H. 12:00 pm
 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 5:30 pm

Thursday, May 28

Safety & Security Committee, Conf. Rm. 4:00 pm
 Committee on Committees, Conf. Rm. 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 30

Minister of Worship Search Committee, Conf. Rm. 10:00 am

Sunday, May 31

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ AM 1410) 9:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Worship/World Hunger Offering 11:00 am
 Available on: FBC Website
 YouTube Channel
 Comcast Channel 44 (delayed by one week)

Wednesday, June 3

Prayers & Reflections, F.H. 12:00 pm
 Properties Committee, Conf. Rm. 1:00 pm
 Deacon Nominating Committee, Conf. Rm. 4:00 pm
 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite 5:30 pm

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 24, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Payne by Mary Louise Payne, Kevin, Chad and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 24, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edd and Bea Richards by Sharon Baker.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, May 31, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Dempsey on the occasion of his birthday by Marsha Dempsey and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, May 31, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Shirley Kinney by Kathy Kinney.

THIS WEEK: MAY 24

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SERMON: "The Waiting is the Hardest Part"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-8; 2:1-4

ANTHEM: "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

MAY 27 at Noon | Fellowship Hall

Chicken Salad, Spinach Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Croissants, French Silk Pie

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 22 - 23):

Suzanne Reece 706.509.2003

NEXT WEEK: MAY 31

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION: ANDREW, IVY KATE, AND AVA GRACE MARCHMAN

COMMISSIONING OF IMMOKALEE MISSION TEAM

SERMON: "Never Grow Up"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 18:1-5

ANTHEM: "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

by Mary McDonald

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

June 3 at Noon | Fellowship Hall

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Macaroni Salad, Lemon Bars

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MINISTER ON CALL (MAY 29 - 30):

Kristen Mathis 706.509.2003

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

EXTENDED FAMILY

Edith Gray, 101, still going strong! Edith - who celebrated her birthday in March - is our oldest member. We love you, Edith!



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