

From the Pastor's Desk:

Wow! Spring of 2024 is here! There are so many exciting things about the coming of Spring. When I was a boy, it was a standard ritual for the windows to be opened and the mattresses to be "aired" out, and the house was cleaned from top to bottom and inside and out! When we observe the beauty of God's creation, and we begin to see the flowers budding and the trees growing beautiful foliage and the birds singing and the land around us beginning to awaken for another growing season. Winter is done and Spring is here! For someone that does not like cold weather, PRAISE GOD! As we enjoy the beauty and bounty of Spring, reflect on the scriptures, found in the Song of Songs (Solomon) 2:10-13: *"My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."* The scriptures speak of two people that are in love and the one asking the other to arise and come away with them. Well, Jesus is saying to us: Arise and claim the Grace that I have brought to you and the beauty of my creation and let us walk together in the beauty of the Spring! Metaphorically speaking, and speaking directly, we are to recognize His Creation and we are to Embrace His Grace and walk with Him through this life! Praise God for warm weather and the passing of Winter! P.S. Remember to "Spring Forward" with your clocks on March 10, 2024! Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

In His Love,
Pastor Glen



March 2024

Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for March is:

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love.
Ephesians 3:16-17 KJV

March 2024 Bible Reading Schedule

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| Day 1 | Luke 22-24 | Day 16 | John 7-9 |
| Day 2 | Numbers 1-3 | Day 17 | John 10-12 |
| Day 3 | Numbers 4-6 | Day 18 | John 13-15 |
| Day 4 | Numbers 7-9 | Day 19 | John 16-18 |
| Day 5 | Numbers 10-12 | Day 20 | John 19-21 |
| Day 6 | Numbers 13-15 | Day 21 | Deuteronomy 1-3 |
| Day 7 | Numbers 16-18 | Day 22 | Deuteronomy 4-6 |
| Day 8 | Numbers 19-21 | Day 23 | Deuteronomy 7-9 |
| Day 9 | Numbers 22-24 | Day 24 | Deuteronomy 10-12 |
| Day 10 | Numbers 25-27 | Day 25 | Deuteronomy 13-15 |
| Day 11 | Numbers 28-30 | Day 26 | Deuteronomy 16-18 |
| Day 12 | Numbers 31-33 | Day 27 | Deuteronomy 19-21 |
| Day 13 | Numbers 34-36 | Day 28 | Deuteronomy 22-24 |
| Day 14 | John 1-3 | Day 29 | Deuteronomy 25-27 |
| Day 15 | John 4-6 | Day 30 | Deuteronomy 28-30 |
| | | Day 31 | Deuteronomy 31-34 |

SAVE THE DATE

Meetings/Gatherings this Month:

Thursday, March 7th: Baptist Men Meet @ Blvd Pizza at 6:30pm

Monday, March 11th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 2:00pm in the FMC

Monday, March 11th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Monday, March 18th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group

Monday, March 18th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Thursday, March 21st: O.W.L.S. going to Rudy Theatre @ 10:00am

Saturday, March 23rd: Concealed Carry Class 7:00am to 5:00pm

Monday, March 25th: Deacon's Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Tuesday, March 26th: O.W.L.S. Monthly Meeting in the FMC

Saturday, March 30th: Easter Egg Hunt @10:00am

Sunday, March 31st: "Sonrise" Service @ 7:00am with breakfast following

Sunday, March 31st: Sunday School @10:00am

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Worship Service with Easter Play @11:00am

Every Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Youth Bible Study at 6:00pm

Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult & Children)

Choir Practice @ 7:00pm

Mission Marketplace

Open for Shopping on Saturday, March 2nd & Wednesdays, March 6th & 20th



Recurring Prayer Needs

Shawn Allen

James Bailey

Margie Baker

Nancy Batchelor

Kim Bertaux

Betty Blanton

Camden Blanton

Lester Boyd

Natalie Brock

Carolyn Brown

Kathy Carter

Greg Clay

Heather Cooke

Tim Cooke

Clyde Cornell

Brian Cox

Wendy Cox

Tim Craig

Anna Creech

Lynsay Creech

Tracy Crocker

Wayne Currie

Angela Curtman

Criag Custer

Ray Davis

Charles Driver

Shirley Earp

Ervin Edwards

Phyllis Edwards

Brad Ferrell

Tim & Laura Ford

William Ray Fuller

Candice Green

Doug Hahn

Gayle Haines

Randy Hales

Teresa Harrell

Jimmy Rex Harris

Cindy Hauer

Leslie Hepler

Margorie Hill

Mike & Georgia Himmel

Bucky Hinnant

Douglas Hinton

Von Hobbs

Al Hocutt

Elizabeth Hocutt

William Hocutt

Carl Holt

Pat Horton

Joan Hunter

Bruce Jacobs

Kenneth Jones

Kim Kasai

Oscar Lane

Jerry & Linda Lee

Kay Maningas

Anna Martin

Cathy Maynard

Pam Maynor

Jayne McBurney

Pat Mitchell

Jonathan Newell

Mike O'Neal

Teresa O'Neal

David Peters

Rusty Petit

Susie Peoples

Eddie Perry

Clarice Peterson

Larry Price

Joan Privette

Cameron Richardson

Tony Richardson

Kenneth Rose

Christi Sasser

Mykayla Smith

Ray & Donna Smith

Rita Spencer Family

Brian Stanley

Lori Stokes

Eldie Strickland

Marie Strickland

Julie Swinson

Wendy Tarlton

Dale Weathers

Clay Whitley

Tempie Whitley

Paula Dean Williams

Betty Williford

Lee Williford

Robert Williford

Sherrill Young

Bruce Young

Israel

New Prayer Needs

Mike Bailey & Family

Elaine Barham

Judy Boswell

Bruce & Judy Brantley

Damon Clements Family

Fred & Patsy Coates

Monte Diehl

Barbara Eatmon

Kim Eatmon

Carolyn Fleming

Fred Flowers

Ray & Cecilia Gardner

George Gountas

Linda Hammett

Anthony & Jesica Hill

Ray Hinnant

Roger Hocutt

Harrison Hughes

Grant Kiser Family

Shirley Lane

Sam Morris

Vic Pace Family

Annette Ragan

Rick Russell

Glen Sadler

Michael Sadler

Jane Strautnieks

Craig Strickland

Glenn Strickland

Joseph Tarlton

Larry Thomason

Sandy Trippe

Vickie Vaughn

Roy Whitehead

Karen Williams

Sue Wood

Unspoken Requests

Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader/Ricky Andrews-Co-Leader):

Hope everyone is doing well, we don't have any updates at this time. Have a blessed day!

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Patsy Narron-Team Leader/Olivia Cooke-Co Leader):



The OWLS held their regular February meeting on February 27th in the FMC. We opened in prayer and spent time praying for the needs in our church, community and nation. Since it was a Valentine lunch we also spent time talking about the different types of love we each experience in our daily lives and the love God instructed us to have for others. We then spent time playing Bingo, followed by lunch at the church. It was a great day of fellowship and fun honoring our seniors. We are planning to attend the Easter show at the Rudy Theatre on March 21st.

As always we invite all seniors to join us at our meetings and our outings.

God Bless,

Patsy Narron and Olivia Cooke

Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Pam Batten-Co-Leader):

Happy March! We are so excited about our upcoming events. Our Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30th starting at 10am. Please send in pre-filled plastic eggs, we are in need of between 3000-5000 eggs. Also our Easter Play will be on Easter Sunday March 31st. Please see Danielle Gidding if you are interested in participating.

Our Children's Church continues to grow. We often have over 10 children plus our assistant teachers on Sunday. We are studying the life of Jesus in the New Testament. Look for our Children with their lessons and crafts each Sunday. Wednesday nights are fabulous. We now have Mission Friends and Journey Kids every Wednesday. You may sometimes hear balloons popping when we are working on those.

Thank You All the parents for bringing your children to Church for these events. We are looking forward to many new adventures in 2024.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a wonderful Church.

Wayne & Pam

Youth Team (Danielle Gidding-Team Leader/Christin Brown-Co-Leader):

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Valentine's Dinner such a success! We raised \$1,800.00.

We have made our deposit for camp, and we are really looking forward to it.

We will be having some upcoming fundraisers such as a Pancake Fundraiser and car wash, be on the lookout for more information soon.

Thank you for bringing your Youth and encouraging them to stay involved!

Worship Team (Dana Hocutt-Team Leader/April Adams-Co-Leader)

With the growth of our church and most importantly the safety of our children, we have begun processing background checks for anyone involved in working with children in a personal setting such as Sunday School, Nursery, Children's Church, Youth, Mission Friends, Journey Kids, etc. In today's world we must start doing everything possible to make sure BTC is a safe place for our children as well as for new members to trust that their children are in good hands.

The cost of the background checks are covered by the church.

If you are needing a background check give Ashelyn your email address and she will begin the process. All applicants will receive a copy of the results thru the email address they provide. This process will take place every 3 years. We do appreciate you all and we know some of you have been volunteering for years and we pray for your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Dana Hocutt- Worship, Susan Andrews- Discipleship, Ricky Watson- Administrative.

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25 10am Sunday School 11am Children's Church 11am Worship Service	26 7pm Deacons Meeting FMC	27 9:30am O.W.L.S. Group	28 5pm Wednesday Night Meal 6pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Children's Programs 7pm Choir Practice	29	1	2 8-12 Flea Market
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March Birthdays

- 1st Brittney Erwin
Junior Ferrell
Christian Gidding
- 2nd Cole Gidding
- 3rd Paula Bunn
Ray Gardner
- 5th Bill Terrell
- 6th Renee' Driver
- 7th Chasity Bunn
Kevin Creech
Michael O'Neal
- 8th Ricky Narron
- 9th Othell Price
- 10th Austin Horne
Ray Smith
- 12th Gayle Alford
- 13th Cecilia Gardner
Jordan Liggins
- 14th Danielle Morris
- 15th Susie Hinnant
- 16th Grant Johnson
- 17th Johnny Scott
- 19th Allette Hale
Josh Wheeler
- 20th Taylor Bloniarczyk
Asher Hayden

- 21st Blaize Batten
Thomas Brock
Sharon Creech
Denny Ide, Jr.
Brooklyn Peebles
- 22nd Carl Creech
- 23rd Nicholas White
- 24th Danielle Gidding
- 25th Paul Brown
Angela Gilmore
- 27th Colton Narron
Kelsey Bunn
- 28th Catherine Bailey
Christin Brown
Ethan Walters
- 30th Doug Creech, Jr.
Chad Staton
Joseph Staton Jr



March Anniversaries

- 6th Mike & Susan Adams
- 8th Sefton & Carolyn Stevens
- 19th Dale & Sandra Weathers
- 22nd James & Callie Ferrell
- 27th Ronnie & Debbie Richardson

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Ricky Narron-Team Leader/Jimmy Faison-Co-Leader):

The Deacons continue to visit shut ins with calls and prayers. We initiated Deacon of the week. So far there has been a good response. If any member needs help feel free to call. Deacon of the week will be in the bulletin each week. Remember: God is good today, every day, and all the time.

Administrative Team (David Hughes -Team Leader/Ricky Watson -Co-Leader):



We did not hold a meeting in February, but we are continuing to review the Financial Reports for the Church including the savings accounts. We did place an article in the bulletins for February about applications for the Scholarship for 2024 graduating high school seniors. We have not had any response to date for an application and we may not have any graduating seniors this year. But, if you know of a graduating senior that is associated with the

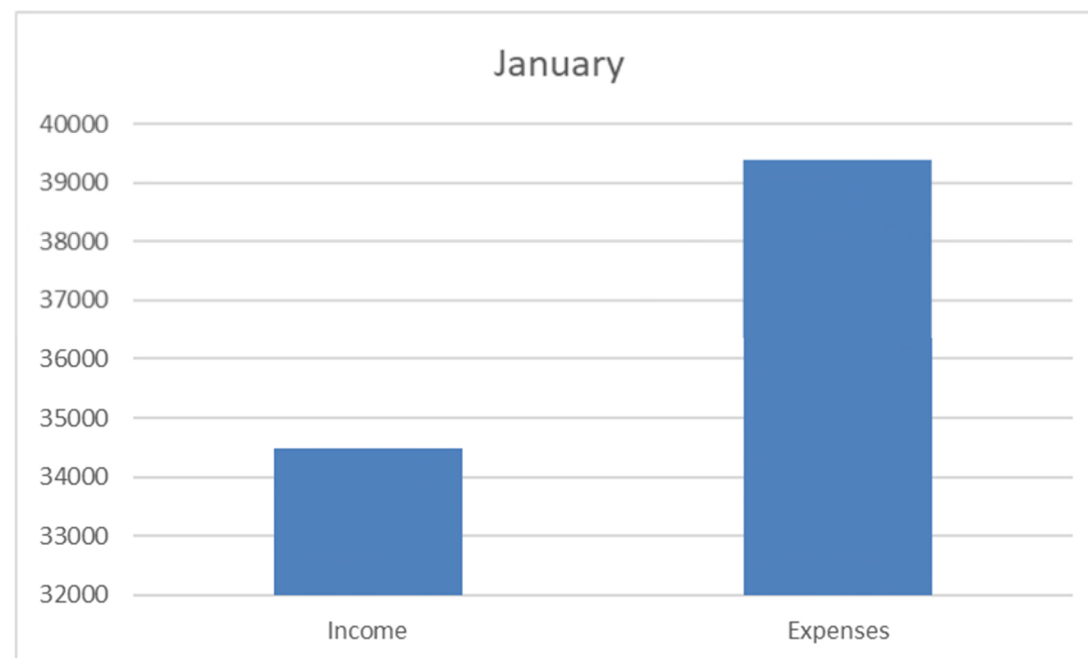
Church, please encourage them to pick up an application and return it to the Church office to be qualified for the \$2500 scholarship that the Church provides.

Beginning this month we will be providing a picture of the monthly income versus the monthly expenses for the Church's review. It has been said that a picture is more beneficial than 1000 words. Hopefully the Church will review this information to see where the Church is in regard to how much money we receive from tithes and offerings against how much the Church is spending monthly. This is not to scare anyone, but to make everyone aware that we do have monthly expenses and we need to bring in enough money to pay those expenses. The chart below shows the income (money the Church received) versus the expenses (money that the Church spent) during the first month of the year. We will keep this chart up to date throughout the year to better inform the membership.

This is just a reminder. We need everyone to be aware of the income and expenses of the Church and know that your Tithes and Offerings are important in providing additional income for the church. Again, **That is something we all can do!**

If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.

If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members. They are: **Chair, David Hughes, Members:** Ricky Watson, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, Juan Trippe, Crystal Baker, and Joyce Creech (ex-officio).



Discipleship Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

Sunday School is available from 10:00-10:50 in the following locations:

Children's Classes: Location: Education Building

Nursery I: Ages birth - 2 years old (Room 101)

Bible Beginners: Ages 2 - 4 years old (Room 102)

Bible Learners: Ages 5 - 7 years old (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) (Room 201)

Bible Discoverers: Ages 8 - 11 years old (3rd - 5th Grade) (Room 202)

Youth: Ages 12 - 18 years old (6th - 12th Grade) (Room 208)

Adult Classes: Location: Education Building

Journey: Young Singles & Couples (Room 205) Studying Books of the Bible

Mildred Driver Class: Singles & Couples (Room 108) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

J.O.Y.: Ladies Class (Room 103) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: (Men's Class) (Room 104) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Adult Class: Location: FMC

Growing in Jesus: Singles & Couples: Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway (KJV)

Visitors to Sunday School may check in with Susan or Tonya (Room 105) to help you locate a class. Everyone is welcome!

Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Co-Leader):

Baptist Men: Our Baptist Men are working hard in our community. If you know of anyone that could use our assistance please contact us.



BBQ Chicken Fundraiser: We haven't had a BTC BBQ since 2019. We are having our spring BBQ on Friday, April 12, 2014. We are planning to sell 2100 plates for \$12 each. Tickets for presales are available from Crystal Baker. If you get tickets from her, be sure to turn in all money and unsold tickets by the date she tells you. That is the ONLY way we know for sure how many plates we can sell on the day of the event.

We are accepting donations for the purchase of chickens and other supplies. If you want to donate in memory of or in honor of someone, please fill out the form and give to Wayne Batten. We are also asking you to fill out forms to let us know when you can work on the event. It takes a WHOLE CHURCH to conduct this event. At our last BBQ we served over 400 plates in the FMC and served 1900 for the delivery and take-out lines.

Please be praying for the success of this event and plan to join us for a day of fellowship, fun and food.

