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**OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST**

**Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

**Monday, May 20**  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, May 21**  
 Last Day of School

**Wednesday, May 22**  
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 23**  
 12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, May 26**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 11:20 AM Church-Wide Picnic (Pavilion)

**Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day**  
 Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, May 28**  
 10:00 AM The Margaret Williams Bible Study

**Thursday, May 30**  
 12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

**THANK YOU NOTE**

We are so appreciative of the prayers, sympathy, and support of our First Baptist Church family upon the passing of our father, Jim Ellenburg.  
 The Ellenburg Family

**MEMBERS IN ACTION**

**May 19**  
**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Dewey Boyd, Offertory Prayer  
 Jerry Minyard, Visitor Outreach  
**Children's Worship:** Logan Dickson  
**Security:** Jimmy Cooley and Greg Shore

**May 26**  
**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Becky Campbell, Offertory Prayer  
 Al Whitney, Visitor Outreach  
**Children's Worship:** Hannah Wimpey  
**Security:** Al Oxendine and Jeff Neal



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 Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager  
 Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director  
 Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist  
 Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager  
 Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor  
 Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor (Administration and Missions)  
 Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager  
 Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence  
 Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director  
 Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist  
 Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music  
 Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

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 a brief message and the MINISTER ON CALL  
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**PENTECOST**  
 This Sunday, May 19

We invite you to wear red as a visible reminder of an invisible reality as we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit at work both in our lives and in the life of our church.

**CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC**

**Next Sunday, May 26th**

**11:30 AM in the Pavilion**



Join us after Sunday School for Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and Dessert. We'll also enjoy Music, Games, and a Memorial Day Recognition.

Please call the church office or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign up by 3:00 PM on May 22nd. Let Naomi know if you are interested in helping.



### From One Minister to Another...

After the winds calmed down at my house at 2:00 last Thursday morning and adrenaline kept me from falling asleep, I called the church office. Our office phone system requires power, so my attempt to reach our voicemail offered a quick confirmation that the church power was out, too. Thanks to some hard-working linemen, the church power was back by Thursday evening. Restoration of our Internet connection took another day, long enough for us to miss sending "First Glance," our weekly email preview of the coming week, and wonder if we needed to find other means to livestream our service Sunday morning.

In all of human history, we've never had more methods of communication available to us, but there is no amount of technology that will ensure that we actually *understand* one another. I could take a video call from a person halfway around the world. The technology could enable us to see one another clearly and the audio might be clear and crisp, but if the other person is speaking Chinese, Russian, or Swahili, I won't understand them. Similarly, if they're speaking English, but they're talking about aerospace engineering or brain surgery, I won't understand them.

There is a vast difference between hearing and understanding. There is a big difference between talking and communicating. People understand best what they hear in their own language.

This Sunday morning, we'll celebrate Pentecost together. We don't generally care much about that day in the Christian calendar. Perhaps the word *pentecostal* conjures up speaking in tongues or even handling snakes. (Let me assure you: neither is part of our planned worship order for Sunday!)

Pentecost is not primarily about dramatic gifts of the Holy Spirit, anyway. God is so often found not in the powerful and dramatic, but in the "still small voice." Pentecost is not about flashy performances; it is about the power of God that helps us to hear and understand. It is the force that leads us to be one in Christ. The Holy Spirit brings us understanding.

Our ability to listen in love, to speak in love, and to be heard in love is a work of the Holy Spirit. Our ability to share the Good News in a way that others may understand and respond is a Holy Spirit work, too. When we are burdened and we don't know what to pray, "the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."

We will celebrate the Holy Spirit's work this Sunday morning, and we will pray for the Spirit's continued work in our church. I hope you're praying with me, and I hope to see you as we worship together Sunday.

Peace of Christ,



### BIBLE STUDY



Thursday, May 23  
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Bacon Wrapped Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Chocolate Delight

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 16.

Thursday, May 30  
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Baked Ham, Yams and Apples, Baby Lima Beans, Roll, Caramel Cake

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 23.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY  
Tuesday, May 28th  
10:00 AM in room 212

Mission focus for May:  
The Calvary Home for Children

### PLEASE NOTE



More servants are needed on the **Sunday Security Team**. If you would like to serve please contact T. J. Fusco at 864-940-4702.

### CONDOLENCES

Haskell Bolt and family on the passing of his wife, Ruth Bolt, on May 3, 2024.

Cliff Smith and family on the passing of his sister, Fredda Lee, on May 14, 2024

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3-June 6 — 5:30-8:00 PM

For Children who have completed 4K-5th grade.  
Scan the QR code to register or visit: [bit.ly/FBCVBS2024](https://bit.ly/FBCVBS2024)  
(Children may register through June 3, but will not be guaranteed a t-shirt if registering after May 17.)



VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING  
June 2 — 11:30 AM — Chapel

VBS volunteers will have a brief meeting in the chapel after Sunday School on June 2 to receive assignments, name tags, t-shirts, etc. Please make plans to attend!

### CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

#### DEACON LED SERVICE PROJECT FOR MAY

During the month of May, let's do some In-Reach! The deacon-led service project for May is reaching in to our members who are homebound, in care facilities, or have other needs. There are many people who can't attend church at all, and some who are only able to attend occasionally. The weekly Prayer List includes the names of members who are homebound, in care facilities, or have health concerns. During this month, please reach out to few people with a phone call, card, or visit. Knowing that someone is praying for them and remembering them can mean so much to a person who can't get to church for fellowship with others.

You may know of someone else who would appreciate being remembered as well. If you need more information, please contact Lyn Darby at 864-630-5544 or [lynlazar@gmail.com](mailto:lynlazar@gmail.com).

### COMING SOON!

Sunday, June 2nd  
9:30 AM

PARENT CHILD  
DEDICATION  
SERVICE FOR

Dorotheia Wimpey

### MUSIC MINISTRY

#### SUMMER CHOR

Regular Choir rehearsals continue through Wednesday, May 29th. Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 9th. We will meet in the choir room at 9:00 AM each Sunday before the worship service to rehearse. Anyone and everyone 4th grade or older is welcome to join us! Regular Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 7th.