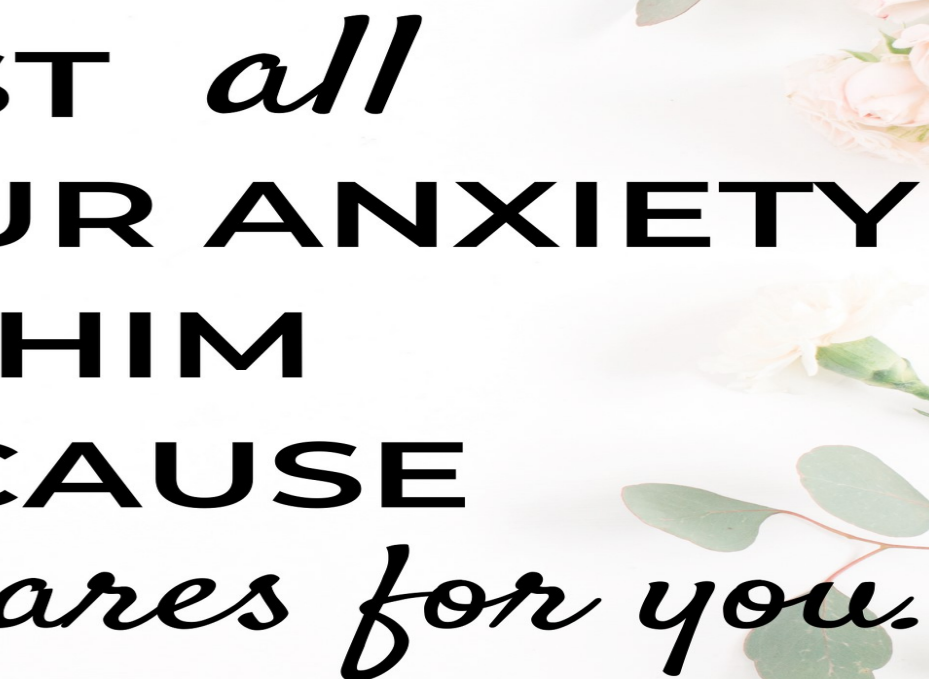




April 2024

First Family News

**Love GOD.
Love Others.
Change The World.**

A decorative background featuring light pink roses and greenery, including eucalyptus leaves and a small evergreen branch, arranged in a soft, naturalistic style.

CAST *all*
YOUR ANXIETY
ON HIM
BECAUSE
he cares for you.

1 P E T E R 5 : 7

**April 2024
Worship Opportunities**

Sundays

9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Worship
4:30 PM Choir Practice
6:00 PM Youth

Wednesdays

11:00AM-12:00 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM—Awana
6:30 PM Bible Study

ADDITIONAL APRIL ACTIVITIES

4/1 BMW @ 6:30 p.m.
4/9 Senior Adult Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.
4/14 Deacon's Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.
4/20 VBS Training Day 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
4/28 Men's Ministry @ 11:00 a.m.

**OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS
March 24, 2024**

General Fund Needed Weekly	\$6,875.58
General Fund Needed	\$82,526.96
Given to Date	\$86,411.91
General Fund Overage	\$3,884.95

March 3	Bible Study	67
	Worship	116
March 10	Bible Study	65
	Worship	152
March 17	Bible Study	71
	Worship	142
March 24	Bible Study	75
	Worship	147

**APRIL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
Children's Church Workers**

****Please remember to sign up in the Welcome Center****

4/7
Felicity Williams

4/14
TBD

4/21
TBD

4/28
Denise Cato & Donna Padgett

Safety Teams

4/7 Team 1	4/14 Team 2
4/21 Team 3	4/28 Team 4

Deacon of the Week

April 7	Dale Wiggins
April 14	Dave Reese
April 21	Jimmy Shirley
April 28	Eddie Havird

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, cards, memorials and food that we received during this difficult time. Please know that your love and kindness has brought us great comfort and will always be remembered.

~The Bennie Holton Family

Welcome Team Schedule for April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team A--Welcome Center</u>	<u>Team B--Foyer</u>
April 7	Gary & Lynda Smallen	Earle & Tammy Burgess
April 14	Donna Padgett & Cheryl Paulling	Carrie Gantt & Robin Stewart
April 21	John & Van Gantt	Ray Cockrell & Anne Sanders
April 28	Vaughn & Kathy Ernst	Dave & Allison Reese

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/3 Jimmy Shirley
4/7 Preston Smith
4/14 Anne Sanders, Betty Addy, Cody Sanders
4/17 Simon Buzhardt
4/19 Donald Hall, Patricia Mitchum
4/23 Frances Hyman, Myra Davenport
4/25 Dylan Robertson
4/27 Pat Watkins

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/8 Will & Victoria Berry
4/14 Jonathan & Sherry Gunter
4/16 Greg & Heather Smith
4/18 Leon & Betty Addy
4/20 Corey & Carly Stamper
4/23 Dale & Tara Leaphart

Graduates...

Graduate Sunday is May 19th! Please contact the church office if you have a high school or college senior graduating this year. We would love the opportunity to recognize the seniors!

Baby Dedication

We will be having baby dedication on June 23, 2024. Please contact the church office if you have a child needing to be dedicated!

One Call Now

We are excited to now offer a text option for One Call Now Alerts. Simply text "Alert" to 22300 to begin receiving text alerts.



THANK YOU!!!

Dear Church Family,

First and foremost I want to thank each of you for lifting me up in your prayers. I also want to thank all of you for your hospital visits, your home visits, your concerns, your phone calls, your cards, and food. May God bless each of you!

P.S. -Keep the prayers coming!

Again thanks,

Van Gantt

Poultry Festival

The Poultry Festival is May 10th-11th. The youth will be selling canned drinks and bottles of water. Please consider donating a 12 pack of drinks to help us out with this event. All proceeds will be going towards the cost to attend Camp Longridge. We will also be featuring our newest fundraiser for Paving the Future this weekend!

Camp Longridge

The deadline to sign up for Camp Longridge is May 15th. Please register as soon as possible! We have 6 more spots for Teen week (June 24-28) and 4 spots for Kids week (July 8-12). If you would like more information, please contact Kelly Williamson. Everyone that registers by May 15th will get a free t-shirt.



SUMMER ENROLLMENT FBCB MMO & ASP

Registration closes
April 19th.
Scan here to get
started



You may also email -
FBCBmmo@gmail.com for more
information

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. A great time was had by all! Thanks to everyone that donated candy, eggs, and decorations. There will be no Awana on April 3rd. We will see you all back April 10th. As you can see, we are busy in the Children & Youth Programs. Please continue to pray for our children and youth and all those that are involved in these programs.

~Kelly Williamson

VBS

VBS volunteer t-shirts are in. If you want one its not too late! Register as a volunteer and we will order one for you! \$10 Adult Small-XL & \$12 Adult 2XL-4XL. Peach Tree 23 Yard Sale will be on June 6-7th and all proceeds go to VBS this year. If you have items to donate for the yard sale please bring

FBCB Welcomes Our New Members



Kelly Williamson



Preston Smith



Jeffrey & Melissa Husted



Paul, Chrissy & Emma
Havird



Katie Ray Williams
Zoey Rowe

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

What Is Truth?

"Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me. What is truth? retorted Pilate." (John 18:37-38)

When Jesus stood trial he was asked many questions by Pilate, the governor of Judea, but none was greater than the final question Pilate asked: What is truth? That great question is still debated today and more than 1900 years after the question was asked, many have not found the answer. Yet, truth can be found today. Let me suggest two ways:

First, we must remember that TRUTH IS ALWAYS NARROW. For this very reason truth is often unpopular. In mathematics there can only be one correct answer to a given problem. The same is true with spiritual truth. It's not determined by committee or by popular opinion. Sure, many today want to believe that there are numerous ways to God. But that's like saying that there are numerous answers to a math problem like $2+2 = 4$. There's not, there's only one answer. Well friends, there's only one way to God and it's through Jesus Christ! Period.

That's because TRUTH IS NOT A THING BUT A PERSON. As Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is far more than truthful, He is the embodiment of truth. All truth rests in Him. To know Jesus is to know truth.

The way to truth is clear----it comes through Jesus Christ. To draw near to Jesus is to draw near to truth. Yet, the decision to believe that Jesus is truth rests with each of us. We must decide for ourselves, and trust for ourselves, what we believe about Jesus. To accept Jesus is to accept truth. To reject Jesus is to reject truth. So it matters greatly what you believe about Jesus!

In Christ's Abundant Love,

Pastor Henry