

# **MAY NEWSLETTER**

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# THE PASTOR'S TWO BITS

May is a month of honoring, celebrating, and remembering - Mothers' Day, graduations, school-year achievements, Memorial Day.

On Mother's Day this year, we are beginning a new tradition. We will be receiving a one-day special offering that will go to our Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. (We will still do the baby bottle campaign between Mother's Day and Fathers' Day for our local Plateau Pregnancy Center, too.) But the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home offering is something that many of our sister churches throughout the state have done for years. It helps maintain three residential campuses that currently serves 42 children, assists numerous foster homes currently housing 85 children, and helps recruit and train new Christian foster parents. The TBCH is also in the process of replacing residential buildings on their campuses to provide safer and healthier environments for children in their care. It is a 133 year old ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Convention that has helped thousands of children in the past and promises to help thousands more in the years to come. (By the way, we will be receiving a similar offering on Father's Day for the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes. More on that next month.)

This year, we do not have any graduating students in our youth ministry, but we have plenty of school-year achievements to celebrate. Our AWANA awards night is May 8. Dale and LuAnn Klein have done another GREAT JOB at leading our clubs again this year. Many others of you have helped make this another great year for the kids. And the kids... together, they have memorized hundreds of verses and done

workbooks and have brought lots of energy into the church. There have been six AWANA children baptized this year! Come to the awards night and help us celebrate the conclusion of this year's AWANA program.

Memorial Day is an important day in our country. It allows us to pause to remember and express our appreciation for the men and women who served our country. May we not forget the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom.

Remembrances and celebrations are commonplace in the Bible. God prescribed a calendar for the Hebrew people in the Old Testament through which they built in annual feasts and festivals to celebrate and remember. They celebrate Passover, Yom Kippur, Hannukah, Purim, and others. Special offerings were often a part of their celebrations. Each are meant to remind them of God's work among them. In the early church in the New Testament, they celebrated persons being baptized and becoming part of the church. It's good to celebrate and remember. Let's celebrate God this month!

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On another note... Our Missions Team (ie. Kay Lynn) is in contact with a sister church in Knoxville that has volunteered to help us get plugged into some mission trips. We may have the opportunity to join them on a trip or two this year. One of those might be helping with a mission center in Kentucky in July. If you might be interested in that, talk to Kay Lynn.

-Pastor Doug

## ***Waiting Actively on the LORD!***

***Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31 [NASB]***

Can you believe it's been a year since I became your Associate Pastor of Family Ministries and Education? Neither can I! Not only that, but Lori and I just passed our 2-year anniversary of closing on our home here in Crossville! Much has happened in the past month; We had our Easter event on March 23rd, Lori and I celebrated our oldest daughter's 33rd birthday and our middle daughter's 31st birthday, and we even celebrated Daisy's (our yellow lab) 2nd birthday. Even as I write this, Lori and I are planning on visiting my dad in Kentucky on April 25th. I am looking forward to seeing him.

Beyond the recent past, I and a small team of people are planning a few more events for our church and AWANA kids. Our AWANA Awards Night is scheduled for May 8th, VBS is scheduled for June 10th through the 14th, as well as an upcoming bowling event and pool party. Both, still need to be scheduled.

### **Can you say, "Whew!"**

It times like these when I am reminded of what Isaiah 40:31 says (see verse above) and a recent devotion from "Experiencing God Day by Day" by Henry T. and Richard Blackaby...

***At times you may feel so worn out and stressed that you are not sure you can take another step. You may seem to spend all your time running from crisis to crisis and to be constantly giving your time and energy to others. Your Lord wants to renew your strength and enable you to enjoy the abundant life He intends for you. The key is to wait upon Him to do so.***

***Our generation does not enjoy waiting. We rush through our lives without stopping to evaluate our activities. Part of God's restorative process is to slow us down and make us listen to Him. As we wait on Him, God will remind us of our utter dependence upon His strength. When we slow down and seek His will, He will reveal His plans.***

***Biblically, waiting on the Lord is never passive; it is always active. Waiting requires us to cease our own pursuits and give God our complete attention. We may have to give up some of the activities we have allowed to inundate our lives. We may need to take an entire day to sit quietly before the Lord. If we ask Him, God will show us the resources He has provided to help with the work we have been attempting on our own. God may address feelings of guilt that have motivated us to do things that He has not asked us to do. Jesus carried more responsibility than you do. More people needed Him than will ever need you. Yet He was never overwhelmed or inadequate for the task. Now Christ offers to guide you so that you will fulfill your heavenly Father's will and gain the strength necessary for each day.***

**Let's continue to actively wait upon the LORD and gain new strength! - Pastor Elliot**

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***Commit your works to the LORD, And your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3***

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DONATING BLOOD ONLY TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR.

*Can you spare one?*



American  
Red Cross

**Blood Drive**  
**Fairfield Glade**  
**First Baptist Church Fairfield**

Fellowship Hall  
130 Town Centre Drive  
Crossville, TN 38571

**Friday, May 3, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code:  
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**FAIRFIELD GLADE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PRESENTS  
THE ANNUAL AWANA AWARDS PROGRAM  
AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH 2024  
6:00 AWARDS PROGRAM  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
FOLLOWED BY DESSERT**

**ALL OF OUR  
CHURCH  
IS INVITED TO  
ATTEND AND  
CHEER  
FOR OUR AWANA  
CHILDREN THAT  
HAVE WORKED SO  
HARD THIS YEAR.**



FAMILY  
GAME  
NIGHT

MAY 16 @ 5:00 pm

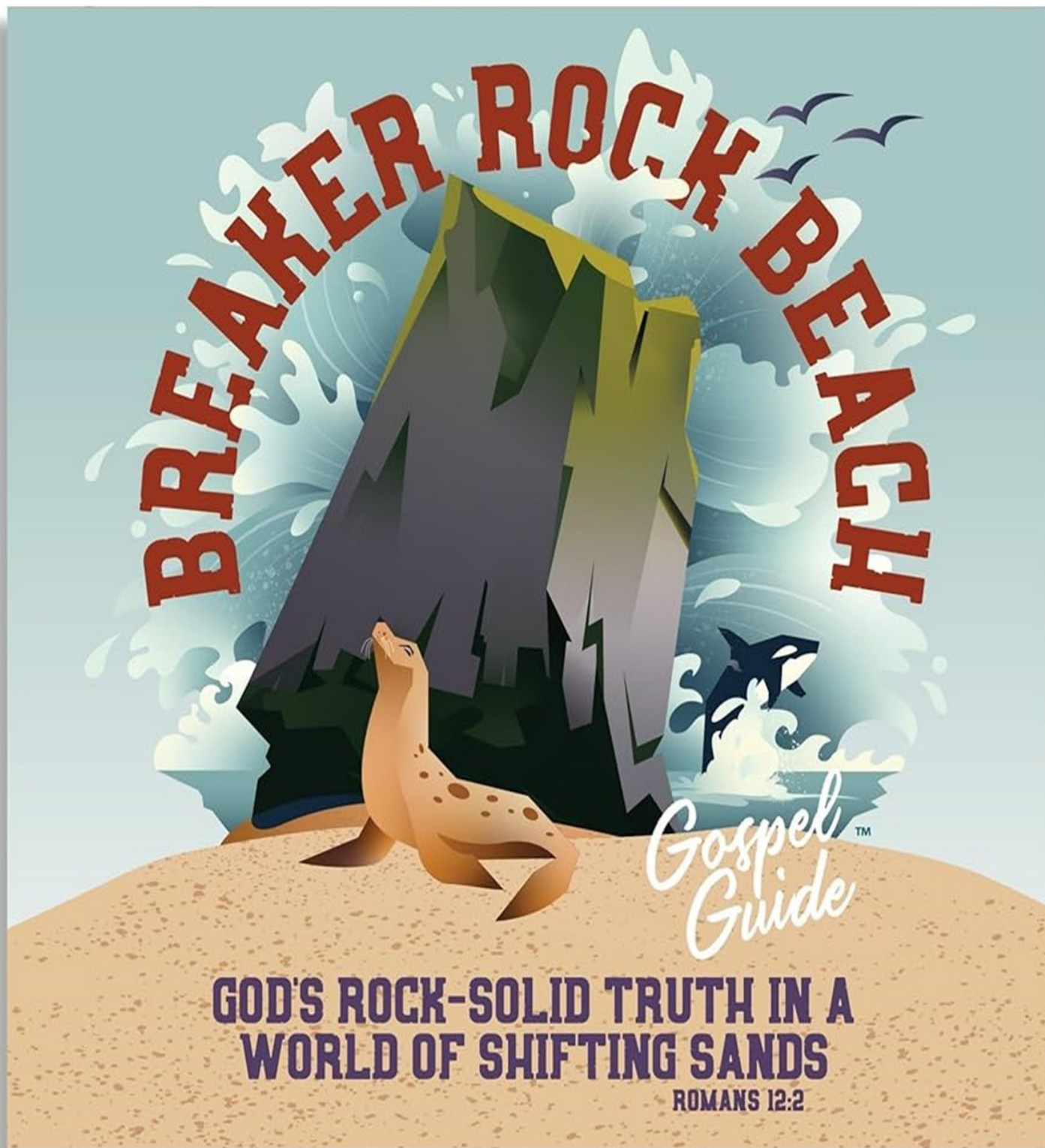
Please bring a (hot or cold) dish to share!

**STRESSED** spelled backwards is  
**DESSERTS!**



Help your neighbors de-stress—invite them for snack before church.





**VBS June 10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Sign-up in the Front Lobby!**



# Piece Corp - Quilters

## Tuesday's @ 9:00am



***Soothing  
Souls***

***Every 4th Tuesday  
@ 1:00 pm***

# Memory Loss Support Group

*Under the umbrella of dementia, there are 70 different aspects or diseases affecting the brain.*

This Memory Loss Support Group meets to help those facing memory loss and coping with the various forms of dementia. Whether you are a caregiver, have early memory loss, concern for a loved one, neighbor or friend affected by dementia; we welcome you to join us as we share and walk this journey.

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:00am  
In partnership with Alzheimer's Tennessee

## 2024 Schedule

<b>MAY</b>	<b>Vetting-Training Staff- Help Process</b>	<b>Grace Givers</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Facing Decline and Guilt</b>	<b>Cheryl Blanchard, Specialist</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Planning for unknown future</b>	<b>Marie Ferran, Elder Attorney</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Brain Changes- Exercise- Falls-Balance</b>	<b>Shannon Laferney, Trainer</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Help with Prescriptions</b>	<b>Larry Renaud, Pharmacist</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Safety Issues-Driving, Other Help</b>	<b>Fairfield Glade Police</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Picking Your Battles-Letting Go- Focus</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	

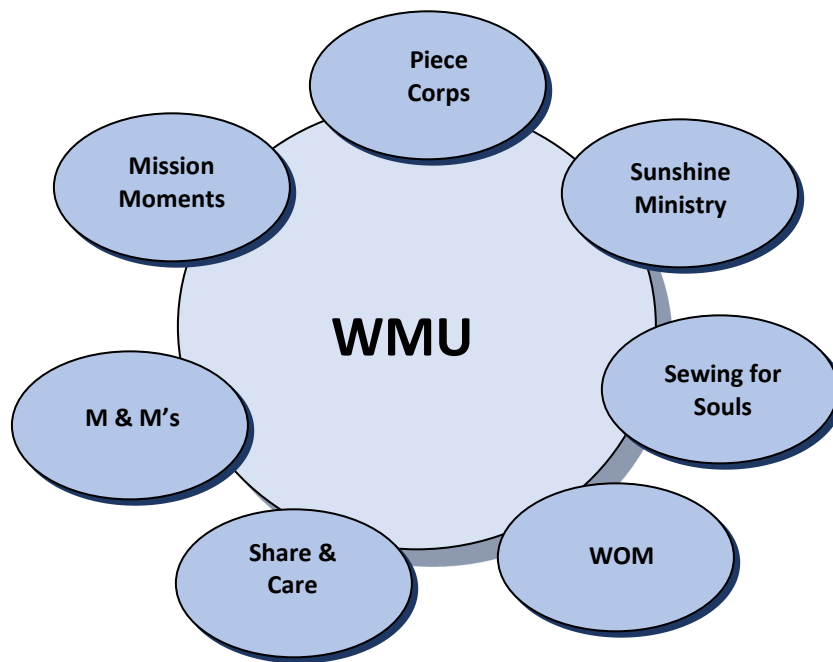
If you have any questions please contact:

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## What is the WMU?

The WMU is composed of ladies in the church who keep the congregation informed about Southern Baptist Missions through special offerings, mission moments, meetings and announcements. The WMU helps coordinate all mission and ministry involvement through a variety of activities that help women fulfill Christ's mission in their lives.

Blanche Putnam 727-207-0422 or

Janice Botbyl 931-260-4173

Your Adult Leadership Team has planned several fun times for 2024.  
Be sure to save the dates and look for signups in the lobby.

**Lavender Farm & visit to Sgt York Homestead** - Scheduled for Wednesday, July 10. We will leave church about 8am, with tours at the Homestead at 9:30am and 11am (if two needed), followed by lunch and then a visit to the Lavender Farm. Cost for Sgt York Homestead is \$10/person; \$8/senior and/or veteran. We are seeking a bus driver for this event. If not, we'll carpool. Signups will begin June 2.

**Women's Retreat** - Friday evening, August 23 and Saturday morning, August 24. More information to come as planning progresses.

**Biblical Times Dinner Theatre** - A dinner and show, "Women of Grace" is planned for Thursday, October 3. We must arrive at the theatre by 5pm; dinner service begins at 5:30pm. Price is \$56.61 for the dinner and show. More information will be coming



## Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church Sound Booth Training



Want to serve the Lord on Sunday morning? You can help out in the Sound Booth!  
Training Session, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Please RSVP to [billfoleyretired@comcast.net](mailto:billfoleyretired@comcast.net) by May 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Are You Joining Us for the Baseball Game?



On Friday, May 10, we will be attending a Chattanooga Lookouts vs. Tennessee Smokies baseball game. If you have purchased a ticket to the game, please note: **The bus will leave the church at 3:30pm.** Also, the stadium is “cashless”. All purchases must be made with either a credit card or a debit card. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR PURCHASES!**

**We currently have three (3) extra tickets still available. If you missed the sign up but would still like to go, call Cass Lowery at (609) 364-8016.**



## Intercessors Prayer Group

You are invited to attend

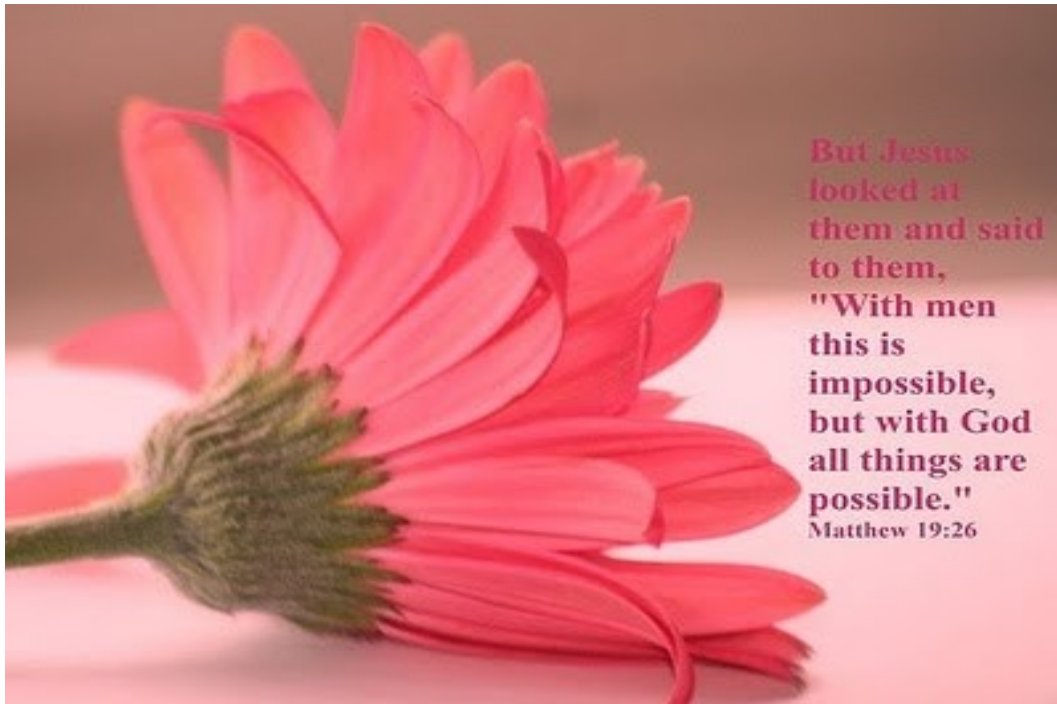
In Room 120

Wednesday's at 10:00am

Mrs. Janice Botbyl has answered the call to facilitate the

Intercessors Prayer Group

***There is a Prayer Box available on the credenza at the main entrance of the church where you may place your prayer request.***





## 3x3 Second Quarter Begins Soon



Our 3x3 Second Quarter (June, July, and August) is fast approaching. Now is your opportunity to join in the fun and fellowship if you are not already doing so.

If you are currently participating and wish to continue during the Second Quarter, **DO NOTHING!** If you wish to participate beginning in June or if you wish to remove your name from the active list, please contact Cass Lowery (609) 364-8016.

Don't know what 3x3's are all about, see the article below. Get to know your fellow church brothers and sisters better and have a fun time, too.

### WHAT'S A 3X3???

Here's how it works: Once you are assigned to a group, each group decides among themselves which couple will take the lead and host the first meal. The host will provide the meat (main course) and beverages; the second couple in your group will bring a salad and a vegetable; the remaining couple will bring bread and a dessert. The following month, everyone in the group switches responsibilities and a different couple will serve as host and the two remaining couples will bring the rest of the meal. The third month you switch again so that everyone in the group is given the opportunity to be host. To recap, each couple will serve as host for one month, bring salad/vegetable one month, and then dessert/bread one month.

The meal is most often a dinner but it can be a luncheon, brunch, picnic – anything your group decides, you're your own boss. In addition to eating, you can use this time to do other fun things like games, boat rides, biblical discussions, music/singing, or just an evening of conversation. It's a great way to get to know where each other was born, places they've lived and worked, education, missions, families – the kind of things you share when developing friendships.

After three months have passed, you are assigned to a different group of couples and the fun begins all over again. Groups are assigned in March for March, April and May; in June for June, July and August; and finally in September for September, October and November. For the month of December, we have a big Christmas Party with everyone participating together. Each couple will bring either a dessert or an appetizer. Lots of fun and fellowship with very little work for any one couple. Because so many of us like to travel during the winter months, we press the pause button for January and February. Then come March, new groupings begin again.

This fellowship is open to everyone – married couples, dating couples, and even singles. If you are single, just find another single to be the other half of your team. If you're wondering if this type of socializing delivers on its promise, just ask anyone who has participated. We stand by the reputation the 3x3 Dinner Groupings have set. Sound good? Give it a try. Sign up and get to know your church family while having a lot of fun doing it.

Contact Cass Lowery (609) 364-8016 if you want more information.

# THE GOODIE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!

**This Ministry is an effort to welcome all that visit our church and in appreciation of our members. It has been a huge blessing on our church so let's give this ministry the support it needs.**



**IT IS AS SIMPLE AS VOLUNTEERING TO BRING IN GOODIES AS OFTEN AS YOU WOULD LIKE. PLEASE CONTACT KELLY KEARNEY @ 845-234-3846 OR @ KEWA13@YAHOO.COM TO SIGN UP**

**THANK YOU,  
THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM**



**God's Girls is a new women's ministry in our church and we would love to have you!!**

Usually about once a month our group of ladies will meet up for a time of fellowship. Sometimes it will be an event inside the church and other times we will meet and do something together outside of the church. This month a group of us went together for a beginner's water painting class and the month before we had a cookie exchange here at church. The best is that you don't have to attend all of the events. You can pick only the ones you want. If you are interested in becoming part of the mailing list to keep up on the current events, please call or email Kelly Kearney at 845-234-3846 kewa13@yahoo.com or Safondia Tumulty at 360-640-2892



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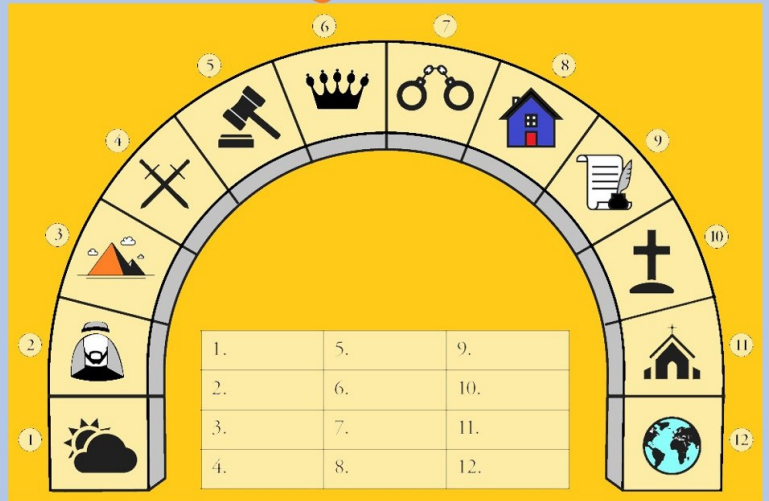


# THE BIBLE

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IN 15 MINUTES A DAY

# MAX ANDERS

# New Discipleship Class Beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>



# Sunday Evenings @ 6:00pm



**NEEDED:** Your smile and a helping hand to greet all persons and hand out bulletins as they enter on Sunday mornings. Help direct visitors to Sunday School Classes or the Nursery.

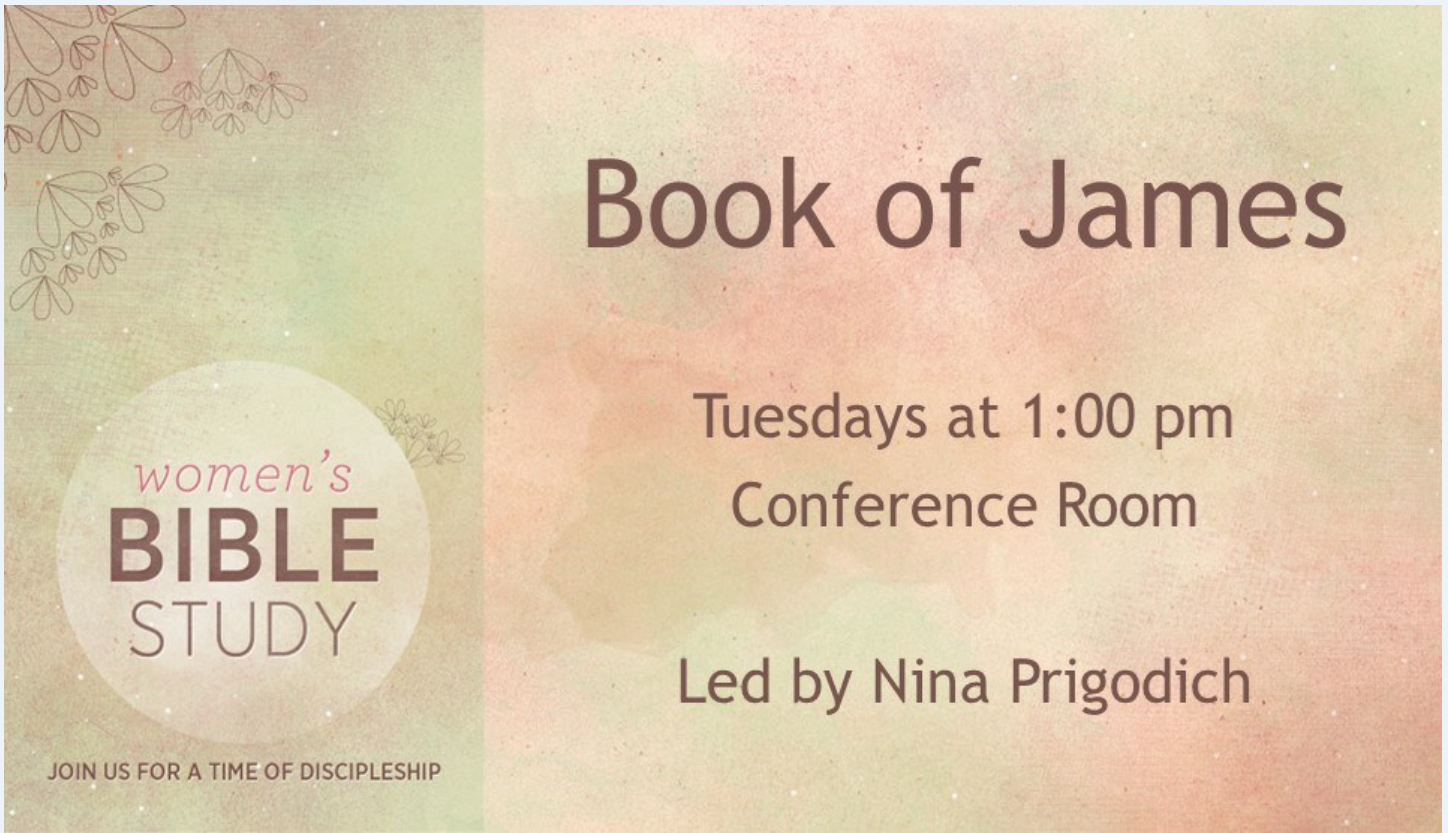
**Join the First Impressions Team**

**Contact: Mary Smith**

**Phone: (931) 484-4819**

**Email: marybary54@gmail.com**





**Women's Bible Study**

**Study: The Book of James**

**Tuesdays - 1:00pm - Conference Room**





**Bill & Brenda Foley - Teachers**

**26- Week - Bible Study Series**

**The ABC's of Discipleship**

**Wednesday Night @ 5:15 pm**

**Conference Room**



**Men's Breakfast**

**MAY 18 @ 8:00 am**

**Fellowship Hall**



## *First Baptist Church - Golf League*



*5/2/2024 @ Druid Hills - Back 9  
Tee Times - 8:12 am, 8:21 am, 8:30*

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*5/9/2024 @ Dorchester - Back 9  
Tee Times - 7:45 am, 7:54 am, 8:03 am*

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*5/16/2024 @ Stonehenge- Front 9  
Tee Times - 12:10 pm, 12:20 pm, 12:30 pm*

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*5/23/2024 @ Heatherhurst Brae- Back 9  
Tee Times - 8:12 am, 8:21 am, 8:30 am*

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*5/30/2024 @ Heatherhurst Crag- Back 9  
Tee Times - 8:12 am, 8:21 am, 8:30 am*

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*Please contact Bob Thames to schedule.*

*(931) 210-4690*

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# BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR PLATEAU PREGNANCY SERVICES



Why FG First Baptist Church supports  
Plateau Pregnancy Services:

Plateau Pregnancy Services (PPS), located in  
Crossville, is dedicated to helping men and  
women of all ages overcome life's  
circumstances and past choices so that they  
can provide life for their babies and children.

PPS is supported solely by donations  
from individuals, business partners and  
area churches. So let's fill up those  
Baby Bottles and support them!!!



**Bottles available in both lobbies  
from Mother's Day &  
to be returned by Father's Day.  
Thank you all for your support!**



For additional information go to  
[www.plateaupregnancyservices.com](http://www.plateaupregnancyservices.com)



## **Upcoming Events**

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**May - Mondays - Men's Bible Study @ 9:00am**

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**May - Tuesdays - Women's Bible Study @ 1:00pm**

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**May - 1st and 3rd Fridays - Sister's in Christ Bible Study @ 10:00am**

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**May - Wednesdays - Intercessor's Prayer Grp. @ 10am**

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**May 3 - Red Cross Blood Drive @ 9:00 am**

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**May 6 - M&M Leader's Meeting @ 9:30 am**

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**May 7 - Deacon's Meeting @ 1:30 pm**

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**May 8 - Awana Awards Night @ 6:00 pm**

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**May 9 - Memory Loss Group @ 11:00 am**

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**May 10 - Baseball Game Outing @ 2:30 pm (leave church)**

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**May 16 - M&M Luncheon @ 11:00 am**

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**May 16 - Game Night @ 5:00 pm**

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## **Upcoming Events**

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**May 18 - Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am**

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**May 20 - CLC Meeting @ 3:30 pm**

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**May 21 - Discipleship Meeting @ 11:00 am**

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**May 27 - Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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**May 28 - Soothing Souls @ 1:00 pm**

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