

APRIL NEWSLETTER



Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become **new**. 2 Cor. 5:17

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4/1 John King	4/14 Philip Smith
4/3 Don Dunwoody	4/24 Fred Schaffer
4/6 Shirley Harrison	4/25 Ronnie Lockard
4/7 Reba Jo Fox	4/28 Margaret Brant
4/10 Justine Allen	4/28 Dustin Brown
4/10 Janice Clingerman	4/28 Peggy Weeks
4/13 Kelly Kearney	4/30 Mayci Grebe
4/14 Kathy Leith	4/30 Tom Carlson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4/2 Ed & Cass Lowery	4/17 Bill & Denise Andrews
4/5 Jeremiah & Anna Faalafua	4/18 Slim & Evelyn Phillips
4/7 Ronald & Sonya Guenther	4/24 Bob & Tia Shipe

THE PASTOR'S TWO BITS

Someone recently asked me where I would like to see the church in 5 years. I quickly replied that I see no reason that this church shouldn't have at least 400 persons in worship every Sunday morning. The fact is that there are plenty of lost and unchurched people moving into Fairfield Glade and Cumberland County every month. We are in a unique position compared to many churches in that we have a continual stream of new residents in our community to reach out to. We commonly have lots of visitors in our worship services. Reach out to them. Invite them to lunch after church or to your Sunday School class next week or to one of our Bible Studies during the week. Love them into our church family. And for those who don't just show up on their own... Let's go get them!

400 people?

Where would we put them?

Wouldn't we have to have multiple worship services?

... and Sunday Schools?

Yes.

But aren't we about to vote to just have one worship service and one Sunday School time?

Yes.

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The morning Jesus was resurrected, Mary Magdalene, expecting to find His dead body in the tomb, mistook Him for a gardener when He first appeared alive to her. Even though it's not the point of the story, I think Jesus would have made a great gardener. He actually told several stories about gardening during His teaching career. He talked about planting seeds and how they grow. He talked about vineyards - some that produced well, and some that didn't. In fact, in John 15:1-2 (NKJV), He said, "*I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear*

fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

Pruning is an important part of successful gardening. When a tree or plant or flower is pruned, it can then focus its energy better to grow stronger and fuller. It makes for a healthier plant. Notice that it isn't just the old, unproductive branches that get pruned. It's the good ones; the ones already bearing fruit. ---For the purpose that they will bear even more!

Church schedules and programs should be like that. I believe that in our case, pruning back our worship schedule to one service now can help us focus our energy better to grow stronger and fuller in the future. Then someday, hopefully in the not-so-distant future we might have to vote again to have two worship services - not because we want two worship styles; but because our building just isn't big enough for all of us all at once. Wouldn't that be great!

On April 9, we are planning a 'Town Hall' style discussion on the proposal to move to a 'permanent' single-service schedule as we have been doing since December. We will vote on April 14. I have been hearing lots of positive comments about it in the past few months. Our attendance is up 12% in the first three months of this year compared to this time last year. I believe we are already experiencing benefits from the new schedule. At our last Business Meeting, when we approved to hold a vote on this issue, we set a very high standard. The vote needs to be at least 90% positive to pass. That would indicate overwhelming unity, which is part of the purpose of having only one service in the first place. Wouldn't it be even better to have 100%! Let's make this a prayerful decision. Let's let God tend His garden. Let Him plant. Let Him tend His vineyard. Let Him prune. -*That it (we) may bear more fruit.* - So that someday, we will have to vote again to have two services... again!

-Pastor Doug

TOWNHALL MEETING



APRIL 9 6:00 PM

Two very important events happening at the church in APRIL.



Special Called
Business Meeting

APRIL 14 After Worship Service

State Evangelism



Conference

April 8 @ 9:00 am (Leaving church at 7:00 am)

Held at: New Vision Baptist Church,
1750 N. Thompson Ln, Murfreesboro, TN

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(Leaving church at 7 am)

Held at: New Vision Baptist Church
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Murfreesboro, TN 37129



Justification, Forgiveness, and Imputation!

It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26 [NASB]

Justification is to be pronounced righteous. It is the legal and judicial act where God declares the believer righteous in Jesus Christ. It is not only the removal of the believer's guilt but also the imputation of Christ's righteousness in its place. Believers are not righteous in themselves, but only in Christ. There are two halves of justification. The first half is concerning the forgiveness, remission, and removal of the believer's sin. Within this facet of justification, God is just in declaring that the payment for sin is reckoned by the believer's faith in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ on the cross. This half's main thought is that there is a subtraction of penalty. However, the second half is concerning God imparting Christ's righteousness onto the believer by exercising His divine grace toward the believer. This half's main thought is that there is an addition of grace.

God is just in performing both aspects concealed in this great doctrine. Because of Jesus Christ's redeeming work on the cross, He cancelled the debt of sin and opened up the floodgate of God's rich grace and mercy to be poured on those in Christ. The Apostle Paul explains this truth where he writes, "*But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*" (Rom. 3:21-26).

From these verses the facets of the doctrine of justification become clear. It is the righteousness of God that is imputed upon those of faith. It is God's grace that is freely given, that is, without cause, upon him who believes. And, it is Christ's shed blood and death which is the only acceptable payment for sins. Because of these facets, the results of justification on the believer is that he is a new man (2 Cor. 5:17-18), he is made the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:7-9), he is perfected forever, in position, not in daily life, and set apart (Heb. 10-14), and he has the fullness of Christ being baptized into Christ's family (1 Cor. 12:13).

Let us be ever grateful for Jesus' sinless life; for His death burial, and resurrection; and for His love, grace, forgiveness, and mercy that are so freely lavished upon us!

- Pastor Elliot

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

Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt Update



Our Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for the donations of eggs and candy. We ended up with over 8,000 pieces of candy and just under 3,000 eggs! Of course, this event wouldn't have been possible without all our volunteers. If you volunteered in any way by either preparing for the event, helping on the day of or fervently praying for this event, thank you!

We partnered with The Fairfield Glade Community Club again this year, and it worked wonderfully. They were here with sno-cones, popcorn, and a kiddie train ride that the kids just loved. Due to the rain that had come in the night before almost everything was moved inside the fellowship hall, but it couldn't have gone better! We had face painting, a craft, live bunnies, multiple games stations, the 3-legged race and sack hop.



This all led up to the epic Easter Egg Hunt where almost 90 children excitedly searched for candy filled eggs. Prizes were awarded and the Easter bunny even made an appearance. Most importantly the Gospel message was shared with the 200+ people in attendance, Praise Jesus!

Please be in prayer for all those that attended our event. Pray especially for those that don't know Jesus. Pray that they may see their need for Jesus Christ and understand that eternal life is found only through him.



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

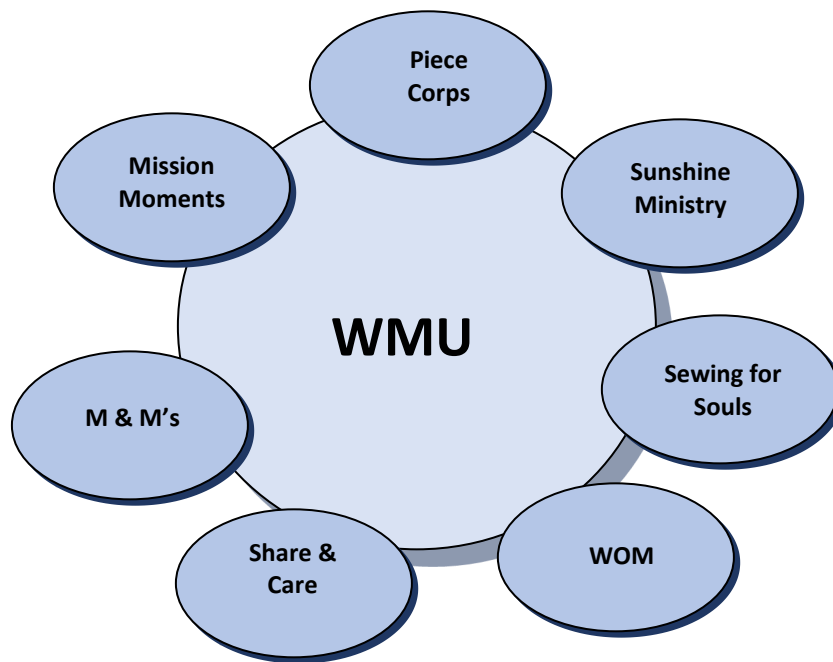
APRIL	Dementia Diagnosis- Next Step	Dr. Alan Steinberg, MD
MAY	Vetting-Training Staff- Help Process	Grace Givers
JUNE	Facing Decline and Guilt	Cheryl Blanchard, Specialist
JULY	Planning for unknown future	Marie Ferran, Elder Attorney
AUGUST	Brain Changes- Exercise- Falls-Balance	Shannon Laferney, Trainer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

If you have any questions please contact:

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What is the WMU?

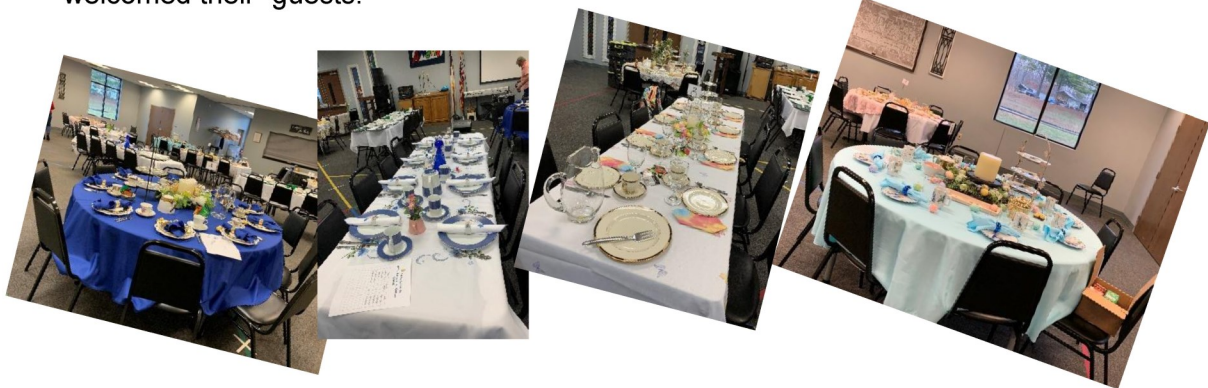
The WMU is composed of ladies in the church who keep the congregation informed about Southern Baptist Missions through special offerings, mission moments, meetings and announcements. The WMU helps coordinate all mission and ministry involvement through a variety of activities that help women fulfill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

Blanche Putnam 727-207-0422 or

Janice Botbyl 931-260-4173

A Wonderful Time Was Had by All!!!

On Saturday, March 9, sixty five “guests” gathered for a great time of fellowship, food, and music at our “Tea for Sure in ‘24”. Hosts decorated each table with a Spring theme and welcomed their “guests.”



After satisfying ourselves with tea sandwiches, scones, jam, clotted cream, desserts of all kinds and, of course, tea, Danny Funderburk shared the gospel message through wonderful songs. He even encouraged a quartet to sing along.



Although Danny has suffered four strokes and a heart attack, he continues to praise the Lord through song and music.

Hope you didn't miss it. But in case you were unable to attend here's some photos:



Take Me Out to the Ball Game -



Do you like baseball?
Well, here's your chance to take in a game.

- Friday evening, May 10, the Chattanooga Lookouts will be playing the Tennessee Smokies in Chattanooga. We have reserved 12 lower box seats (but additional tickets can be ordered) at a cost of \$13/seat.
- Stadium food will be available, but the stadium is "cashless" (i.e., credit or debit card).
- Pastor Elliot has offered to drive the bus!
- Signups begin March 31 (Easter) and will continue through Sunday April 21.
- Payment is due at signup. Checks should be made payable to Fairfield Glade First Baptist.

Intercessors Prayer Group

You are invited to attend

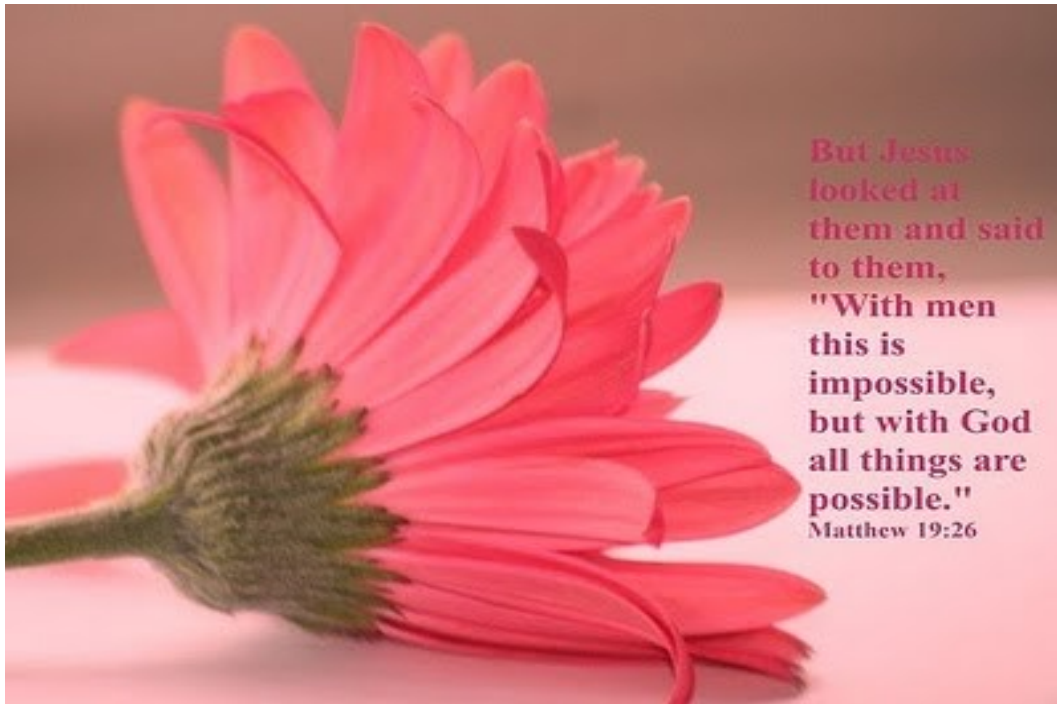
In Room 120

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.



SAVE THE DATES!!!

Your Adult Leadership Team has planned several fun times for 2024.

Be sure to save the dates and look for signups in the lobby.

- **“God’s Girls Movie Night”** – Sorry guys.....this is a “Women Only Christian Chick Flick” time at the Cookeville movie theatre to see a movie, *“Someone Like You”*, Monday, April 8, 4:30pm. Tickets cost \$12.50. Signups are currently on-going. Payment is due at time of signup and tickets will be pre-purchased. Kathy Leith has graciously offered to drive the bus or ladies can carpool. We’ll be leaving the church about 3-3:15pm.
- **Take Me Out to the Ball Game** – An evening in Chattanooga on Friday, May 10, 7pm. The Chattanooga Outlooks will be playing the Tennessee Smokies. We have reserved 12 lower box seats (but can order additional tickets) at a cost of \$13/seat. Stadium food will be available, but the stadium is “cashless” (i.e., credit or debit card). Pastor Elliot has offered to drive the bus! Signups begin March 31 (Easter) and will continue through Sunday April 21. Payment is due at signup. Checks should be made payable to Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church and please add “movie night” to memo line of check.
- **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.



GOODIES !!!!!

We're wanting to be more inviting to our guests and visitors as well as our members.

The Goodie Ministry needs you !!!!!

Please sign up to bring Goodies on Sunday mornings to share.

***Contact: Kelly Kearney
(845) 234-3846***



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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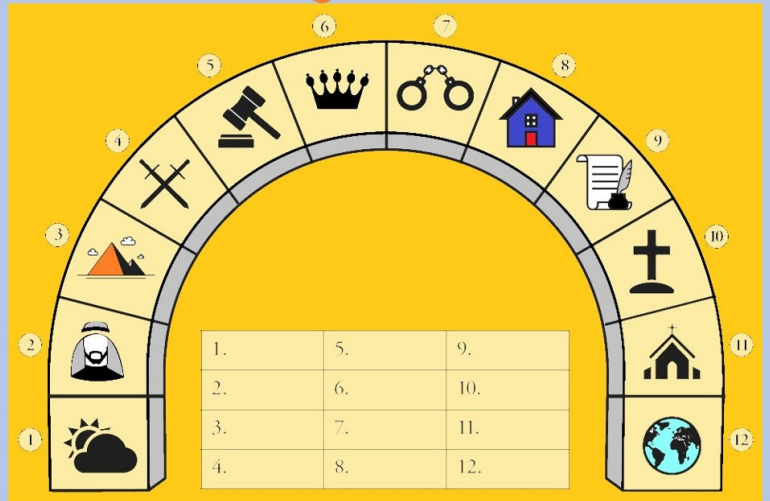


THE BIBLE

UNLOCK THE SCRIPTURES
IN 15 MINUTES A DAY

MAX ANDERS

New Discipleship Class Beginning January 7th



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

Be Still And Know That I Am God

Women's Bible Study

Study: The Book of James

Tuesdays - 1:00pm - Conference Room

Teacher: Nina Prigodich



First Baptist Church - Golf League



4/4/2024 @ Druid Hills - Back 9

Tee Times - 8:39 am, 8:48 am, 8:57 am

4/11/2024 @ Dorchester - Back 9

Tee Times - 7:45 am, 7:54 am, 8:03 am

4/18/2024 @ Heatherhurst Brae- Back 9

Tee Times - 7:18 am, 7:27 am, 7:36 am

4/25/2024 @ Heatherhurst Crag- Front 9

Tee Times - 12:33 pm, 12:42 pm, 12:51 pm

Please contact Bob Thames to schedule.

(931) 210-4690

robert.thamestn@gmail.com



Bill & Brenda Foley - Teachers

26- Week - Bible Study Series

The ABC's of Discipleship

Wednesday Night @ 5:15 pm

Conference Room



Saturday, April 20th @ 8:00am

MORE SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERTS COMING IN 2024

— Crossville —
*Southern
Gospel
Concerts*



Sing Along with Johnny Hall
April 7, 2024



The Erwins
June 30, 2024



The Inspirations
September 15, 2024



Tribute
December 8, 2024

Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church

130 Towne Center Way, Fairfield Glade, TN 38571

Behind Food City on Peavine Road in Fairfield Glade (Crossville)

Information: 931.484.6927 Church • 619.322.6573 Ruth Ann

Open Seating | A love offering will be received



Upcoming Events

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

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

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

April - Wednesdays - Intercessor's Prayer Grp. @ 10am

April 1 - M&M Leader's Meeting @ 9:30 am

April 2 - Deacon's Meeting @ 1:30 pm

April 7 - Johnny Hall Concert @ 4:00 pm

April 8 - Evangelism Conference @ 9:00 am

April 8 - God's Girls Movie Night @ 2:45 pm

April 9 - Townhall Meeting @ 6:00 pm

April 14 - Special Called Business Meeting @ 11:45 am

April 15 - CLC Meeting @ 3:30 pm

April 18 - M&M Luncheon @ 11:00 am



Upcoming Events

April 18 - New Members Reception @ 4:00 pm

April 20 - Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am

April 22 - Quarterly Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

April 23 - Soothing Souls @ 1:00 pm

April 24 - Roane State Luncheon @ 11:00
