

MARCH NEWSLETTER



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**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

3/16 Daniel & Kelli Beasmore

3/17 Michael & Safondia Tumulty

3/28 George & Diane Mueller

THE PASTOR'S TWO BITS

What were they thinking? People do strange things when they are grieving. Some are like robots, just going through the motions of life. Some get fixated on doing a particular task whether it needs done or not; and they might not think ahead or organize themselves to get it done right, if they are able to get it done at all. In times of grief, sometimes we just don't think well. But...

What were they thinking?

On the Sunday morning after the Sabbath Day after the day Jesus was crucified a group of women started off to the tomb to properly care for His body - to prepare it for its final burial. They had the traditional burial spices. They likely had some water and rags to wash him. They were running on empty; likely hadn't slept for three days. The last time they saw the body it was beaten and swollen nearly beyond recognition. They were going about their busy business, knowing that somebody needed to do what needed to be done, but... what were they thinking?

They knew that there were armed guards at the tomb and a rock in front of it so big that it would take several men and very likely some ropes and pry bars to roll it away. They had good intentions, but their mission was doomed to failure before they even started. What were they thinking?

Grief and hopelessness cause us to think less clearly than usual.

I don't think that they were thinking anything about resurrection. I don't think that they were hoping for anything more than honoring their loved one with a proper burial. But...

JESUS IS ALIVE!

It doesn't appear that those women planned very well for finishing what they set out to do. Getting access to the body would be the biggest challenge in the whole process. But when they arrived at the tomb, the stone was already rolled aside, the body was gone, the guards were terrified, and there was an angel waiting for them:

Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.

I don't think they ever thought that they were about to be the first persons ever to hear the Good News of the resurrection! They never thought they would talk to an angel that morning! And they never thought that their burial spices were going to go to waste! They never thought that they would be the first persons ever to be charged with the Great Commission: "**GO QUICKLY AND TELL...**"

JESUS IS ALIVE!

We celebrate Easter for one reason and one reason only. Jesus is our Savior and Lord. I hope that's the reason you have for celebration!

-Pastor Doug

P.S. (I hope you don't mind me celebrating a special milestone in my life this year, but...)

Happy reBirthday to me!

Happy reBirthday to me!

Happy reBirthday dear me!

Happy reBirthday to me!

I was born again **50 years ago** this year during the Easter season! Praise God...

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Piece Corp - Quilters

Tuesday's @ 9:00am



***Soothing
Souls***

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

COMFORTING WORDS

This signage project for the Columbarium started with Jay Dingee when he and Mary Lee were still here with us.

Jay and I met over the decision of which verses to use that would be meaningful to folks who have lost a loved one.

Jay requested quotations on signs but the project just did not get finished while he was still here. He also made donations to the Columbarium fund to pay for this project.

After he left we continued the project by walking through Cemeteries looking at tombstones to figure out what was the best font size and style. The size of the signs was changed to a smaller version stone slab with verses on both sides-Kayleen's idea.

Jim Botbyl worked with me on the stone slabs and arranged for them to be donated by Silvara Stone. He also helped find the folks who poured the foundations and transported them to the church, along with locating the engraver who did a fabulous job plus helped setting them in their final locations.

So there were several people involved that made this project happen but it was Jay's vision that started it all.

Please walk up to the Columbarium and read the verses going up and then the verses returning and hopefully you find them comforting.



Walkway to Columbarium

*"I am the resurrection and the
life. The one who believes in
me will live, even though they
die"*

John 11:25

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall
not want
Psalm 23:1*

*I can do everything through
Christ who strengthens me*

Philippians 4:13

*I will never leave you nor
forsake you*

Joshua 1:5

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A Recent Encounter With God

Make your ways known to me, Lord, Teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4 [CSV]

I recently attended the Church Revitalization Conference in Mt. Juliet that was assembled by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB). It was a time of worship, learning, and, quite frankly, renewal. Revitalization is the act to revitalize, “**to give new vitality or vigor to**” and is a compound of the prefix re- “again, back” and the verb vitalize “to give life to.” Vitalize, in turn, is formed from vital “of or relating to life” and the verbal suffix -ize. So, to play the role of “Captain Obvious”, spiritual revitalization is the process in which we purposely take steps to gain health, hardiness, strength, and stamina in our spiritual selves.

Expecting to learn various methods that I might bring back to our church, I was surprised that the first speaker failed to dive into the various methods and techniques church leaders can employ to help their churches grow in vitality. Instead, Dr. Bill Elliff spoke to us concerning being in God’s presence. With the topics Dr. Elliff spoke on and the worship times provided, there was a moving in my spirit... a drawing of the Holy Spirit on my heart to enter more fully into His presence, visualizing myself kneeling and bowing before our Great God at His throne, with King Jesus sitting at His right hand. It was a sobering and disarming time.

In Dr. Elliff’s book, **The Presence Centered Church** he writes, “*Sadly, something is missing in the church. For all our good intentions, each year thousands of churches close their doors (most studies say over 6,000 a year). Hundreds of pastors leave the ministry every month, and more than 75 percent of American churches are not growing. Although there are many wonderful, vibrant churches, our nation’s moral and spiritual condition shows the effects of a weakened church. We are having little effect on society and society is having a massive effect on us. We have crossed the tipping point. No political manipulation can bring our nation back from the spiritual wasteland we are entering. We need God. We need Him deeply and desperately. And we need Him now. Without a divine invasion of His manifest presence, every life, every local church, and the church in our nation is doomed to meager impact and overall decline. Let us make it the goal of our lives and ministries to do everything God directs to discover His presence: in our lives, our churches, and our nation.*” (page 21)

I did learn some helpful methods, techniques, and priorities that can help in our efforts of revitalization. More to come on that in the future. But it was thrilling, and sobering, to first start the conference by entering, purposefully, into the presence of the Almighty.

It is my continued prayer that all of us at Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church would seek the presence of our Heavenly Father and move forward at His command!

- Pastor Elliot

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

PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS YEAR'S
EASTER EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS.
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

LET'S SHOW THESE
CHILDREN HOW MUCH
WE CARE.



Ways That You Can Help:

- Pray for this event.
- Donate individually wrapped candy.
- Donate Plastic Eggs
- Sign up in the lobby to volunteer your time.

EASTER CELEBRATION & EGG HUNT

MARCH 23

2-4PM



EASTER CELEBRATION



LIVE BUNNIES

&

CANDY

EGG HUNT

GAMES

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
2-4PM**

Fairfield Glade Community Club
will be on site with Snow Cones,
Popcorn and a Kiddie Train.



EASTER CRAFT

**FAIRFIELD GLADE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
130 TOWN CENTRE WAY
CROSSVILLE, TN 38558**

FACE PAINTING



7:00 am

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Saturday – March 23

2:00 pm Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday – March 28

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service & Lord's Supper

Easter Sunday – March 31

7:00 am Sunrise Service at the Church (hopefully outside)

7:30 am Cont. Breakfast and Fellowship (until 8:30)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service



MAUNDY THURSDAY *Service*

3/28/24

6:00 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

MARCH	Veteran's Benefits & Available Help	James Dignan, VSO
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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GAME NIGHT

Thursday, March 21

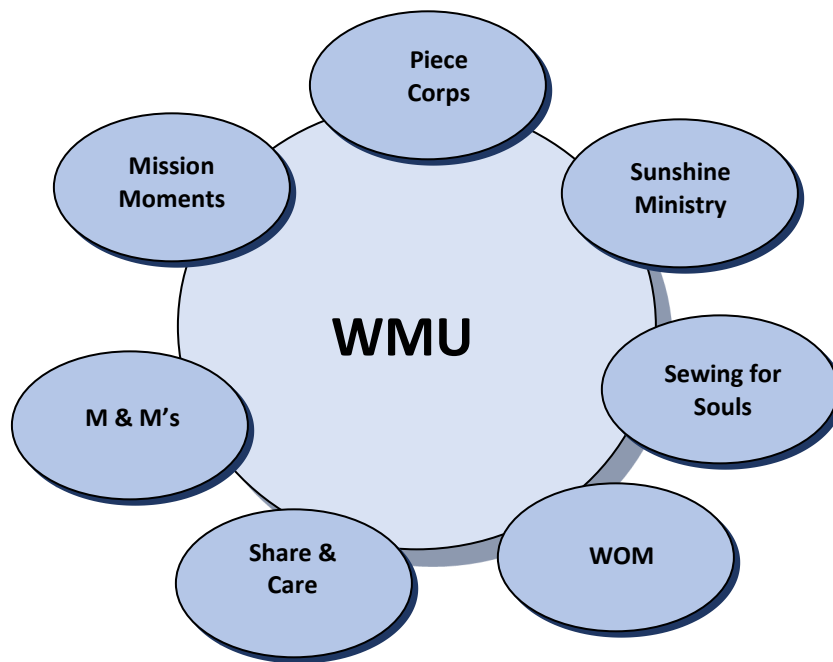
5:00-7:00 pm

Please bring a cold or hot dish to share.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions please contact Carol Thames.



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.

Did you know the WMU is looking for a leader?

If you feel led to lead this group or just want to join us in this ministry please contact

Blanche Putnam 727-207-0422 or

Janice Botbyl 931-260-4173

Intercessors Prayer Group

You are invited to attend

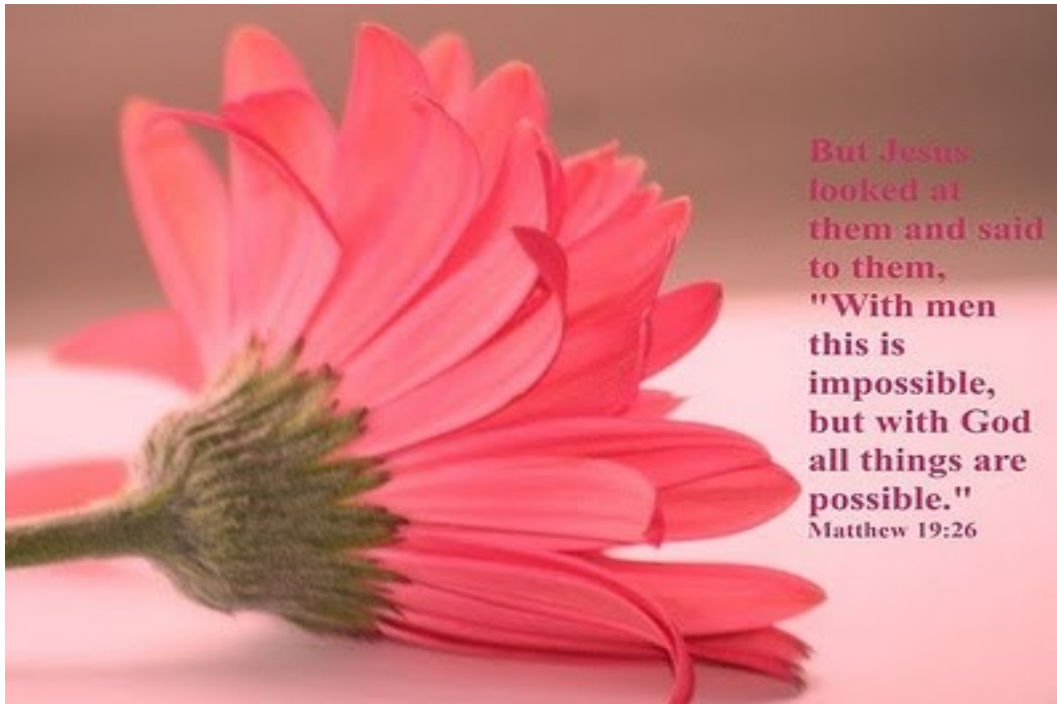
In Room 120

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.





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
(865) 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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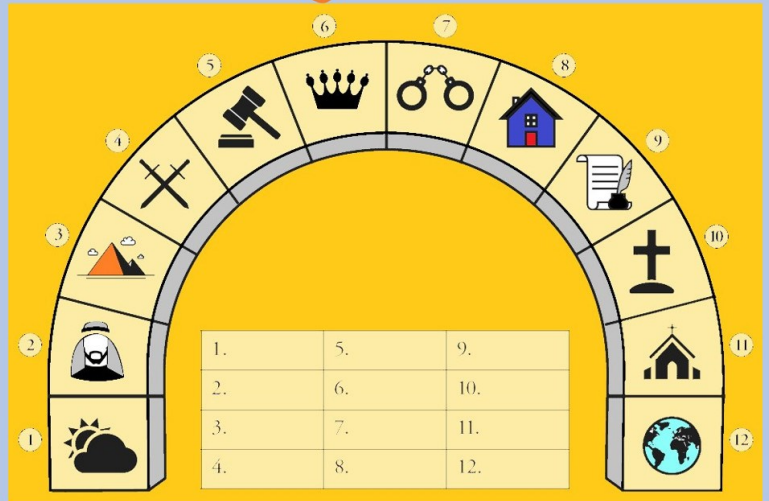


THE BIBLE

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.

Also direct anyone needing to know where a specific Sunday School class or the Nursery is.

If you'd like to join the First Impressions Team please contact Deb Carlson 931.210.9998 or email: tenndlc@gmail.com

Be Still And Know That I Am God

Women's Bible Study

Study: The Book of Revelation

Tuesdays - 1:00pm - Conference Room

Teacher: Nina Prigodich



Are You Ready for Fun Times in 2024 with Your Church Family???

Your Adult Leadership Team has been hard at work selecting some fun activities for you, our church family in 2024.

Here's what's planned for 2024:

Tea for Sure in '24 - Saturday, March 9. Music by Danny Funderburk.

Lavender Farm & Sgt York's Homestead – End of June to mid-July

Minor League Baseball – During the summer months – either Tennessee Smokies or Chattanooga Lookouts

Biblical Time Dinner Theater – In the Fall in Pigeon Forge

Look for more information and signups as we get nearer to each event!



First Baptist Church - Golf League



3/7/2024 @ Stonehenge - Front 9

Tee Times - 1:00 pm & 1:10 pm

3/14/2024 @ Dorchester - Front 9

Tee Times - 1:00 pm & 1:09 pm

3/21/2024 @ Heatherhurst Crag - Front 9

Tee Times - 1:00 pm & 1:09 pm

3/28/2024 @ Druid Hills - Back 9

Tee Times - 1:00 pm & 1:09

Please contact Bob Thames to schedule.

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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



March 16th

Saturday @ 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

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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

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

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

March - 1st and 3rd Fridays - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00am

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

March 1 - Red Cross Blood Drive @ 9:00am-3:00pm

March 10 - Easter Volunteer Meeting @ 11:45 am

March 14 - Memory Loss Support Group @ 11:00am

March 16 - Men's Breakfast @ 8:00am

March 21 - Game Night 5:00-7:00pm

March 23 - Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt @ 1:00pm

March 28 - Maundy Thursday & The Lord's Supper @6:00pm

March 31 - Easter Sunrise Service & Continental Breakfast @ 7:00am
