

May Newsletter



First Baptist Church - Fairfield Glade

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On this very special
day for you!

Birthday



05/06 Marilyn Bartos

05/06 Ann Brigance

05/06 Ruth Schroeder

05/09 Caleb McCall

05/10 Ron Brining

05/11 Phyllis Jones

05/14 Doreen Ford

05/14 Dick Schroeder

05/21 Colby Ardis Jr.

05/31 Judy Gant



Happy Anniversary

to a beautiful couple!

*May the freshness of your love
always remain...*

05/06 Milo & Dianne Macko

05/13 Delmar & Cindy Harville

05/18 Paul & Kathy Molnar

05/19 Doug & Kay Lynn Elders

THE PASTOR'S TWO BITS

May is a special month. We celebrate Mother's Day and graduations, and remember heroes who served our country and defended our freedoms. It's a special month.

Mothers are special. Wow, that's an understatement if there ever was one! Thirty-five years ago, Ronald Reagan penned these words in a presidential proclamation regarding Mother's Day... "The arms of a mother are the newborn's first cradle and the injured child's first refuge. The hands of a mother are the hands of care for the child who is near and of prayer for the one who is far away. The eyes of a mother are the eyes of fond surprise at baby's first step, the eyes of unspoken worry at the young adult's first voyage from home, the eyes of gladness at every call or visit that says she is honored and remembered. The heart of a mother is a heart that is always full." *THANK YOU!* to all the mothers out there. You are special!

Graduates are special, too. Whether High School or College, graduation marks the end of one era of life and the beginning of another. Graduates have earned the right to dream. They are at a crossroads in life where new roads open before

them. New opportunities and options present themselves. It's an exciting time. It's a time in life when life-altering decisions will be made. Which path?

Which direction? Which college? Which job? What friends? Remember that God can direct you through the maze. He has a plan and purpose for your life. Let Him lead you and you will never take the wrong path.

And finally, Memorial Day reminds us of the sacrifice of so many who have defended our country. America the beautiful; America the free, because of men and woman who fought for you and me. May we always remember and honor those who have gone before us.

- Pastor Doug

P.S. During the last half of the month, Kay Lynn and I will be travelling to Central Asia again to meet some of our old friends. We will likely help teach some English classes just as we did years ago and help with some other

projects. We appreciate your prayers for that trip and look forward to reporting back to you when we return.

Leadership Spotlight **Randy Andersen** **Deacon**

Randy and Kayleen moved to the Glade in October, 2007, from West Virginia. They are originally from Omaha, NE. In January 2008, they joined FG FBC. Randy is now in his 11th year serving the church as a deacon. In fact, he is our only active deacon this year! "HELP!" is his plea to other men in the church who meet the Scriptural qualifications to serve as deacons. (If you are asked this year, he wants to hear an enthusiastic "YES!") He also is a leader in our new CARE Ministry.

Randy attended church all his life but did not understand true salvation until he was 38 years old. At that time, he gave his life to Christ. "It changed everything", he says. They began helping with the youth group at their church, camping, canoeing, and doing other activities with them. They had a great time. He and Kayleen have been serving the Lord ever since.

They raised 4 boys, have 12 grandkids, and 1 great grandchild.



Barry Bouchillon - Minister of Music

Please consider leaving August 14th - 18th open on your calendar. We are planning a "Singing School". Yes, you read it right , A Singing School. We don't have all of the details worked out yet, but

THIS IS FOR YOU !

If you ever wondered if you could sing.

If you thought I can't sing.

THIS IS FOR YOU !

Of course it's to help everyone sing better and I promise it will be fun and entertaining.

Marty Phillips from Crossett, Arkansas will be here instructing and making music fun.

Do you support the music program here at FFGFBC?

Make plans to come. Invite your neighbors.





Care Ministry Update

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First, we want to say “Thank You”

To everyone who responded and said they would help with this ministry for our church family.

We had 48 persons that replied to help in different areas.

The areas that were identified as needed were:

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Homebound Visits, Hospital Visits

Visitor Visits, Home Projects

Grocery Shopping, Card Ministry

Meals, Transportation

If you have a need, or know of someone that has a need, please contact Kristen at the church office at 931-484-6927 or email: ffgfbc@onhisrock.org.

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Kristen will put out a group email to those signed up for that particular area and whomever can help meet the need will “reply to all” that they will be fulfilling the request.

If you have any questions or would like to join the team contact Randy Andersen or Susan Riches.

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**Randy Andersen
931-335-0265**

**Susan Riches
931-202-2278**

Susan and I want to thank you all again for volunteering to be part of the Care Ministry.



Pastor Elliot's Tidbits

The Gospel

It is important to remind ourselves of the simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus. The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. In it we are reminded that...



God Rules! God created everything and He is in charge of everything. (see Revelation 4:11).



We Sinned! Everyone sins (or disobeys God). Our sin separated us from God. (see Romans 3:10-12, 23).



God Provided! God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve (see John 3:16).



Jesus Gives! Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life... **AND**... He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever!!! (see 2 Corinthians 5:21).



We Respond! Every one of us has a choice to make... will we trust Jesus as our Savior and Lord? We must turn from sin and turn to Jesus! (see Romans 10:9-10).

Let's keep on preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to ourselves so we will be ready to help someone else come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings! – Pastor Elliot

“Never be content with your current grasp of the gospel. The gospel is life-permeating, world altering, universe-changing truth. It has more facets than a diamond. It’s depths man will never exhaust.”

- C.J. Mahaney, *The Cross Centered Life*, 67



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

Stewardship Moment - Debt Free in 2023!

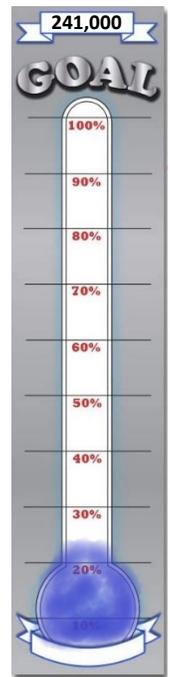
One of our approved Strategic Planning goals is to pay off our current debt by the end of 2023. Currently our mortgage balance is ≈ \$239,166.

We are making progress, but have a long way to go to reach this goal!

Please prayerfully consider how you can help!

Also, the Stewardship/Finance Team is looking for one more Team Member to join us.

If you have a heart to serve God and our church,
Please email Bill Foley at billfoleyretired@comcast.net
or stewardfbc@onhisrock.org.



God Bless!

Bill Foley, Chairperson

Stewardship/Finance Committee

Debt Free

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Pastor's Appreciation Dinner





Knoxville Riverboat Lunch Cruise

- When:** Wednesday, June 21 (Rain or Shine)
Leave church 8AM – Return ~4PM
Transportation: Church Van and/or Bus; Carpools
- Cost:** \$45/Person – Non-Refundable Payment due at signup (check made payable to Fairfield Glade First Baptist)
- Menu:** BBQ Pork, baked beans, baked mac & cheese, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls & butter, apple cobbler & non-alcoholic beverages
- Signup:** Begins Sunday April 30 through May 28 in Church Lobby

Enjoy a relaxing 1.5-hour lunch cruise along the Tennessee River, while the captain narrates and gives information regarding the river, the sites, and the vessel.

DON'T MISS IT!!

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, May 14 &
to be returned by Father's Day, June 18.**

Thank you all for your support!

For additional information go to

www.plateaupregnancyservices.com

Questions? Call Deb Carlson 931.210.9998





CLC Wrap Up

Fellowship Team: April 1st - Easter Celebration/Egg Hunt. In participation with the Fairfield Glade Community Club. They estimated 300 in attendance. 32 church member volunteers. A set up team was established with Paul Molnar as the lead. April 15th – Team deep cleaned the kitchen area. April 9th - Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast very well received. April 18th - Baptist Association Appreciation Dinner. April 20th - Game Night.

Adult Leadership Team: The Everlasting Nation Museum presented by the International Board of Jewish Missions located in Hixson, TN & lunch on Thursday, April 27. The museum takes you through the history of Israel and the biblical history of the Jewish faith. You will take a walk back in time following in the steps of Abraham and the children of Israel. Specific features include The Passover, The Temple, The Jewish Wedding, and the Rebirth of Israel. Another meaningful exhibit is the Holocaust Memorial with a special focus on the rescue efforts of the Corrie ten Boom family and the Hiding Place. Knoxville Paddle Wheeler Lunch Cruise – Wednesday, June 21, Rock House, Sparta, TN & Lunch – September.

Worship: On the music front; We are continuing to train the choir members and praise team members. I have been conducting a "GIVE ME 30" training. because of sound/video. Barry presented a Singing School for the members on Aug 14-18.

Youth: Planning: AWANA year-end night (4/26), Looking into Camp options/opportunities for Children and Youth. Looking into SBC training for me this summer. Prepping for AWANA award night message, Youth Group lessons, Sunday School lessons, and preaching on 5/28.

Stewardship/Finance Report: Building Fund giving is up to \$19,968.42 YTD. Remember that we have set a goal to try to pay off the building mortgage by the end of 2023. Our mortgage debt is now down to \$239,166.

Discussion regarding one Worship Service at 10:30am on June 4th. Missionaries will be here that Sunday. No Sunday School for children. The missionaries will speak at 9:00 am to everyone, including children.

Nursery workers needed. We need 2 people in the nursery at all times. If no one shows up, teachers can join the service after 10 minutes.

The following persons were approved to serve on the Fellowship Team – Kathy Molnar, Removed – Marcey McCall.



Goodie Ministry!

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

Tables are set up in the Fellowship Hall for anyone to sit, have a cup of coffee, and a goodie.

***** Here's where you come in - if you would like to be on a**

rotation list, to bring goodies on Sunday morning, please let us know and we'll add you to the list!

Please contact Deb Carlson 931.210.9998, email is tenndlc@gmail.com

Thank you! - The Fellowship Team.



Refreshed and Renewed!

Ladies be refreshed and renewed here at First Baptist Church of Fairfield Glade on September 22nd & 23rd.

We are looking forward to a weekend of encouragement and love with the message being brought by Sandy Peyton, a gifted speaker, pianist and gospel music enthusiast from Knoxville, TN.

Sandy, and our own Teresa Borton, will bring inspirational music throughout the weekend.

There will be a \$25.00 registration fee due by September 1, 2023.

We will be looking for you!

For more information please call:
Linda York at 731-363-1959

Children's Sunday School



Teachers Needed

**Teachers are needed for the new year for our
youth (7th - 12th Grade)
and Children (1st - 3rd) & (4th - 6th Grade).**

Please contact Elliot Richards, if you are interested.



Leadership Team - Ministry Opportunities

Serving on a leadership team is a great way to serve the church and help us strengthen and grow. You can find descriptions of all of the teams on our website. If you are interested in serving on a team, contact the team leader or the church office.

We would love to have you!



Habitat for Humanity - Home Dedication

Quilts Given To The Family





How to use your Library

- * There are two white notebooks on the Library table. One of the notebooks contains a list of all the books in the Library in alphabetical order by the Author's Last Name. The other notebook contains a list of all the books in the Library in alphabetical order by Title. Fiction books are on the shelves alphabetically by Author's last name. Non-fiction books are on the shelves numerically by the Dewey Decimal System. The shelves have labels to assist you in finding the materials for which you are searching.
- * To check out a book, video or DVD, take the card out of the inside back pocket, sign your name clearly, and write the date you are checking it out, **not the due date as you do not know what date it is due**. Place the card in the basket on the Library table.
- * When you return the book, video or DVD, put it in the brown book drop on the floor by the desk.
- * For checking out Bible Studies, which are kept in the storage closet, please ask Library staff or leave a note in the basket and we will get back with you as we are in the library on Sunday between services.
- * When borrowing materials from the church Library, please borrow any one item no longer than 4 weeks. Always return library resources to the Library and do not pass it on to another member. After you return it to the Library, and we have processed the return, someone else may check it out.

Your Library Staff wishes to thank you for your help in keeping our Library a place where all enjoy visiting.

M & M Luncheon

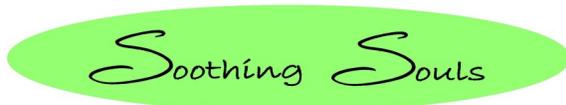
May 18th - 11:00 am



M & M's (Monday for the Master)

PURPOSE: We are a group of God's children who see a need to minister to those in our church (community) who are alone – widows, widowers, or shut-in, or have special needs. We meet once a month and plan a special outing or celebration (birthdays) for those who we minister to. We visit, cook, do small tasks, and love those who God puts on our hearts. We strive to do this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men so that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."



"Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:23

**Anxious? Depressed? Fearful?
Suffering from a death of a loved one?
Broken Relationships?**

Anything keeping you from having a joy filled life?

If this describes you or someone you know we invite you to join us. This group is where you can open up safely and share your concerns. Talking in a safe environment with people who share your feelings can be very soothing and helpful. Most times when you share what you are dealing with there will be others who will also open up with the same issue.

Most importantly: this is VERY CONFIDENTIAL AND YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN A CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT.

We meet at First Baptist Church Fairfield Glade (on the hill behind Food City) on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month starting in January. We meet from 1-3 in a closed and very private room: Room #156. You enter through the kitchen door (to the right of the Portico) and go straight ahead.

We pray, have a devotion, have snacks and we do laugh - laughter is also good medicine!

If you feel this is something you would find helpful, please join us. Facilitated by Nancy Skaggs & Joyce Coleman.

If you have questions, please call: Nancy Skaggs 931.260.6600.



May 9th
&
May 23rd

1:00 pm

Discipleship Class

Led By: Bill & Brenda Foley

Bible Study Series - Wednesday's @ 5:30 pm

Room 202 - Conference Room

What Does Unity In The Church Mean

What Are Ways To Witness

How Do Faith And Works Relate

What Are Angels

Come and be a part of this Exciting Class !



Bible Study

Led by: Ray Prigodich

Tuesday's @ 1:00pm



May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

“Correctly Interpreting the Word of Truth.”

Meetings are 2nd Thursday
each month at 11:00 AM.

FG First Baptist Church
130 Towne Centre Drive
Fairfield Glade, TN 38571

In the Fellowship Hall,
enter on the Portico Side.

Our meetings provide valuable
education and information.
Attendees are encouraged to ask
questions and share concerns and
experiences. No one should walk
this journey alone.

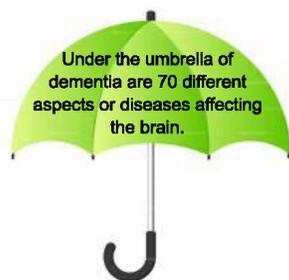
Each month there is a qualified
speaker or DVD on topics relative
to Dementia and Caregiving.

FACILITATORS

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Tara Mayo
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taramayo2759@yahoo.com



RESOURCES

Alzheimers' Tennessee
931-526-8010
Alztennessee.org

CareblazersTV
Careblazers.com

Care Patrol
Finding a facility in TN.
865-333-0933
carepatrol.com

livingwithalz.org
4 short films

Pat Summit Foundation
Diagnosis
865-305-2273
Patsummit.org

Seniorhelpers.com
Free DVD
Teepa Snow Care Academy
800-760-6389

**Vanderbilt Cognitive Medicine &
Dementia Care Center**
Diagnosis
615-936-0060

Memory Loss Support Fairfield Glade



In Partnership with
Alzheimer's Tennessee

*No one should
walk this journey
alone.*

MANAGING CAREGIVER STRESS



Signs of Caregiver Stress

Denial about disease and its effect on person
Withdrawing socially - no longer stay in touch
Exhaustion - no energy to complete daily tasks
Emotional Reactions - crying, irritability
Health Issues - weight gain/loss, illness
Anger about situation & repeated questions
Anxiety about facing another day
Sleeplessness - awoken at night, poor sleep pattern
Depression - feels sad and hopeless

Lifestyle can help prevent dementia for a caregiver, and can also help the loved one.

- Physical Exercise - Keep active.
- Socialization - Interact with friends, and neighbors. Do not withdraw or isolate.
- Mental Stimulation - Puzzles, word search, Sudoku, games, new hobby.
- Diet - Choose a healthy diet - possibly Mediterranean. Keep well hydrated.
- Sleep - Maintain a regular sleep pattern. Night is when brains reboot and save data.
- Healthy Lifestyle - Avoid excessive drinking, processed or junk food.
- We are spiritual beings - Focus on finding purpose and hope.

Caregiver Tips

Celebrate what you have and do not focus on what is lost.
Keep your sense of humor.
Read and educate yourself on dementia and caregiving.
Keep in mind that each day is different.
Maintain an attitude of gratitude.
Don't be afraid to ask for help.
Acknowledge you have limitations and welcome help.
Be proactive on seeking information and assistance.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

FG First Baptist Church library has a
special section of books & DVDs
relative to care and coping with
memory loss.



- 36 Hour Day for Caregivers
- Dementia Caregiver Guide
- Sum It Up - Pat Summit Story
- How to Keep Love Alive When Memory Fades
- Susie & Me Days
- Five Silent Years - Caregiver Experience
- Blue, Baseball, Virginia - Patient/Caregiver Journey
- Senior Gems - Teepa Snow DVD

Please check the books out
putting your name and phone
number on the card and return
the book following month when
you attend the meeting.

COMING IN 2023

*Gospel
Concerts*



Booth Brothers | April 30



The Whisnants | July 30



The Kramers | October 29

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First Baptist Church - Golf League



5/4/23 @ Stonehenge - Front 9

Tee Times - 12:20 pm - 12:30 pm - 12:40 pm

5/11/23 @ Druid Hills- Back 9

Tee Times - 8:12 am - 8:21 am - 8:30 am

5/18/23 @ Dorchester - Back 9

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

5/25/23 @ Heatherhurst Brae - Back 9

Tee Times - 8:12 am - 8:21 am - 8:30 am



Upcoming Events

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

May 5 - Red Cross Blood Drive @ 9:00 am

May 9 & 23 - Soothing Souls @ 1:00 pm

May 11 - Memory Loss Support Group @ 11:00 am

May 16 - Discipleship Team Meeting @ 3:30 pm

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

May 18 - Game Night @ 5:00 pm

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