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MAY NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATE FAMILY AT FBC!

Last year with the pandemic, everything we usually do as a church to celebrate family was cancelled. As you recall, the best we could offer was showing Sunday services online and holding worship services in the parking lot as we sat in our cars and honked our horns. Thank God those days are in the past! This year, May will be a wonderful month for our church to celebrate the family.

Upward Soccer, Saturdays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and Friday night, May 14th: It's been great to see so many families out on Saturday mornings as we have resumed our *Upward* soccer and cheer programs.

Mother/Daughter Banquet, Friday, May 7th: This month at FBC we celebrate moms with the return of our Mother/Daughter Banquet.

Family Commissioning/Child Dedication, May 9th: Thank God for the children born during this crazy, chaotic year. We will be dedicating families and their children to the Lord on Sunday, May 9th.

Baptism, May 2nd: We will celebrate those joining the family of God as we will have Baptisms in both auditoriums on Sunday, May 2nd.

Discover First Baptist, Sundays, May 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. We welcome new members into our church family as our next *Discover First Baptist* class launches Sunday, May 9th.

Graduation Recognition, May 23rd: After not being able to do anything last year for our graduates other than honk our car horns and drive by their homes, we get to honor our graduates on Sunday, May 23rd.

Join us as we celebrate family at FBC!

**Pastor Dave Earley,
Lead Pastor**

HOLY LAND TOUR!

Led by Pastor Dave Earley
September 21-30, 2021
Seats Still Remain

Contact Pastor Bryan Corbett for more details.
bryan@firstgc.org



FAMILY
COMMISSIONING SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 9th
"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord!"
Joshua 24:15

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Men's Breakfast: See you May 1st at 7:30 AM in our Fellowship Hall! Clark Bryant, Jr., will be sharing his testimony.

Donuts and Devotions: Saturday, May 15th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Student Center.

FBC Annual Car Show: Saturday, June 12th from 2:00 to 8:00 PM. Registration is from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Lake Erie Charter Fishing Trip: Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th. This trip is full. Future excursions are being planned!

Men's Fall Retreat: Friday, November 19th and Saturday, November 20th at Deer Creek State Park. More details coming soon!

Please contact **Pastor David Berna** at 614-288-6337 or by email at dberna4808@aol.com for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Women's Fellowship Breakfast: We will not meet in May. We will return Saturday, June 12th at 9:00 AM.

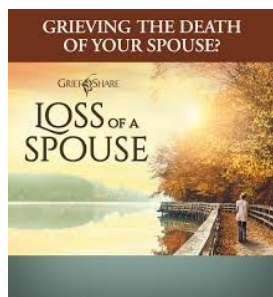
Mother/Daughter Banquet: Friday, May 7th at 6:00 PM in Neal Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under.

Walking by Faith, a new devotion and walking group, will begin Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 PM. We will meet at the FBC Shelter House to begin. Contact Amber Hall at 702-426-6800 with any questions you may have.

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study will begin again May 11th at 7:00 PM. Contact Debbie Watts at 614-530-1463 for more information.

Single Senior Ladies' Luncheon: Save the date for Saturday, July 31st. More details coming soon!

For more information on upcoming events and activities, please visit the **Women's Ministry Kiosk** in the FBC lobby. You may also contact **Ronda Kinnett** at 614-313-7871 or by email at ronda@firstgc.org.



GriefShare Presents: SURVIVING THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Coming,
Sunday, July 11th

4:00 to 6:00 PM

Online (Zoom Call)
participation only!

For questions, and to register, please contact:
Barb Lovingshimer at 614-875-4613



Lost & Found

Missing Something?

Check the FBC Lost and Found located on the coat rack and shelving across the hall from the church office! You may also contact us to inquire at 614-991-0205.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your cards and prayers during our illnesses. We hope to return to church in May.

Pat and Charles Hite

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the calls, visits, and the beautiful flowers during this difficult time in the passing of my dad, Wayne Stambaugh. Thanks to everyone who helped and prepared the wonderful meal.

In Christian Love, Rhonda and Allen Thompson

To all our friends at First Baptist,

Thank you all so much for the cards, calls, and good wishes during my recent illness. We love you all.

Judy and Pat Donahue

MY VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE PEW

*"Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old, he will not turn from it."* Proverbs 22:6

My mom's favorite text is "Stop by. I have coffee." My birthstone may very well be a coffee bean and, of course, Mom knows this. I can't think of a time when I haven't left after a cup of Mom's coffee feeling better than when I entered her kitchen. As much as I love that magical beverage flowing from her *Kurig*, I know the real relief comes from the conversation.

A couple weeks ago, I was feeling a little overwhelmed with my life. It's a great life and I thank God for His many blessings, but sometimes things go a little askew, often with my children. I often let my emotions stand in for any intelligence I may possess. This never goes well. However, a chat over coffee certainly soothes my soul and gives me perspective and clarity.

I know many friends whose mothers are no longer with them. My heart hurts for their loss. I do know that most of these friends are kind, generous, Godly women today due to the love and prayers of their moms.

As women—moms, aunts and friends—these are the kinds of traits we should be cultivating in ourselves and others. We need to extend an invitation into our homes or outside for a beverage. I highly recommend coffee, but it really doesn't matter, does it? All someone needs from us is a compassionate ear. We do not have all the answers, but whenever and wherever we can assist, pray for others, and build them up, we are promoting Christ.

Isn't this really every woman's highest calling?

Blessings, Cindy Matlock

