



FBC STUDENTS

MAY '26 NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

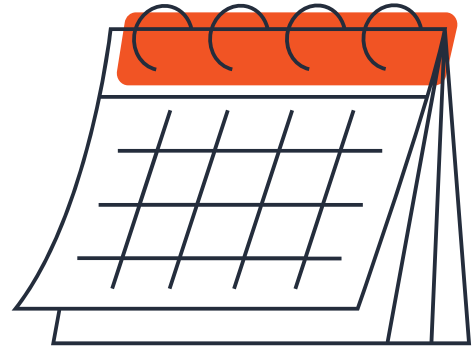
May 10 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Grad Recognition Sunday

May 30 - 3v3 basketball tournament

June 4 - Summer kickoff cookout

June 7 - Ministry Night (Prayer Walking)



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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HS Girls D-Group - Tuesdays, 7:15 am, Chick-fil-A

HS Boys D-Group - Thursdays, 7:05 am, CFA

MS Boys D-Group - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

MS Girls D-Group - Wednesday, 7-8 pm

Sunday school - Sundays, 9 am

Student Night - Sundays, 6:30-8 pm

3V3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

We are having a 3v3 basketball tournament on Saturday, May 30th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be a fun time of fellowship, and a fundraiser!



To sign up as a team, go to the google link that can be found on the parents group message and sign up. The registration fee is \$30, and proceeds from the tournament will go toward student ministry trips, etc. The deadline to sign up is May 23rd.

SUMMER KICKOFF COOKOUT

On Thursday evening, June 4th, from 5-7:30 p.m., we will have a cookout and pool party to kick off the summer!



This is open to all of our student ministry, and will take place at the home of Stephen and Holly Williamson. We will send out an address to anyone that needs it as we get closer, but save the date for a fun start to our summer!

SANCTIFICATION

There are different ways that many throughout church history have sought to describe the stages of the Christian life. The most common way is with the following three terms:

- **Justification:** This is the moment someone becomes a follower of Christ through repentance and faith. They are justified at that moment, or made right, before God through faith in the perfect and finished work of Christ on the cross.
- **Sanctification:** After the moment of justification, when someone goes from death to life, Christians begin the process of sanctification. This is the process of growing in holiness, becoming more Christlike and killing sin in our lives. This is a process that daily happens every day after our justification until the end of our lives or when Christ returns.
- **Glorification:** This final stage in the Christian life happens at our death when we are with Jesus forever. This is when, for Christians, we join our Father in heaven and are made perfect. All of the sin we struggle with, and its effects, are removed completely for us never to struggle again. At Christ's return, believers receive their glorified, or perfected, bodies which they will have for all eternity as they are with God forever in the new heavens and new earth.

Sanctification, of the three above, is what every living Christian is (or at least should be!) in the process of right now. This is true for us and for our children, if they are believers. We tend to focus much on justification and glorification as we think about life. We, rightly, want people to be made right with God through Christ! And we all, as we live life with all of its struggles, look forward to the day where we no longer struggle with sin, sickness, and death.

Sanctification, though, is integral to our life as Christians. Jesus, in John 15:5-8 says this: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers, and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

Aaron Menikoff writes about Christ's words in those verses and says, "It's a beautiful, sobering statement. True believers abide in Christ. They rest in Him, the vine. Then, well-nourished by the Lord, they bear fruit. In other words, the Christian's life is marked by increasing holiness. Those who don't bear fruit are not part of the vine; they aren't in Christ, and he isn't in them."

Spiritual fruit is the believer's sanctification. This requires energy, diligence, patience, and effort. You aren't living the Christian life in your own strength, but you are powerfully using the energy Christ supplies through the Spirit to toil with all your might to be holy as He is holy. This is a mark that you are in Christ – your life is bearing spiritual fruit.

I am challenged by these verses to not only pursue Christ with all the energy he gives me, but to set that example for my family and the next generation - to show that the Christian life is one of joyful, faith-fueled effort to pursue Christ for He alone is good!

HELPFUL LINKS

Our hope is to consistently resource and equip you as parents to make disciples in your homes. Below are some recent blogs, etc. we have stumbled across that might be helpful to you and encourage you!

Not a Child-Safe Technology: Proactive Parenting in the Age of AI:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/parenting-age-ai/>

5 Meaningful Ways to Tell Your Daughter She's Beautiful:

<https://www.crossway.org/articles/5-ways-to-tell-your-daughter-shes-beautiful/>

Helping Teens Build Friendships in a TikTok world:

[Helping Teens Build Friendships Article](#)

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We have a message on the GroupME app called, "FBC Student Parents." If you aren't on this message, please email Kevin or Emma to be added!