



FBC NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

FROM PASTOR JAKE



God continues to move in our church! February 2nd, we experienced the highest attendance in Sunday School in the past two years, only to be preceded by the second highest attendance on January 12th. I am praying that we will shatter 300 in Sunday School in the spring.

We are seeing people coming to faith in Christ and following the Lord in believers' baptism almost every Sunday. If you are interested in being baptized, please talk to one of our ministerial staff members. It seems that God is moving mightily among our youth group. Please continue to pray for Bro. Drake and Eva as they lead our youth and minister to the entire church body.

Continue to pray for our pastor search committee as they are focused on God's will for the church. The future is bright and exciting. Remember to serve the Lord with gladness and invite others to be a part of what God is doing at FBC Franklinton.

IN HIM,
Dr. Jake

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our FBC Sign Committee has been hard at work the last few months, and we proudly present some photos of our NEW sign! It is officially live! We could not wait to share it! Landscaping & dedication will be coming soon! If you are driving through town, be sure to check it out!

FEBRUARY BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERSHIP

- Rick Songy- 1.19.2025
- Landon Creel- 1.19.2025
- Dalton Freeman- 2.2.2025
- Donna Vega- 2.2.2025
- Taylor McCray- 2.9.2025

Glory to God



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Senior Adult Ministry

SAM



REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



“The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly...” - Acts 6:7

Jesus loved to tell stories, and He told some great ones. He used stories and parables to teach and to open the minds of the people to the truth of the gospel and the love of God. He told the parable of the lost son to open hearts to the love of God. He told about the Good Samaritan to illustrate the kind of love that we are to have for others.

But the greatest story ever told is of God who so loved the world that He sent His one and beloved son into the world that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life. You and I have the privilege to tell that great story as the disciples did and see the lives of lost people saved for eternity and the number of disciples of Jesus grow as it did in the book of Acts.

We also have the privilege to step into that story and join our North American missionaries in praying, sharing, giving and going so that the vast amount of those lost in America can hear of God's love and Christ's death on the cross for them. That is the theme of our season of prayer for the Annie Armstrong Offering and North American Missions this year. Let's "Step into the Story" as we join sister churches across the United States as we do missions by learning about missions, praying for missions, and giving to missions.

During our season of prayer, use the prayer guide available at church and pray for North American missionaries to reach people who need the hope and love of Christ. Pray that our churches will have a passion for the lost and will partner with our missionaries to tell the story of Jesus. Pray that God's people will join our missionaries in giving and going to proclaim the story of Jesus and plant new, vibrant churches.

-Joey Miller

SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL

Our Washington Association Franklinton area Senior Adult Revival is set for Monday through Wednesday, April 7-9. Please mark your calendar and be expecting a great time as seniors from our church and our sister churches get together for worship, lunch and fellowship. We will host the Monday service at First Baptist Church.

FBC COVINGTON SPRING CELEBRATION

Branson's comedian of the year, Matt Gumm, will be at FBC Covington for their Spring Celebration on Tuesday, March 18. The luncheon begins at 10:00 am and the cost is \$15. Reservations are due the Friday before at the FBC Covington church office.

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

JOIN IN THE WORSHIP SERVICES AND MINISTRY AT OUR NURSING HOMES ON THE DATES LISTED BELOW:

GOOD SAMARITAN - MONDAY,
MARCH 10TH @ 3 P.M.
FAIR CITY REHAB - MONDAY,
MARCH 17TH @ 3 P.M.



LUNCHEON

OUR MARCH SAM LUNCHEON IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, AND WILL BE AN OUTING TO EAT AT PONTCHARTRAIN POBOYS AND TOUR THE MARITIME MUSEUM IN MADISONVILLE. WE WILL LEAVE FBC AT 9:30. PLEASE SIGN UP SO WE CAN PLAN TRANSPORTATION.

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FBC Student Ministry

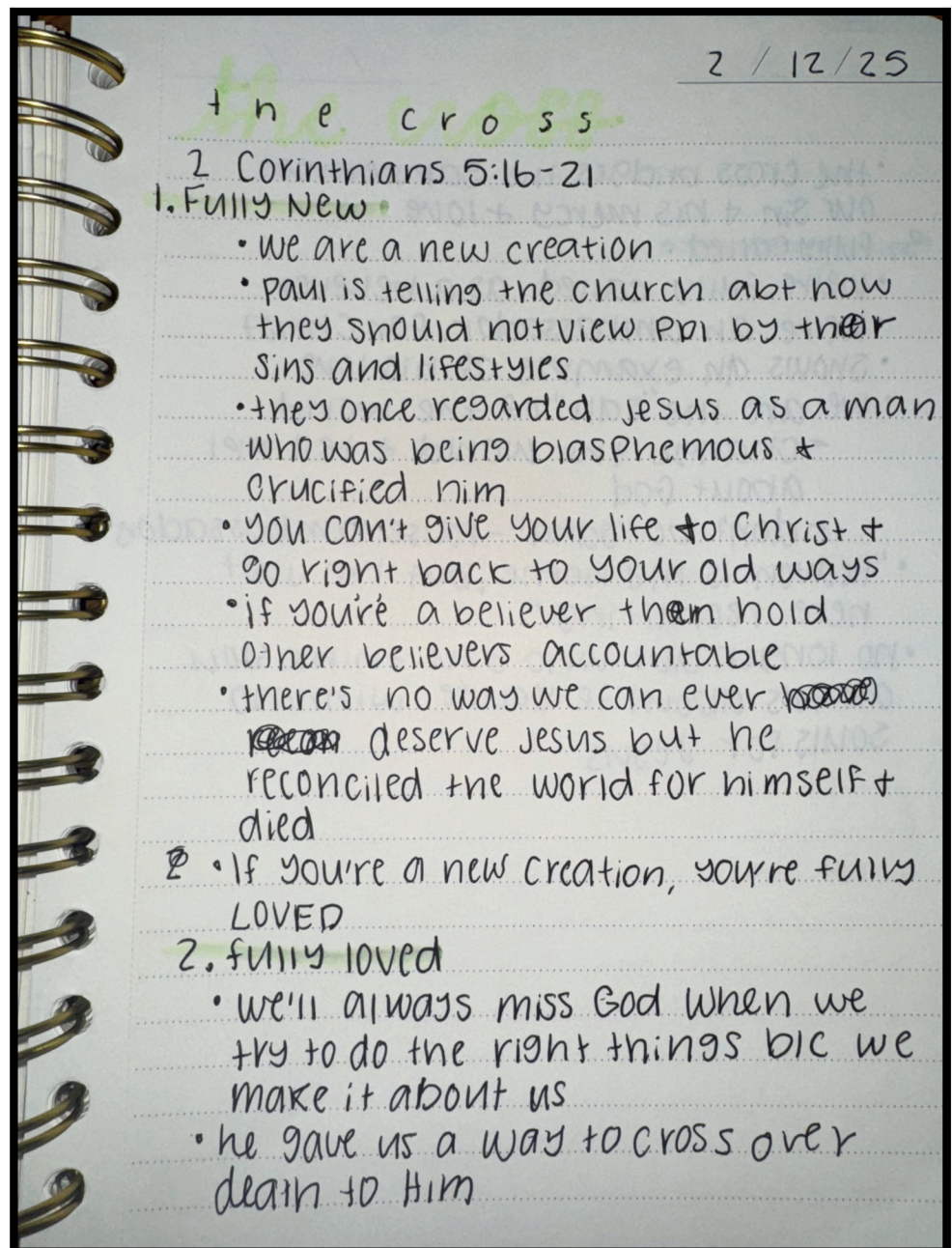


BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- NEXT GEN PASTOR



DISCIPLING A GENERATION THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

Dear FBC Family,
Thank you for continuing to pray for our student ministry! Over the past several weeks, we have seen God save 4 souls! HELL LOST 4 MORE! I have been preaching through a sermon series entitled "All In" since the beginning of January, and we have truly seen students take the next step in their faith by going ALL IN. During the First Wednesday of February, we had 68 students and leaders in attendance! PRAISE GOD! Attached is a picture of one of our student's notes (Janna Rushing) from one of the sermons during the "All In" sermon series! I am truly thankful that God is challenging students to be bold ambassadors for their faith while also growing in discipleship with Jesus. In this sermon, we learned that believers are fully new, fully loved, and fully called. We are not here to live a life of success but to live a life of significance! Thank you for praying for and supporting our student ministry!




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Dalton Freeman
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Baptized
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025
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Taylor McCray
was
Baptized
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025
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ALIVE & FREE GOOD NEWS 2025

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS
JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US
1 JOHN 3:16



Galentines 2025

GRAB SOME FRIENDS & JOIN US
FOR A PRE-DNOW KICK-OFF
CELEBRATION @ FBC COVINGTON!

GUEST SPEAKER
DR. JAKE ROUDKOVSKI
&
WORSHIP LEADER
JONATHAN TURNER BAND

FOR GRADES 7-12 IN THE ROC
ON SUNDAY, 3/16 - 6:00-8:00PM



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FBC KIDS Ministry



KELLY MCELVEEN, DIRECTOR OF FBC PLAYSCHOOL, CHILDREN'S AND PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

So, so much going on in the next two months, let's dive right in!

Sundays from 5:15 p.m. until 6 p.m., beginning March 2nd:

The Gospel, God's Plan for Me Class for 5th and 6th graders begins Sunday, March 2nd at 5:15 p.m. and will continue for 6 consecutive weeks. We will meet in the Children's Building, upstairs in Rm. 310. This class is specifically designed for older elementary students who are familiar with the gospel but have not yet made a public decision for Christ. We will be building on the faith foundation that has been laid and partnering with the Holy Spirit as our older children move toward a deeper understanding of the gospel and God's plan for their lives. If this is a class that your child is eligible for, you will have received a postcard in the mail. However, our records do not always reflect a decision they have made elsewhere. So, if their membership is elsewhere but they now consider FBC home, I'd love to talk with them more about why membership matters (and some of their parents, too)!

Monday, March 3rd: Deadline to register for the KidMin Expo & VBS Training

Please let Mrs. Sierra or Mrs. Kelly know if you plan to attend. Sierra can be reached at officemanager@fbcfranklinton.org, or you can reach me at fbc.kids@fbcfranklinton.org

Saturday, March 8th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.: KidMin Expo & VBS Training, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church

If you are serving in VBS, you won't want to miss this! We'll be looking at the BIG picture of our VBS theme this year and having breakout sessions taught by Children's Ministry leaders across the state that will educate and equip you no matter what area you serve in at VBS. There is no cost to attend, and if there is enough interest, transportation will be arranged. Lunch will be served.

Sunday, March 16th: VBS Job Fair

Come find out what areas in VBS still have an opportunity to serve. The job description for every area is that you are an adult with a current background check on file, you commit to attending one of our training sessions in April, your soul is ON FIRE for sharing the gospel, and you are a warm, welcoming presence for children in attendance. Our VBS may be the only time some children hear the gospel – come be a part of what God is doing! And to our 7th-12th Graders, we haven't forgotten about you! Bro. Drake will be signing you up and going over what **VITAL** roles you will play.

But don't feel like you have to wait until March 16th to sign up to serve in VBS – you can do that today! If you are interested, please reach out to VBS Director Mrs. Sierra at officemanager@fbcfranklinton.org. If you have an area in mind, feel free to call dibs on it!

Exhausted yet? Me too! And we haven't even gotten to the excitement of Easter! I'll save that for next month!

-Kelly McElveen



Wee Worship Volunteers:

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2nd: Kelly McElveen

9th: Kristi Crain

16th: Ann Cowart

23rd: Karen Miller &
Racheal Norred

30th: Family Fifth
Sunday (No Wee
Worship)



The GOSPEL GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

- GOD RULES.
- WE SINNED.
- GOD PROVIDED.
- JESUS GIVES.
- WE RESPOND.

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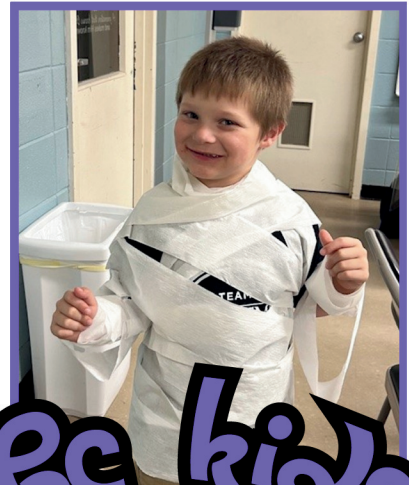


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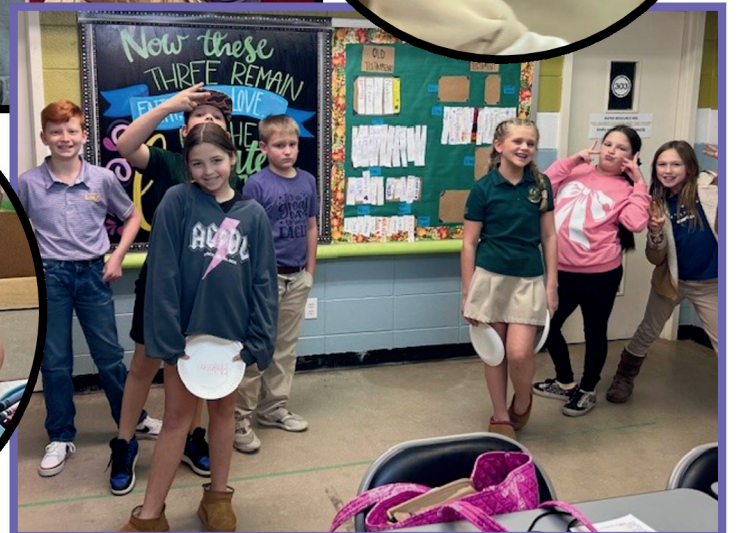
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Fbc Kids



midweek fun!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 Steak Dinner @ Sugar Shack 6 P.m.
2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 a.m. Supper Group 5	3	4	5 <i>No Wed Supper</i> Business Meeting 7 pm	6	7	8 VBS KidMin Expo 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Playschool, WPSS & BGS Out on Break						
9 Supper Group 6	10 Worship at Good Samaritan 3 p.m.	11 SAM March Luncheon 9:30 a.m.	12 Fried Chicken	13	14	15
16 Gospel Now @ FBC Covington 4 p.m. Finance Meeting 5 p.m. VBS JOB FAIR Supper Group 7	17 Worship at Fair City Rehab 3 p.m. <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 Spaghetti & Meatballs	20	21 Ladies ReTreat Hunt Branch Lake	22
23 Deacons Meeting 4 p.m. Supper Group 1	24	25	26 Lasagna	27	28	29
30 <i>No Wee-Worship</i> Supper Group 2	31	1	2	3	4	5

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FBC EVENTS



WAYS TO GIVE



IN SERVICE

Cash or check during
worship service



ONLINE

One time or recurring at
fbcfranklinton.org/give

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NEED PRAYER?

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SEND YOUR PRAYER
REQUESTS!



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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(985) 839-3427 OFFICE

SERVICE TIMES

Sundays
Worship Services
8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. &
6:00 p.m.

Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Choir Practice
4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Wednesday Night Supper
5:00 p.m.

**Preschool, Children,
Youth Activities**
6:00 p.m.

**Adult & Ladies Bible
Studies**
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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