

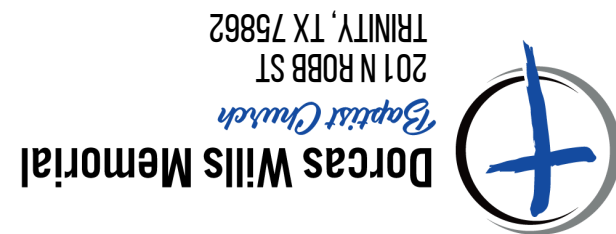
# MAY 2026

# THE CONNECTION

Give to the LORD the glory he deserves!  
 Bring your offering and come into his presence.  
 Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.  
 1 Chronicles 16:29 NLT



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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Marguerite Whiton - 2nd	Richard Jones - 17th
Gloria Zimmerman - 4th	Dolores Kane - 17th
Madeline Doring - 6th	Betty Reagan - 26th
Sarah Duminie - 11th	Robert Stoddard - 30th
Theresa Michaels - 15th	Joshua Teague - 30th



If you don't happen to see your name on the birthday list, contact Emily in the church office so we can update our records.

The Youth and Children's Ministries continue to meet three times a week!  
 We would love for your student to join us on Wednesday for dinner at 5:00 PM followed by Bible study and open gym time.

## PRAYER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

**10:45 AM**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> / Kathy Cox  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> / Karen Jones  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> / Brenda Simmons  
 May 24<sup>th</sup> / Pam Kelley  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> / Debbie Stoddard

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School For All Ages / 9:15 -10:30 AM  
 Worship / 10:45 AM  
 Youth & Children's Activities  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Youth & Children's Meal & Activities / 5-7:00 PM  
 Adult Fellowship Meal / 5:00 PM  
 Adult Prayer Meeting / 6:00 PM

**Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. / 8AM - 4PM**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 2nd**  
 Men's Breakfast  
**May 3rd**  
 Ministry Team Opportunities  
 "A Man Called Norman" PM/Movie  
**May 9th**  
 Mother's Day Brunch  
 Family Game Night  
**May 10th**  
 Mother's Day  
 SS Dir./Teacher Training  
 No PM Service  
**May 16th**  
 Pathfinders Zoo Trip  
**May 17th**  
 Sr. Recognition Service  
 Deacon's Meeting  
**May 18th**  
 Grocery Ministry  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 Week of Prayer/Assoc. Missions  
 No PM Service  
**May 25th**  
 Memorial Day  
**May 31st**  
 Youth & Children Camp Mtg.  
**Connection Corner every Tuesday at 1:00 PM**

The Pathfinders Adult Ministry Group is headed to the Lufkin Zoo and out to lunch on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be taking the church vans for this trip. Please contact Juli Briggs for additional details and to sign up at 281-450-1191.

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Family Game Night in the gym led by Bro. Sam. All families are invited to come and bring a snack to share with the group.

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing all of our graduating seniors. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special service as we recognize their accomplishments and have a time of prayer over these students with their families.

From Mother's Day to Father's Day we will again be participating in Baby Bottle Boomerang to benefit the Care Center Huntsville. Don't forget to pick up your bottle and fill it with cash, coin or check to help support the ministries of the center.



# children's campout 2026

Thank you so much for giving so generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to benefit the work of North American Missionaries.  
**GIVEN TO DATE: \$2,195 (4/21/26)**

## YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSES - CHURCH

YTD Tithes/Offerings: \$205,646  
 YTD Total Expenses: \$197,592

(Figures as of April 21st, 2026)  
 Matthew 6:33

## GROCERY MINISTRY - MAY 18TH

We would love for you to come and join us at 9:00 AM at Brookshire Brothers as we shop for groceries and then go out in the community making deliveries. Contact Sam Brubaker and he'll be glad to discuss the process with you.

**Mother's Day Brunch**  
**10:00 AM**  
 Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - Family Life Center  
 at Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church  
 Please RSVP by contacting the church office.

Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church

A Focus on the Family film...  
**"A Man Called Norman"**  
 Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 6:00 PM

We hope you will join us for this delightful film which is a true story about a man named Norman who was a social misfit and a recluse and the man who tries to befriend him.  
 (55 min. in length)

Senior Adults are special to me and as I have moved into Senior Adult status, I am reminded that I need to, "Finish the Race":

It has dawned upon me that I have lived all my life to reach this age and that my effectiveness for the Lord should grow with my years. However, as I have worked with churches all over the country, I have made some observations about us senior adults that really concern me.

- 1. The closer we get to the other world, the more we tend to cling to this world.** When we were younger, we knew that we were "pilgrims in an alien land" on our way to "Beulah Land." We now tend to be more like "homesteaders" who have lost sight of our destination and have decided to settle down in the "wilderness." We struggle to maintain institutions and dynasties, when we should be casting off every encumbrance and encouraging our leaders to do whatever is necessary to reach people for Jesus.
- 2. The closer we get to the end of our race, the slower we tend to move.** Rather than excitedly racing toward the goal line, we are reduced to foot-dragging. When we were younger, we challenged ourselves to make a difference for the Lord. But as we near the end, we often display a kind of privileged attitude that indicates a desire to be served, more than a desire to continue serving. We feel that we have done our time, and now it is someone else's turn. We tend to become demanding "deadwood" that clogs up the ministry of our churches. Rather than assets that facilitate the ministry of our churches, we tend to become liabilities who work to protect and preserve precious resources needed to fund growth and outreach.
- 3. The greater our potential influence, the more we forfeit productive leadership.** As we age, we should serve as positive influences in the church, but usually the younger generations view us as impediments to innovative and effective ministry. Rather than setting the pace and challenging those who come behind us, we tend to fossilize and aggressively maintain the status quo. The evidence is overwhelming: in churches where we seniors dominate, those churches are plateaued and dying. Our churches should be like maternity wards where new births are occurring regularly, but we are turning our churches into rest-homes for the terminally ill.
- 4. The nearer we come to our "butterfly" transformation, the more we tend to cocoon.** As we age, we tend to lose our divine purpose. The church is the body of Christ with the commission to **make disciples** of all people. We seniors seem to lose that focus and tend to turn the church into a nostalgia club where we dream about the "good ole days." We tend to fear and resist those new Christians because they are not like us - they make us very uncomfortable, and they always want to change something. Although we humorously sing that little song, "Gimme that ole-time religion - it was good for Paul and Silas; it's good enough for me," more and more that song represents our attitude.  
**(Stay tuned next month for the continuation of this article.)**  
 Awaiting The shout,  
 Dr. Bill Jones

There will be a meeting for all parents of students that are going to summer camp this year. Parents of Children will meet at 4:30 PM in the FLC on Sunday, May 31st. Parents of Youth will meet at 5:00 PM in the FLC on Sunday, May 31st.

## Estella Brown Mission Offering for Association Missions

### Week of Prayer / May 24<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>

This year we are pleased to participate in the Week of Prayer along with our local Neches River Baptist Association churches. We have set aside, Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to receive an offering for the NRBA and help further the work of the association.