

# BRIDGING THE GAP

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10*



## A Letter From Pastor Andy

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As we prepared to sing the cantata on Palm Sunday the choir remarked how quickly we seemed to move from the Advent season into the Holy Week. This was one of those years where the two seasons feel like they are back to back. We even joked that we might as well get ready for the Christmas cantata. (And we would, but the music isn't ready yet!) As I get older, it seems that time just keeps moving quicker and quicker.

Which got me to thinking about life and time. Imagine we were reading a book, but we are unable to go back and revisit previous pages. How much time would we spend reviewing the page we are on before moving to the next? How determined would we be to soak all the information in? Our lives are like that. Each day we have is a gift. The time we have here on earth is a blessing. However, we will not get that time back. Once it is gone, it is gone.

I have always hated the term "killing time". This speaks of the idea that we have time at our disposal. Having been in the Navy for a long time, I got used to the idea of "hurry up and wait". During those times of waiting, there was the need to let time pass, but during that time, it was imperative to do something productive.

This is not to say that we should not take time to rest. God calls for His people to have a Sabbath rest. In today's world of fast paced living, that Sabbath might not be on Sunday, it might be another day of the week. It is important to rest. However, too much rest can cause us to fall into the sin of sloth and laziness. "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the arms to rest, and your poverty will come like a robber, your need, like a bandit" (Proverbs 6:10-11, HCSB).

We only have so much time here on earth. My hope and prayer is that we use it wisely!





# Church Calendar



## APRIL

- 03: Good Friday evening service 6:30
- 05: Easter Sunday
- 07: Food Truck
- 08: WMU Meeting 6:30
- 21: Business Meeting 6:30

## May

- 03: FBC Hosts Eastside High Baccalaureate Ceremony @3pm
- 05: Food Truck
- 05: Deacon Meeting 6:30
- 07: National day of Prayer
- 10: Mothers day
- 13: WMU Meeting 6:30
- 19: Business Meeting 6:30
- 25: Memorial Day

## Building & Grounds

- The Building and Grounds team would like to welcome our newest member! Tony Helton has joined the team recently. He was a big help in addressing our leak issue earlier in the year.
- Spring has sprung! We already have our lawn care crew coming out for regular mowing. However, the front of the church is in need of new mulch and some pruning of the dogwoods. Traditionally, High School Seniors did this for volunteer hours, but that is not the case this year.
- As the weather gets nicer, we will look to have the parking lot resealed and striped. The timing of this will be dependent on the weather and the school schedule.
- Our new computer recently had a catastrophic motherboard failure. The computer has been repaired, but Larry and I are waiting until after Resurrection Sunday to install it since we do not trust it won't crash again.
- The flag bases in the sanctuary and flag poles have been repaired.
- We are working on a plan to get the white trim and masonry painted.
- Lots going on! Feel free to join in on the fun!

## Scripture of the Month

*He saved us - not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy - through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

*-Titus 3:5*



### Graduations are coming up!

If you would like to highlight a graduating senior during the worship service in June, please send a photo, graduating info, plans for the next chapter, and a life verse to: [dania.wood@stpaulfirstbaptist.com](mailto:dania.wood@stpaulfirstbaptist.com).



### Hangouts

The Sunday Night Hangout has been studying how our Christian worldview is better than any other perspective the world has. The main text comes from Genesis, using familiar stories to explore the human response to situations. Often our intentions do not line up with our choices. It's vital that we align our actions with our beliefs. Our series will continue until the end of the school year. Join us Sundays at 5:00!

## KID'S CORNER

Babies-6th grade

### VBS 2026 Mark Your Calendars!

June 1-5  
6:00-9:00  
Grades PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade



### Wednesday Night Kid's Club

The children have enjoyed learning about the exodus of the Israelites over the past month. Our memory verse was *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and never lean on your own understanding. In all your ways knowledge Him and He will direct your path."* Our memory buddy, Radar, was a bat who also lives in a community just like God's people!

*We can't wait to read the next set of Old Testament stories. We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday at 6:30!*

## Children's Church & Nursery Volunteer Schedule

### Upcoming Hangout Events:

- April 5 - No Hangout/Easter
- April 12 - No Hangout/Spring Break
- May 31 - VBS Prep Party
- June 13-17: FUGE Camp

Date	Children's Church	Nursery	Pre-K
<b>April 5</b>	9am-Ann 11am-Terri	9am-Melissa 10am-Melissa	9am-Kelli 10am-Kelli
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<b>April 19</b>	9am-Terri 11am-Terri	9am-Vickie 10am-Wanda	9am-Cindy 10am-Cindy
<b>April 26</b>	9am-Dania 11am-Alana	9am-Terri 10am-Alana	9:00-Kelli 10am-Kelli



# ALWAYS ON MISSION

## FBC FOOD BANK

Anytime there are donations of canned food, they can be left in the fellowship hall. Please mark donations "Food Bank." There are also Donation boxes in the coffee room.

Our Food Bank loves canned veggies, pasta, peanut butter, and canned meats!

### When can you volunteer?

The Food Bank is open on the 1st/3rd Tuesday's 9-11:00.



The truck deliveries usually come the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30am



## MARCH MISSIONARIES

*Please keep these missionaries in your prayers as they reach the lost all over the world*

Oscar and Wendy Ortiz  
-Carolina, PR

Jon and Emily Labonte  
-Henderson, NV

Andy and Karen Lowe  
-Mason, OH

Michele Newsome  
-Bartow, FL

## WMU: WOMEN ON MISSION

FBC women meet monthly in the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month at 5:30. We have a time of prayer, a devotion, and discuss mission opportunities in the area. Please consider joining us!



### APRIL OCC DONATIONS:

WASH CLOTHS,  
SOCKS, T-SHIRTS

YOU CAN LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE RED OCC BOXES IN THE COFFEE ROOM OR VESTIBULE.



### ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING THIS MONTH!

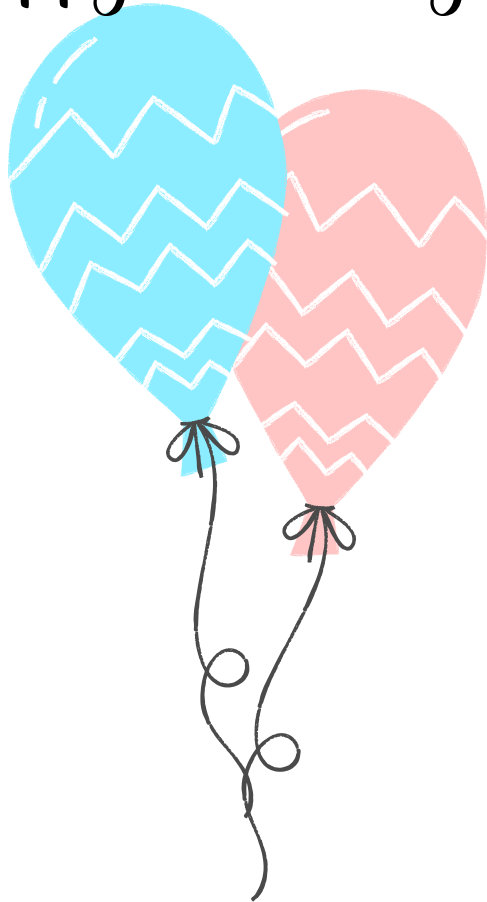
#### APRIL

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS 1500.00 PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS OFFERING AND ALL IT DOES TO REACH UNSAVED PEOPLE THROUGH ITS MISSIONARIES HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."*

*Matthew 28:19 NLT*

Happy Birthday!!



April

- 03- Dallas Rudder
- 03- Glenda Kiser
- 06- Hallie Phillips
- 07- Mike Bryant
- 11- Brandon Helton
- 18- Tim Boardwine
- 23- Coleman Cook
- 25- Michelle Phillips
- 28- Matthew Phillips



**FBC Weekly Opportunities:**

Sunday 5:00: Choir practice

Sunday 5:00 Youth "Hangout" 6th-12th grade

Monday 1:00 Yoga with Glenna -Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9:00 Food bank (1st & 3rd Tue of the month)

Wednesday 6:30 Bible Study & Bible Club K-5th grade(Aug-May)

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HAPPY  
Easter