CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 3
8:00 - 12:00 PM  Church Office Hours

SUNDAY, MAY 5
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am
9:15 AM  CONFIRMATION CLASS
9:15 AM  SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Clegg/Open Door - Parlor—led by David Cole, Billie Dadgar,
Roger Guevara
Explorers/Morning Star - Upstairs—Scott Nipper/Dan Grantham
Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess/Diane Courson
Jr. High and High School – Basement— led by Gary Herron
9:15 AM  Young Adult Sunday School—Pastor's Home
Led by Pastor Kenny Lee
10:15 AM  SANCTUARY WORSHIP
Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording
(posted later) on Website, YouTube
4:00 PM  ADULT BIBLE STUDY "JESUS CENTERED"  AVERITT
5:30 PM  YOUTH

MONDAY, MAY 6
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
4:00 PM  STEWPOT

TUESDAY, MAY 7
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
4:00 PM  STEWPOT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
11:00 AM  ADULT BIBLE STUDY "JESUS CENTERED" (AVERITT)
5:30 PM  CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
5:30 PM  YOUTH (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
7:00 PM  YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)

THURSDAY, MAY 9
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
10:00 AM  THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM  STEWPOT

A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY
"Jesus Centered" led by Pastor Kenny Lee
Wednesday, April 17
at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 21
at 4:00 p.m.
Averitt Hall

THE VISITOR
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To invite all to know the love of God, to share grace, and to develop relationships

May 1, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS
2024 MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

Landry Carter
Recipient of the 2024 Tucker Elliott Franks Scholarship
On cool mornings, when I walk out into the backyard, the air is full of the sweet scent of the knockout roses at the front of the church. I’ve been planting some roses in the backyard and working on getting the indigenous roses in better condition. So far, I’ve been unable to get them to bloom. Evidently, there is a mineral in the soil that the plants lack. I want to get some compost to help them along, likely something with some manure. Previous experience shows that horse manure seems to be the best product for roses. Perhaps that will provide enough nutrients to get them to bloom.

This weekend was one of my yardwork weekends. On Thursday, I mowed the yard but ran out of daylight before I could run the weed eater. Friday afternoon, I worked on a gasoline blower whose repair still eludes me. There’s also a new-to-me push mower, which I’ve yet to get to start. Perhaps a trip to the small engine mechanic is in order. After I finished the trimming, I tackled the removal of some dead plantings in the backyard. America’s Funniest Home Videos would pay dearly for the sight of a baldheaded preacher who must have looked like Kung Fu Panda, kicking, breaking, and twisting those dead bushes out of the soil. I need the rain to let up so I can spray weedkiller before the weeds take over.

Donovan and I toured a local car show at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Saturday. That boy does love his cars. We stopped at the car wash on the way home and washed the Ram. Afterward, we cleaned the inside out and wiped down the solid surfaces. It seems like the backseat is perpetually full of drink containers, various discarded school papers, and assorted nicknacks. Her room is like that quite often.

Saturday afternoon, I tackled some more yardwork, this time in the front of the building. The hedges needed trimming, and I used the blower to clean off the porch, the walks, and the carport. Everything looked spit-spot when I finished up. I do like a clean yard.

Friday evening, I started a fire in the firepit to get rid of all the dead plantings and deadwood I had picked up from the yard. Sunday evening’s storms provided more branches to pick up in the backyard. The self-trimming pecan trees are a perpetual source of kindling for the firepit. I’m glad there were no genuinely high winds like some of our neighbors in Taylor experienced.

Because of the stoplight at Main and Vine, there is an everlasting stream of plastic wrappers, grocery bags, drink cups, and cigarette packs. My habit is picking up whenever I walk in or out of the yard. The same is true of the church.

The General Conference is in session for the next six days as GC 2020 plays out in Charlotte, NC. Various pieces of legislation have passed, including creating regional conferences. This divides the Global Church into four regions. The US, Africa, the Philippines, and Europe.

Bear in mind that whatever comes out of Charlotte still must pass a worldwide vote at Annual Conferences. Because this requires a change in the constitution, it mandates a 66.7% margin to pass at each Annual Conference, and then 66.7% of Annual Conferences must pass the legislation to be enacted. You can go to umnews.org to keep up with the latest developments. In the meantime, let’s keep the main thing the main thing. Keep your eyes on Jesus and your heart open to the Holy Spirit. Continue to read your bible, say your prayers, and love your neighbors.

Jesus replied: ‘‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’’
Matthew 22:37-39

Pastor Kenny

### Sunday, May 5

**Confirmation Sunday**

**10:15 Worship Service**

**Ryder Herron**
Son of Gary and Kandice Herron

**Judd Hickmott**
Son of Chelsea and Matt Ross
Lee and Leia Hickmott

**Samantha Karalynn Lee**
Daughter of Kenny and Penny Lee

**Sloane Elizabeth Waller**
Daughter of Jamie and Caroline Waller

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**A HUGE THANK YOU…**

We’d like to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to the Family Life Committee for helping with the high school senior luncheon.

**Brittany Heeb, Nancy Grantham, Eddie Scott and Lori Epperson, Gary, Kandice, Ryder and Karoline Herron**

We would also like to thank those who helped prepare the food for the luncheon.

**Larry Gay, David Cole, Pastor Kenny, Donna Garrett, Whitney Whitelaw, Deborah Nipper, Lindsey Roberson, Brittany Heeb, Nancy Grantham, Ginger Cook, Kathy Loper, Elizabeth Tye, Whitney Lindsey, Scott Nipper, Caroline Waller, Tracy Card, Tiffany Fallin, Bonnie Adcox, Diana Coursour**

We appreciate all your time and support in making this event special for our high school graduating seniors.

**Jennifer Hubbard**
Tracey Nipper
Family Life Co-Chairs

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**SPECIAL DATES FOR MAY**

- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024
- Ascension Day, May 9, 2024
- Mother’s Day, May 12, 2024
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024
- Pentecost, May 19, 2024
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 20, 2024
- Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2024

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**EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST**

If you would like to receive information from Pastor Kenny, please fill out this form with your email and return it to the church office.