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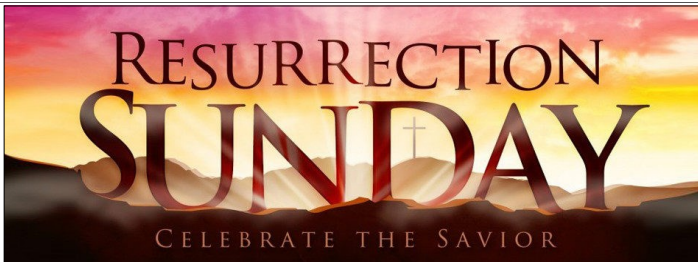
Pastor Link • Two Exciting April Events

Bennie Portwood, Pastor

April, 2018



Hey, it's time for another Family Day! These come around every fifth Sunday of the month, except December. Our first Family Day was in October and it was a great success! It consists of everyone, including preschool and babies, meeting for the morning worship service that will include the participation of children leading in worship and youth involved in various activities like reading Scripture and leading in prayer.



April 1 Worship Celebration 10:55 a.m.



April 29 Worship Celebration 10:55 a.m.

Following the service, we will have a family meal together. This will be a Potluck Lunch. You are asked to bring your favorite salads, main dishes and desserts. What you bring we will eat. No evening activities that day. *This is an excellent opportunity for you to invite families in our community to attend church.* The next Family Day after this one will be September 30. None in July due to Church Anniversary in August.

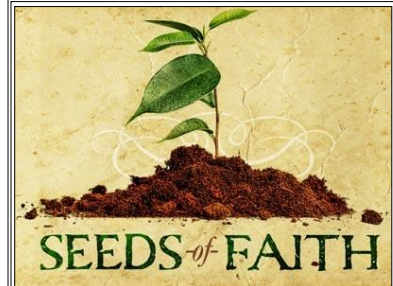
Gail and I both wish you a Blessed Easter. Look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the resurrection of

our Lord Easter Sunday.

Loving Serving with You, *Bro. Bennie*

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Pastor's Message Series

April 8, 15, 22

April 29 - Family Day

Sundays, 10:55 a.m.

Listen to Sermons Online
www.mcabcwhitehouse.com



**Church-wide Highway Trash-Off
 Saturday, April 7, 8 a.m.**

Our church body as a whole committed to maintain this portion of the highway and we need everyone who is able to help get the project done. Men, women, youth, & children with their parents are asked to help pick up trash along Highway 344. Donuts provided prior to groups leaving church. Sign-up in Main Foyer to volunteer. Questions? Mike Eades, 570-5740.



**Wild Game Dinner April 14
 Doors open 4 p.m. Meal 6 p.m.**

Speaker: Jake Robertson, President Real Men Outfitters.
 Theme: *Many have gods. Few have God.*

Two sign-up sheets in Main Foyer for attendance and food donations
 Questions? Kenneth Hearn, 780-3021.

Worship Ministry

Jerry Page, Worship Leader



Benji Morrison, Minister to Students



Here are 5 ways to use music as a tool for praising God on the go: 1. Thank God during the good times. God is constantly pouring blessings into your life (from simple gifts like the ability to breathe fresh air or enjoy a delicious meal, to dramatic blessings like getting a new child or a new job), and when you're experiencing good circumstances you're especially able to notice those blessings. 2. Give God a sacrifice of praise during the bad times. Remember that God is always worthy of praise, because his wonderful qualities never change, even though the circumstances of your life change often. Jesus warned that everyone will experience trouble in this fallen world, so you can expect to go through bad times. But you can still praise God when you're suffering – and God wants you to, because doing so will strengthen your faith. 3. Start each day well with morning praise. Incorporate musical praise into your mornings during each new day. This will refresh your connection to God and remind you to make daily decisions based on your relationship with God as your top priority. 4. Stay connected to God with afternoon praise. When you're busy in the midst of your afternoon activities, you can do with them with the right perspective by staying connected to God through musical praise. 5. End each day well with evening praise. Praising God with music in the evening will help you reflect on how you've noticed him at work in your life that day and prepare you to sleep peacefully – with the confidence that God is caring for you – at night. If you can, take an evening prayer walk with headphones and a mobile device, listening to music that evokes the mood of the thoughts and feelings you want to express to God. Written by Whitney Hopler

In His Service, *Bro. Jerry*

Praise!



A Wall Street broker had fallen in love with a young lady and began dating her. He was very wealthy and he had to be careful whom he related to. He didn't want to relate to somebody who would damage him or only come after him for his money. So he had one of his associates hire a private detective to find out everything there was to find out about this lady. He didn't want to make a mistake. He also didn't want the private eye to know whom he was doing the investigation for, lest the girl find out later and think that her love didn't trust her.

The broker got his associate to hire a private eye to check up on this lady without telling the detective who it was that was making the assignment and paying the bill. After a number of weeks, the report came back on the young lady whom the broker was considering. The report said, "I have investigated this young lady and she has a squeaky clean life. Perfect in every detail, no flaws, no known mistakes. However, there is one little possible blip on the screen of her life. She is often seen around town in the company of a young broker whose dubious business practices and principles are well known."

You see, the problem may just be you. In Him, *Benji*

Youth Advisory Council Meeting: Sunday, April 15, 1 p.m., FLC
 Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday - Open Gym - 5:30 p.m., Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Ministry Link • Women's Ministry Bible Study & Book Club

His Story Book Club Begins Thurs., April 12

Love Drops-A Study of God's Love for Us. Each lesson includes a Scripture-based devotion, meditative coloring sheet, reflective page and discussion questions. 10 a.m., Encouragers Room. 6 sessions on Thursdays. \$11 book fee. Sign-up begins March 18 in Main Foyer. Questions? Ann Bennett, 570-5249.

Evening in the Word Begins Tuesday, April 3

6-session study. *Finding I Am by Lysa Terkeurst.* Facilitator: Belinda Dominey. 6:30 p.m., Encouragers Class. Workbook \$14.99. Available at LifeWay Christian Book Store, Tyler. Sign-up begins March 18 in Main Foyer. Questions? Belinda Dominey 839-2326.

One-Stitch Sewing Ministry

We will be sewing simple children's dresses and shorts to go to orphanages worldwide. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon in FLC. Questions? Jan Bragg, 920-1873.

Note of Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who participated in the all aspects of the Festival of Tables Event March 24. It was so much fun and a such a blessing!

The WEM Planning Team

The Starfish Story

One day a boy was walking along a beach when he noticed a boy picking up and gently throwing things in the ocean. Approaching he asked the boy, *Young man, what are you doing?*

The boy replied, *Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out and if I don't throw them back into the water they will die.*

The man laughed to himself and replied, *Do you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make any difference.*

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the surf. Then smiling at the man, he said, *Well, I made a difference to that one.* Loren Eiseley

Kids Praise Choir

Sunday morning ministry that provides Bible-based activities for children first - sixth grade during morning worship service. Children are in the Worship Center through song service and then dismissed to go upstairs in the Family Life Center. Questions? Pat Smith, 539-9692.

Girls in Action News

Summer Camp June 8 -12: Timberline Encampment. Fourth - Sixth Grade. Cost \$195 per person. Questions? Georgia Eades, 570-8975, Patty Samples, 752-1251.



Church-wide Christmas Child Project

Items being donated through September to be used to prepare Christmas Child Boxes in October. When buying items, THINK SMALL. 12 items placed in each shoe box so things need to be small to fit. Children's t-shirts with appropriate designs in sizes Small & Medium and/or disposable rain ponchos from dollar stores. Place in receptacle in Main Foyer. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
 YOU Can Be a MCBC Volunteer!
 Information in Main Foyer.

Bless the Lord, O my soul
 And forget not all His benefits.
 Psalm 103:1-2

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New Members
 Profession of Faith/Baptism: 2
Attendance:
 Sunday School Average Attendance: 112
 Worship Service Attendance: 132


Tithes & Offerings/Building Fund/Bus Fund
 Budget Requirements: \$ 93,264.00
 Budget Receipts: \$ 88,037.68
 Building Fund: \$ 37,018.05
 Church Bus Fund: \$ 5,239.27

Church Business Meeting
 Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m.
 Family Life Center


Church Office Hours
 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Pastor's Day Off: Friday

Welcome New Members



Kirby Pond




Samantha Wilcox

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study

Sundays 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 p.m.
Book of Judges

2017 Church Contribution Records
 Available in Church Office

April Deacon



John Bomar • 316-5960

Quarterly Deacon Meeting & Meal
 April 7, 6 p.m.
 Questions? Don Coon, 539-1120.

New Home Address, Phone, E-Mail?
 Please let us know by writing them on the back of your white registration card on Sunday morning or calling the office, 839-2606. Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar so we can update the database.

April 2018

Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you joy and bad days give you experience. Author Unknown

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Easter / Donna Carter, Dale Hammonds, Melody Welch, Tim & Kay Browne 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celeb. Lord's Supper <i>No Other Activities On Church Campus</i></p>	<p>2 Kaitlyn Tryon 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>3 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Evening in the Word,</p>	<p>4 Phil & Sherry Smith 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Girls in Action, FLC</p>	<p>5 Wilburn Baird 7 p.m. CenterShot (Last)</p>	<p>6 Belinda Warren</p>	<p>7 Christopher Draughon, Billy Honeycutt 8 a.m. Trash off With Breakfast 6 p.m. -Qty Deacon's Meeting & Meal, FLC</p>
<p>8 Alexandria Randolph 9 a.m. Teacher's Meeting, Encouragers 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celeb. Child Church, Choir 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Worship & Bible Study</p>	<p>9 Kathy Witt 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>10 Jared Kenyon 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Evening in the Word, Enc.</p>	<p>11 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Business Meeting/Adult Bible Study, Girls in Action, FLC</p>	<p>12 10 a.m. His Story, Encouragers 6-8 p.m. Walnut Grove Cemetery Assoc. FLC</p>	<p>13 Sarah Draughon, Steve Hall Set-up Wild Game Dinner, FLC</p>	<p>14 Nadine Hall 4-7 P.m. Wild Game Dinner, FLC (Meal @ 6 p.m.)</p>
<p>15 Kim Yong 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration Noon - Visitation Outreach & Lunch, FLC 1 p.m. Youth Advisory Council Mtg. FLC 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Worship & Bible Study</p>	<p>16 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>17 Anita Bomar 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Evening in the Word, Enc.</p>	<p>18 Thomas & Patti Lynn 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, GIA, FLC</p>	<p>19 Betty Cole, Gerri Warren, Randy & Ginger Eaton 10 a.m. His Story, Encouragers Noon - T-N-T Senior Luncheon, FLC</p>	<p>20 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Set-Up, FLC Ivy Reunion</p>	<p>21 Kathy & Gary Willis 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Ivy Reunion, FLC</p>
<p>22 David & Francene Bell 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celeb. Child Church, Choir 4 p.m. Administrative Team Mtg. FLC 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Worship & Bible Study</p>	<p>23 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>	<p>24 John Bomar 10 a.m. One-Stitch Ministry, FLC 6 p.m. -42 League Ministry, FLC 6:30 p.m. Evening in the Word, Enc.</p>	<p>25 Rose Stafford, John & Sherrie Warren 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, GIA, FLC</p>	<p>26 Alexis Foster, Arden Foster 10 a.m. His Story, Encouragers</p>	<p>27 James Sloan</p>	<p>28 FLC Reserved Set-up Family Day 9 - Ladies Trip to Blue Moon Gardens</p>
<p>29 Joe Gregg, Jacob Hewitt, Zana Morrison 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:55 a.m. Worship Celeb. Child Church, Choir Noon - Family Day Pot Luck, FLC <i>No Other Activities On Church Campus</i></p>	<p>30 Tom & Christine Page 1 p.m. Mah Jongg, FLC</p>					

Ladies Day Out Trip April 28, 9 a.m.

Bus will leave church parking lot 9 a.m. sharp. From church bus will go to Blue Moon Gardens, Chandler. Lunch following at The Shed, Edom. Return to church after lunch. Bring shopping money and lunch money. Sign up in Main Foyer beginning April 1. Questions? Joyce Stanley, 590-6506.

Raffle to Benefit Centershot Archery Ministry

2018 PSE Fang 350XT Crossbow Package. Includes limb dampeners, 4x32 scope, quiver, 3 bolts and practice points. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing held at Wild Game Dinner. All proceeds go to help MCBC Centershot Archery Ministry.

Meals for Morrison Family

A meal train is now going for the Morrison Family like before. It's through carecalendar.com. The link and password are below. If anyone would like to do meals on days not listed, please contact Benji Morrison to set that up. <http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/229869>. ; Pin 2953. Questions? Benji Morrison, 363-3858.

Visitation Outreach & Lunch April 15, Noon

A light lunch will be provided for those who would like to go visit folks interested in becoming a part of our church family, shut-ins, or write cards to those who have not been able to attend church recently. Sign up in Main Foyer. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

TNT Senior Adult Lunch April 19th

Noon, FLC. Questions? Elaine Swinney, 839-2038.

Cans for Camp Donations

Aluminum can donations needed to help send kids to camp. Please place cans in wire bin behind the Gym.

Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar so we can update the database.

Prayer Requests

As requests come in they are added to the Prayer List, which is read aloud Sunday & Wednesday evenings, and sent out on HisMail, if they are not marked confidential. Names read during Sunday morning worship service are limited to those hospitalized, having procedures, victims of catastrophic event, or passed away during the current week.



Get Church News On His Mail Internet Ministry & Website

Two great ways to stay connected! The web site & His Mail! You may get monthly newsletter via His Mail Internet Ministry, along with church news about those who are sick, deaths, special needs and upcoming church events. Sign up your e-mail address in the Main Foyer. Web Site: www.mcbcwhitehouse.com His Mail & Web Site maintained by Women's Ministry. Questions? Gail Portwood, 363-7457.

Visit Our Church Library

Wonderful selection of current Christian books and movies for all ages. Library open weekdays during regular office hours and Sundays during morning and evening activities.

Church Calendar Procedure

All groups or individuals wishing to reserve any portion of the church facility need to fill out a form to give us necessary information about the event. All non-church events must be approved by the Pastor and some fees may apply.

Policy for Borrowed Church Items

All items borrowed from the church campus must be checked out through the church office before they are removed from the premises. Please go to the office so you can sign a form. Returned items are to be checked back in through the office also.



Vacation Bible School June 18-22

Like to help? Sign up in Main Foyer.

Registration & T-Shirt Orders Begin May 1 Online & in Main Foyer



Sunday School Teacher Training & Meal, April 8, Noon, FLC

Our Pastor and Scott Dowdy will lead a one-hour training session each quarter for all teachers. Light lunch served. Your families invited.

Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED



FLC - Family Life Center

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- Sunday**
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration, Children's Choir
 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir
 6 p.m. Worship & Bible Study

- Wednesdays**
 5:30 p.m. Open Gym/Youth Bible Study
 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study



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