

THE

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## Sunday

# May 12, 2024

Join us for a Special Time to  
Celebrate the Role of all the  
Spiritual Mother's in Our Lives

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### HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

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### Weekend Minister On Call

John Harris - May 11-12  
Daniel Selman - May 18-19  
Tonya Garrison - May 25-26

### Deacon on Call:

Wednesday, Security 05/08;  
Sunday, 05/12; **Jean Gordon**

Wednesday, Security 05/15;  
Sunday, 05/19;  
**John Mark Bennett**

**Refiner**

*And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.*  
Psalm 12:6

Psalm was likely written during a time of crisis in David's life. Saul's courtiers flattered him, but they also spoke evil behind his back: the men of Keilah intended to deliver David up; the Ziphites discovered him to Saul, and invited Saul to come and take David; Absalom rose up in rebellion against David when he was King. These scenes from the life of David describe a time when the words and actions of man failed David. Psalm 12 talks about of the problem of flattering words from wicked people who cannot be trusted.

However, David reminds us in verse 6 that among the shifting voices he hears, the words of God are flawless. The words of God are constant in the life of David, and provide a firm foundation for him to conduct his life. We also live in unique times where it is difficult to find the truth in the words of man. However, the words of God can be a light in the world we live. What is more, the words of God have transformation power in our lives. They are authoritative and applicable to any situation we find ourselves in. If we allow the Word of God, to refine our minds, attitude, and hearts affection we too can respond to life from a firm foundation. When we allow the word of God (the Bible) to alter our conduct and behavior, we are being refined to something far more precious than this world can produce. May we be refined by God's word.



SUNDAY, April 28, 2024	
General Fund	\$13,109.52
LightShine / Bldg. Fund	\$1,594.00
Back Pack	\$604.50

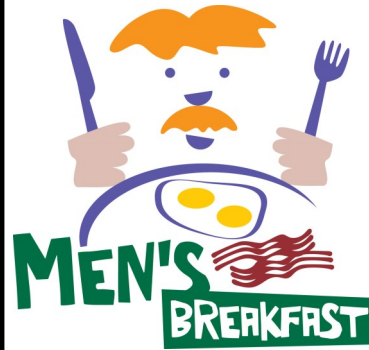
IN HONOR

**Lane & Vada Haynes**  
Scott & Ann Haynes

**Max & Chase Robbins**  
Scott & Ann Haynes

**Experiencing God**

All those interested in a summer study of the Experiencing God material please contact Daniel Selman.



**Attention  
All Baptist Men**

Let's Do Breakfast!  
May 18, 2024  
9:30 AM

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Special Guest Speaker



**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

If you have a student who is graduating and you want them recognized, please let John Harris know as soon as possible so he can provide you with the information you will need.



- 05/12 Jimmy Holland, Kyle Hutchins, Renee Langley, Lydia Parton, Jack Rhyne, Isaiah Tapp
- 05/13 Luca Graham, Brent Hardin
- 05/14 Kelsey Hoyle, Chester Melton, Michaela Moore, Kelly Peyton
- 05/15 Jeff Arrowood, James Harmon, Alex Joyner, Boone Toney
- 05/16 Marie Funderburke, Bella Harris, Makalyn Silvers, Keith White
- 05/17 Bobby Key
- 05/185 Tripp Bivins, Karen Park, Joshua Rape, Tray Robbins



- 05/12 Steele & Lindsay Walker
- 05/16 Jordan & Danielle Boone, Mike & Kim Newton, Sheldon & Ericka Sisk
- 05/18 Roger & Judy Godfrey

If you study the Book of Hebrews, you will find three themes: Belief, Obedience, and Offering.

We find the definition of faith as the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Belief jump starts our faith. Our belief in Jesus Christ allows us to have faith in Him and our experiences with Him lead us to obedience and trust to continue to believe in the things not always seen. Clinging to our faith and convictions allows us to continue running towards Christ and towards the promises of hope. But in this journey we are also expected beyond faith and trust to give Christ our best - best of everything, best of all things. This is the theme of offering. We can only run the faith race well if we believe, have faith, are obedient to Christ, and give everything we have to Him.

Tonya



June 14, 2024

Lunch at Claire Millwood's Home

Also, come feed and pet their animals



JUNE 17-20, 2024



### Important Meetings:

### Camp Information

Our next MANDATORY Camp meeting is Sunday night June 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Loft.

### Camp Items we need donated:

During the month of May, we will be collecting:

- Bagged individual chips.
- Granola bars
- Pop tarts
- Breakfast bars
- Canned drinks (please no water bottles)
- Cups (disposable)
- Plates (dinner size only)

If you would like to donate any of these items, no matter the amount, please drop them off in the Loft!

### Sunday Night Schedule

- May 12th - No church that night (Mother's Day)
- May 19th - Mission Project at 5:00pm, Scoops at 6:00pm
- May 26th - No Evening Activities (Memorial Day)
- June 2nd- Final Camp Meeting

I would like to take a brief moment and give a word of appreciation to Larry Metcalf. Larry has been graciously working behind the scenes to keep our computers up to date and running efficiently. Any time I have reached out to Larry, he has been ready to assist. If you see Larry over the next couple of weeks, please give him a word of appreciation for what he does behind the scenes for our church.



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Or Current Resident

## Church Activities

### SUNDAY: MAY 12

8:45 - First Light Service (Sanctuary)  
9:45 - Bible Study for All ages  
11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)  
No evening services

### TUESDAY: MAY 14

10:30 AM Bible Journaling  
6:00 PM Knit, Crochet Pray

### WEDNESDAY: MAY 15

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir  
5:00 - Staff Fellowship Supper Serving Time  
5:15 - Choir Helpers Fellowship Supper Serving Time  
5:30 - Fellowship Supper Serving Time  
6:15 - 7:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs  
6:30 - Prayer Meeting 6:30 - Youth Discipleship  
7:00 - Children's Mission Groups  
7:30- Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY: MAY 16

11:30 AM FBIC Lunch at The Depot  
2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

### SATURDAY: MAY 18

9:30 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast

## Nursery Volunteers

Sunday, May 12, 2024

**8:45 AM**

Parent Volunteers

**11:00 AM**

Parent Volunteers

**5:45 PM**

No Evening Activities

Sunday, May 19, 2024

**8:45 AM**

Kaley Spurlin, Leah Lucas,  
Ryan & Hilari Bumgardner, May & Mary Smith

**11:00 AM**

Alyson, McClure, & Camryn Mayse,  
Patti Hardin

**5:45 PM**

Gina Greene, Rosemari Holland, Ashton Owens,  
Jamie Harris, Kaley Spurlin, Katie Squires

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