

THE

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**JESUS SAID, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER
FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS BUT
WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." JOHN 8:12**

Wednesday 22, 2024

Spring Performance

6:30 PM

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Weekend Minister On Call

Tonya Garrison - May 18-19
Daniel Selman - May 25-26
John Harris - June 1-2

Deacon on Call:

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

Wednesday, Security 05/22;
Sunday, 05/19; **Eddy Jones**

The Value of Quiet Spaces

Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side. 2 Kings 4:4

A widow and her sons had lost everything. On top of that, creditors were knocking at the door. The widow sought the help of the prophet Elijah. Elijah instructed her to use what she had left, a small flask of oil, and use that oil to fill a multitude of other jars of various shapes and sizes. His instructions were to go into a quiet place, shut the door, and do the work of filling of the jars.

There is an important lesson here for all of us, especially mothers. What we do in the quiet places of our lives, God uses to transform our life and fill the lives around us. Mothers, it is important that you go to a quiet space and have time with God daily. As you are filled by God, you become equipped for your daily life and for the filling of the lives of your children, spouse, and many others God has placed around you. These quiet times should be filled with spiritual activity that focuses on God. For when we truly get to know God, we find we are best filled for equipping others around us.

There is danger in thinking of these quiet spaces as only an escape, when they are really opportunities for discovery. Quiet spaces should hold a deeper value where we focus on God and who He wants us to be. Our quiet spaces should be filled with solitude, Bible study, devotional reading, prayer, community, and worship. Some of my favorite studies focused on women are written by Priscilla Shirer, Lysa Terkeurst, Lisa Harper, and Heather Dixon. The time you take in your quiet space to get to know God, holds the power to fill your entire life.

“Silence is a sacred space where we can truly connect with God and find Peace”

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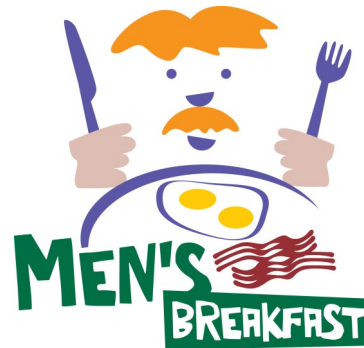
| SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2023 | |
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| General Fund | \$24,352.00 |
| LightShine / Bldg. Fund | \$2,534.50 |
| Back Pack | \$1,475.00 |
| Children/Kids Activities | \$200.00 |
| Youth Trips & Activities | \$150.00 |
| Campus Crusade | \$35.00 |
| Mission Fund | \$100.00 |

IN MEMORY

Stella Hollifield (Birth Date - May 1)
Mary Jane Hinkle, Martha Jean McFarland

Junior & Christine Johnson
Susie Davis

Cary McFarland (Mother's Day)
Mary Jane Hinkle, Martha Jean McFarland



**Attention
All Baptist Men**

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

LEC
Special Guest Speaker

Vermont Mission Team

There will be a mandatory meeting on 6/2/24 at 5:00 PM in the dining room for everyone going to Vermont on 7/6/24. Details of our trip will be covered.

A few adults have not completed a medical release form. Please have your medical insurance information with you at the meeting.

FARM VISIT @
ROCK RIDGE FARM
June 14th 10:30am -12:30pm
Enjoy feeding animals & picnic lunch
RSVP
meet us there at 10:30 (no buses available)



- 05/19 Richard Bass, June Bennett, Josh Harwood, Sheila Ledford
- 05/20 Peyton Arrowood, Hallie Hardin, John Harris
- 05/21 Henry Elmore, Berkley Joyner, Carter Selman
- 05/22 Holly Lynch, Denice Queen, Jayden Ross
- 05/23 Aubry Bridges, Leslie Francis, Dan Laskowski
- 05/24 Adam Armstrong, Kaitlynn Roper
- 05/25 Brittany Carson



- 05/19 Ian & Haley Blalock, Brent & Lindsey Hardin, Gary & Susan McKinney, Alex & Ashton Owens, Greg & Kim Street
- 05/20 Stephen & Jennifer Bennett
- 05/21 Aaron & Taylor Conner

This past weekend, I hope everyone had a chance to see the breathtaking northern lights. I ran around the house like a child at Christmas. So fascinated at the beauty and the rarity of seeing something like this in our area. I read that the chances of seeing the Aurora Borealis where we live and beyond cannot even be tracked. There is no historical data to predict it. So seeing it Friday night was really a gift.

Isn't that how God works? He has the power to do the unpredictable. He turns water into wine. He fills empty jars with oil. He puts on a magical display of color in the night sky. God is always showing us something!

We read in Psalm 19:
"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

On Friday, I witnessed another convincing image of the invisible God.

Thank you Lord for always making your presence and power known!

Tonya



Stowe Botanical Gardens
Ticket Cost per person: \$11.95+tax
Thursday, May 23, 2024
Depart Church at 10:00 am
Lunch at Cheddars on the way!



Important Meetings:

Camp Information

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

We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates this Sunday. They are: Matthew Butler, Billy Mac Clement, Montana Kiser, Jesse Palmer, Elizabeth Qualls.

**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 19th - Mission Project at 5:00 PM, Scoops at 6:00 PM
- May 26th - No Evening Activities (Memorial Day)
- June 2nd- Final Camp Meeting

I would like to take a brief moment and thank the FBIC class and so many others who have donated items towards camp so far this summer. We are blessed to take over 80 people to camp this summer. We are also blessed to have a loving church family who helps financially cover the cost and donate to help make this happen for so many people. Simply saying thanks is not enough, but it is a start.



JUNE 17-20, 2024



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Church Activities

SUNDAY: MAY 19

8:45 - First Light Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 - Bible Study for All ages

11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)

4:00 PM G.L.O.W.

5:00 PM JR Glow, Youth Praise Band, Adult Handbells

5:45 PM Children and Youth Snack Supper

Adult Bible Study: Disciple University

6:00 PM Children, Youth Ministry Gatherings

TUESDAY: MAY 21

10:30 AM Bible Journaling

1:30 PM GriefShare

WEDNESDAY: MAY 22

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 23

10:00 AM Senior Adults Trip to Stowe Botanical Gardens

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Nursery Volunteers

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

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:45 AM

Karen Hamrick, Doris Jones, Kris Landry
Rena Caffell, Jennifer Clay

11:00 AM

Sheena Gabbard, Jessica Herndon

5:45 PM

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

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