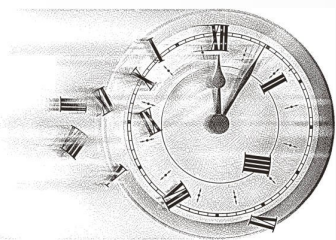


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My how time flies! It was Christmas yesterday, wasn't it? My mother said the older you get, the faster the years fly by; and you know, she was right about this and so many other things in life. (Mother's seem to

be right all the time, especially as we children get older). So, with mother's in mind:

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th. Please join us as we celebrate our Mother's on their special day. There will be gifts and flowers for them from the King's Kids and Youth.

Senior Sunday is May 18th. We will honor our graduating Seniors with special recognition, gifts and lunch that day.

Baccalaureate is Wednesday, May 21st. There will be no Wednesday night activities so that everyone can attend this special service for the Seniors at NBHS.

Graduation is Friday, May 23rd at 8:00 pm at the NBHS football stadium.

Next is June with VBS and camps! See, time does fly!

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Pastoral

Ministries

Dr. Patrick Hunter

Imagine you believe God has called you to become a missionary so you can share the Gospel in a foreign land. How do you get there? In many churches you share your calling with your church. You begin to get training in how to be a missionary. You also start sharing the need for funding with those you know. You identify the nation or people group to whom you believe God would have you go. Maybe you travel to other churches inviting them to become ministry partners who will contribute a set amount each month. You even arrange passports and visas enabling you to go into the place where you are headed. Finally after many months, or even years, you set the date when you will head to your mission field.

Sounds like a long arduous process, right? Did

you know missionaries God calls out of churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), whose mission sending organization is the International Mission Board (IMB), have a much different process. For these individuals they share their calling with their local church, but instead of putting all the details together,

they contact the IMB and begin preparing to go to the mission field. In this process they also gain training to be effective in their calling. They still obtain passports for each member of their family, but IMB obtains their Visas. They still seek prayer support from those they know who will partner with them, but their funding is provided by the IMB. Instead of a process of potentially years getting ready to go serve, they walk through a process with IMB depending on their educational background and target ministry of a year or less. Plus, when they get to the mission field they don't have to worry about whether their funding will be steady or not.

You see, as an IMB missionary their income, their benefits, and funds for ministry are provided through both the generous giving of SBC churches as their members faithfully give through two mission funding streams. One of them is called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO). Through the LMCO, approximately 61% of mission funding is made available to missionaries. The other primary source of funding for their work comes to the IMB from the Cooperative Program (CP). Half of every dollar given to the CP by local churches like ours goes to support the work of missionaries around the world. Therefore, when you and I give undesignated gifts through our church, a portion of our giving goes to support the work of missionaries so they can focus on sharing the gospel.

As your pastor, I am so grateful and encouraged our church has a long history of CP giving whereby we take part in the great work of God's kingdom. Please consider how you can take part in the greater work of God in the world in this way. He will bless you as you do.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:25 am Worship Team Rehearsal

9:45 am Bible Study Groups

11:00 am Worship in the Morning

Monday

4:30 pm Bible Drill

Tuesday

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

4:30 pm Children's Handbells

5:15 pm Fellowship Supper

5:45 pm Kids Worship Arts

Adult Handbells

6:15 pm Youth

6:30 pm KBAM

Mission Friends

Abundant Life

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Other activities added as needed weekly/monthly.

Youth Ministry

FBC Youth is a thriving and fast paced student ministry where we focus on the core message of the Gospel. Our priority is that our students learn two things: to know Christ through relationship with Him, and to make Christ known to others. This ministry serves students who have entered 7th grade through students entering 12th grade, and is led by Student Minister Aaron Skinner and his wife, Libby. Weekly, our main events are Wednesday Night Service (Fellowship Meal at 5:15 to 6:15, Service from 6:15 to 7:30) and Sunday Service (Sunday School 9:45 to 10:45, Worship 11:00 to 12:00). Yearly, some of our big events feature Student Life Camp in the summer at Glorieta, NM, Fall Retreat at Siloam Springs, AR, serving at VBS in June, and a December full of Christmas events. Throughout the year, we have various fellowships & day trips focused on growing together and towards Christ. For regular updates, please see the FBC New Boston Facebook Group, or join our GroupMe if you are a youth/parent. We would love for you to come join us! Please contact me at the church office with questions about FBC Youth.

Aaron Skinner, Student Minister

Music Ministry

We were blessed SO much during the month of April! Between the Revival, Easter Musical, Easter Sunday Services, XYZ Luncheon, XYZ singing at Windsor Cottage and more, we had a great month. May is going to be a great month as well as God has many great blessings in store for us.

May 4 th	Children's Choir & Children's Handbell Choir
May 11 th	Mother's Day
May 18 th	Graduation Sunday with the Youth Ensemble Singing
May 25 th	Memorial Day Weekend with the Handbell Choir Playing

XYZ Senior Adult Ministry

May 8 th	Sr. Adult Rally at Lakeview Camp Cost: \$9
May 28 th	XYZ Luncheon, hosting the Ladies Acapella Choir

YOUTH ENSEMBLE: Sunday nights at 5:00 pm. See back page.

"Serve the Lord with gladness and come before Him with joyful singing"! Psalm 100:2
Chris Dale



WOW (Widows, Others, and Widowers) - provides an opportunity for our congregation members to fellowship spiritually, physically, socially, and actively encourage one another. Our ministry team members include Bro. Patrick Hunter, Frank and Janet Buchanan, David and Linda Daniel, and Craig and Julie Spears. We would love you to join us and be part of this inspiring ministry in our church! Our next gathering is Monday, May 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS 2025

June 2-6

8:45am
to NOON



Abundant Life/King's Table

Join us for our Adult Special Needs Ministry.

Sunday School:

ABUNDANT LIFE

Sunday School Class

Fellowship, Bible Study, Singing

The King's Table will meet on the following Tuesdays in May:

May 6th

May 20th

We meet in Fellowship Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

We have devotionals, Games, Crafts and Fellowship.

Please call our church office for more information, if you know of a prospect for either group.

Future Events



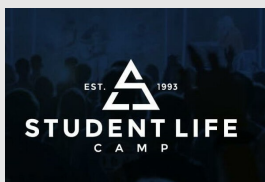
VBS

Jun. 2nd-Jun. 6th



Centri Kid Camp

Jun. 23rd -Jun. 27th



Student Life Camp

Jun. 30th-Jul. 6th

Operation Christmas Child

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, May 3rd is **MAY DAY-GAME DAY at 4:00 pm.**

There will be games, food, fun and entertainment. A sandwich combo (pulled pork sandwich, chips, dessert and drink: water, tea or lemonade) will be available for \$8.00 at the door. Come, join us for a day of FUN!! Donations will always be accepted.

Our second big event will be our October Chili Cookoff.

More details will be available later in the year for this event.

There are many items we need which we buy in bulk. Therefore, we are respectfully asking for any donation you may be able to give. Just designate on your check for shoebox items.

Thank you for helping spread the Gospel across the world.



King's Kids Happenings-K-6th



A King's Kids Interview by Cheyenne Norrell 4th grade!

Something you've learned in KK about the Bible - **THAT THE BIBLE IS TRUE!**

Something you've learned in KK about Jesus - **JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!**

Favorite KK Ministry? **CENTRIKID CAMP**

Favorite VBS Memory? **SNOW CONES!!**

Favorite Mission Project? **OCC SHOE BOXES**

Favorite memory from Bible Drill? **LEARNING ALL 66 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

Favorite memory from Centrikid? **ART TRACK**

I feel **HAPPY** when I come to KK activities

I've been a KK for **4** years

Favorite KK snack? **CHIPS**

Favorite KK trip - **GJUMP**

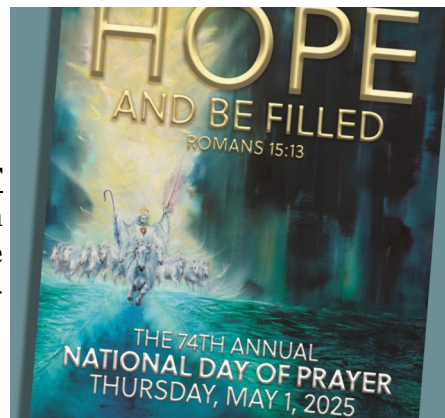
Favorite Bible Verse?? **I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME. PHIL. 4:13**

Recent New Member



Stacey Jones

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - Will be held on Thursday, May 1st at the Trailhead Pavilion. Everyone is invited to attend.



Who will you invite to become part of God's family here at First Baptist?

Our May Member in the Spotlight is one of our OCC Ladies, Pat Minter.

Patricia Ann Owen was born in Old Boston. You can ask her when. She attended New Boston schools and graduated with the class of 1962. She attended San Jacinto Junior College. Pat was the baby of 8 children. They went through hard times. But her parents always provided. "We were not wealthy but we were loved."

When asked how she met her husband (Burl Minter) she replied, "On a blind date March 3, 1962. We dated for two months before he left for boot camp. We were married in November of the same year. He's the best thing in my life, my love for 62 going on 63 years. God has blessed us immensely."

"What brought you back to New Boston?"

Pat said, "Burl retired for the first time and he wanted to move back home, me, I didn't want to leave my grown kids."

They have 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren, with 7 great-grand children and one on the way.

Her hobbies include: quilting at Siloam Baptist Church, machine embroidery, using a Cricut and now taking on Sublimation. She'll explain that one to you. LOL

Burl likes to work in the garden, and play Sudoku. He's retired 3 times from the military (thank you for your service), and 2 civilian jobs).

Pat is a Sunday School teacher, an OCC lady (her passion), a volunteer for the Wednesday night suppers, VBS and anywhere there is a need.

She says her church family gives her



peace.

She was baptized at the age of 12 at FBC when it was downtown. Looking back she felt it was for the wrong reasons (being urged by her Sunday School teacher every Sunday). However when she was attending a revival at Sagemont Church in Houston, she felt the Holy Spirit directing her to walk that aisle, to be obedient, putting away pride. "I felt like I was washed in the blood of the Lamb."

Pat is an inspiration to us all.

Thank you for being willing to be our member in the spotlight for the Beacon.

If anyone would like to be in the member spotlight, or would like to suggest someone, please let me know. Contact the church office or send me an email. (paula@fbcnewboston.com.)

Paula

Member Spotlight



Kingdom Builders is growing, and we're so excited to share what God is doing! On Easter morning, we welcomed three children to our class, and over the past few months, we've had five different kids join us. Each one is so precious, full of life and potential. It's a true joy to serve them and their families.

One parent recently shared, "This is the first time we've been able to attend church regularly, and our child begs to come to class every week!" That kind of feedback reminds us why this ministry matters so much.

As I was preparing a lesson about Noah and how God asked him to build the Ark, I planned an activity involving unsharpened pencils. We hid several pencils around the room and the kids got to search for them. It's a simple object lesson, but it carried a powerful message. When the kids found the pencils, we talked about which pencil was different and which one we would choose to use. Just because we choose to use the sharpened pencil doesn't mean that the other unsharpened pencils don't have value and potential though!

The Bible tells us Noah was righteous and set apart for God's purpose. Just like those unsharpened pencils, God can use anyone—no matter where they are in their journey—for His purpose. Noah wasn't perfect, but he was seen as righteous because of his faith. Sometimes what we see as valuable doesn't align with how God sees it.

This lesson reminded me of our kids in Kingdom Builders. So often, the world—and sometimes even we—judge them unfairly. We let fear guide us instead of trusting in God's plans and promises. I've been guilty of this too. But God created these children with purpose. He sees their worth—not based on behavior or ability, but on their faith in Jesus.

As both a mom and a teacher in Kingdom Builders, God is teaching me this beautiful truth: our kids are valuable because they are His. They are learning to love and trust Jesus, and they're discovering that their true worth doesn't come from what the world says—it comes from who Jesus says they are. Not perfect, but fearfully and wonderfully made with a plan and a purpose.

Felicia Jones



Wednesdays

at 6:30pm

in the Hospitality Room

Have you ever wondered why God doesn't just save us and then take us home to heaven immediately? It's because he has purposes for our lives. Join us beginning THIS Wednesday for a six week study led by our Pastor to discover why God keeps us here and how we are uniquely shaped.



**Next Lord's
Supper: August
3rd**

PraiseWorks is a week-long worship arts camp on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University. The camp is designed for students who have completed grades 7-12. Campers have an incredible opportunity to gather in worship daily, be equipped in various worship leading skills through tracks led by experts in their field and given the opportunity to implement their skills in a worship celebration. This event is built around a mass choir experience while giving students the opportunity to choose from the following breakout sessions.



Orchestra
Worship choir
Vocals
Acoustic guitar
Bass guitar
Electric guitar
Drums
Keyboard
AV/Tech

Drama
Creative Movement
Graphic Design
Photography
Stomp
Vocal Coaching
Sign Language
Music Theory
Worship Planning

WHEN: July 14-18 WHERE: Ouachita Baptist Univ.
Arkadelphia AR COST: \$75 Due May 19th

Scholarships needed. See Chris for more info.