



the open door

THE OFFICIAL FBC NEWSLETTER

April 22, 2026 #15

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE FAMILY OF
AVA JAMES BYARS

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
FOR A SPECIAL AND MEANINGFUL MOMENT AS WE
UNVEIL A MURAL IN LOVING MEMORY OF AVA.

APRIL 25, 2026 | 1:00 PM
LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL PARKING LOT.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

THIS I KNOW
A Preschool Musical
The Bible Tells Me So

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL
29TH
6:00
PM**

Light It Up!
A Kids Musical
Shining the Light of God's Love
Some said, "If we are light, of the world"

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Church Family,

We had a little bit of a fun competition in our Sunday night small group this past Sunday. The week before, we were discussing Bible drills and who had competed when they were younger and who thought they could still compete. So, we determined that we were going to have a Bible drill competition when we got back together this week.

Before we finished our meal, we had five people ready to drill. A few even brought their Bibles from way back when, while the others used newer Bibles. Mark Fleming was the timekeeper, and I was the caller. We agreed on 10 seconds, like the children, instead of the 8 seconds like the youth. We thought this would give everyone a fighting chance. Like the beginning of every drill, the drillers began by quoting the books of the Bible as a group. Then, they had to find 10 key passages in the Bible. Everyone did surprisingly well, but we had to determine an overall winner. We agreed that the final verse would determine the winner. The first person to step out with the verse marked would be the "Undisputed FBC Adult Bible Drill Champion." We could all feel the anticipation in the room. All 5 of the contestants wanted to win. The verse was John 11:35, "Jesus wept." After the command was given, everyone frantically looked for the verse and stepped out as soon as they found it. The drill was so close that the winner had to be decided by the rest of the small group. In the end, Emily Fleming was declared the winner and the "Undisputed FBC Adult Bible Drill Champion" (at least in our small group). Be sure to congratulate Emily when you see her. Also, congratulate our children and youth who have worked so hard to learn their verses and prepare to drill.

In Christ,
Evan

A Note of Thanks

Pastor Evan and church family of First Baptist Church We would like to thank you for the kindness of the popsicle and ice cream social for all our students and staff. The love you show as a church family to our school is one that is cherished and so appreciated. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and for your kindness.

We love you all -
Administration, Faculty, & Staff
of Leake Academy

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

April 26, 2026

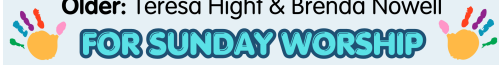
Younger: Caleb & Racheal Page

Older: Taylor & Jordan Dickerson

May 3, 2026

Younger: Amy & Jenny Kate Copeland

Older: Teresa Hight & Brenda Nowell



Sunday Deacon

April 26, 2026

Austin Harrison

May 3, 2026

David Bailey



Herschel Kilpatrick

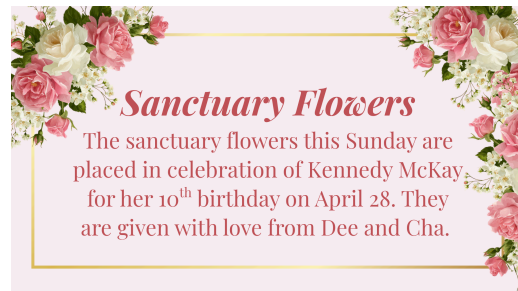
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Don McKay

Neshoba

Kay Rowell

UMMC



Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are placed in celebration of Kennedy McKay for her 10th birthday on April 28. They are given with love from Dee and Cha.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Supper 4:45-5:45PM

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April 29, 2026

WORKERS FOR APRIL 29

SERVERS

Tiffany Loper, Peggy Van Devender

CLEANUP

Brenda Nowell

PAYMENT TABLE

Patti Robey

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS

LASAGNA

GREEN BEANS

PEACHES

DESSERT

KIDS: NUGGETS

BROTHERHOOD Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 3 • 7:30 AM



GUEST SPEAKER:

GREG CARLYLE

All men and boys are invited to attend.

STAFF ARTICLE

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:13

Hymns in my Heart is a children’s ministry we started two years ago that helps young people follow the instructions in Colossians 3:16 “With thankful hearts sing Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs to God.”

This year we are continuing this effort with Hymns in My Heart 3. Students or their parents download an app to their tablets or phones that contains twelve hymns, one hymn a month. At church we sing these songs, especially on Wednesdays and Sundays in choir. Each month an adult worker will listen to students individually singing that month’s hymn and mark it off their list. Each child who completes level three (memorizing at least nine songs) will receive a special gift. The first gift is always a Baptist hymnal with their name engraved on the cover. After a child earns a hymnal, we provide other gifts, keep sakes to encourage them to keep singing always. They will cherish the gifts, especially the hymnal, for life, but more importantly, the tunes and text they internalize will enrich their walk with the Lord for as long as they live.

*** This year, we have several students well on the way to earning a gift in September. One has memorized every hymn of the month through March, including two we have not gone over in choir. WOW! It is not too late to participate. Look for the QR code in our church announcement slides at FBC or use the one below.

Grownups and Youth will enjoy singing through the hymns using the app too. Dick Tunney, composer and arranger, plays piano on this year’s effort. He is also the author of one of the hymns. See if you can figure out which one.



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Shouting for Joy!
William W Smith

THURSDAY, MAY 7
NATIONAL
***** PRAY WITH AMERICA *****
DAY of PRAYER
12 NOON • DEWEESE MEMORIAL PARK

CPC Annual
Mother's Day
FUNDRAISER
Thursday, May 7 | 5:00-8:00 pm
Sponsoring Restaurants:
Bloomie Diner, City Limits, MAJESTER'S STEAK & GRILL, Ronnie's STEAK & GRILL, Tootie's
All tips go to benefit CPC Pregnancy & Family Resource Center
For more information call: 601-656-9712

PARENT/CHILD
Dedication Service
May 10, 2026

We would love for you and your child to be part of our Parent/Child Dedication Service on Sunday, May 10 during the worship service.

If you are interested in participating, please plan to attend a brief meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to participate in the Parent/Child Dedication Service and will be attending the meeting, please contact the church office at 601-656-1507.

CLASS OF 2026 **Graduate Recognition Service**
May 17, 2026

If you have a senior who will be graduating from high school and would like to participate in our Graduate Recognition Service, please let us know in the church office by May 4. The Senior Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 17 at 8:30 am and Recognition Service will be held during the worship service at 11:00 am.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Our college graduates will be recognized on May 17 during the worship service. If you are graduating from college, please call the church office by May 4 in order for your name to be listed in the Open Door.

SAVE
the date
JUNE
15-17, 2026

LOVE
OUT
LOUD
NESHOBA

celebrators
CONFERENCE
LeConte Event Center - Pigeon Forge, TN

Speakers Comedians Musicians

OCTOBER 12-15, 2026
SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Church Council Meeting • 8:30 am
Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
Sunday School • 9:45 am
Worship Service • 11:00 am
Small Groups • 5:00 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
Wednesday Night Supper • 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
Preschool/Children's Musical • 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

CMC Graduation • 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 31

Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Brotherhood Breakfast • 7:30 am
Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
Sunday School • 9:45 am
Worship Service • 11:00 am
Small Groups • 5:00 pm

CLC HOURS: MON.-FRI. • 7 AM - 12 NOON

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan Humphries

Minister of Music William Smith

Minister of Students Austin Aultman

Minister of Children Jackie Cheatham

Financial Ministry Assistant Laura Thrash

Education Ministry Assistant Tiffney Loper

Child Ministry Center Director Sage Mesley

Christian Life Center Director Linda Griffis

Upward Ministry Director Michael Duke

Facilities Manager Bruce Bounds

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

April 19, 2026

Budget: \$19,064.00

Wednesday Night Supper: \$500.00

Ruth's Promise: \$225.00

Music: \$10.00

Youth Camp: \$35.00

Annie Armstrong: \$200.00

Annie Armstrong Given to Date: \$8,400.00

Budget Offering Given to Date: \$736,333.27

UNDER Budget: \$28,153.97

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$23,166.28

BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 04/19/26: \$19,064.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 19, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	27
Children	21
Youth	6
Adults	131
TOTAL	185