



# The First Family

MAY 2022

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

### *Foundational Institution in Disarray*

The month of May will be devoted to a focus on the family. We will celebrate our babies, our mother's, our graduates, our young adults, and our marriages. As we look across our nation, really across our county, we see the demise and destruction of the family unit. We have mutilated marriage by forsaking the Lord's standard that it is the coming together of one man and one woman and turned it into a laughingstock by calling everything under the sun a legitimate marriage. We have seen the honorable role of motherhood demeaned and the sanctity of human life discredited by the slaughter of millions of babies. Our children are under serious attack when a woman is appointed to the Supreme Court that has shown a soft approach to those guilty of pedophilia. The innocence of childhood is being robbed by liberal school boards and teachers that insist on teaching children in elementary schools the concepts of gender identity and the horrendous views of the LGBTQIA2S, with more letters and numbers coming as our perversions increase. Our middle and high school students are bombarded with teachers that feel it is necessary to express their sexual identity and activity. Sadly, our middle and high schoolers live in a climate that great notoriety and acceptance is lavished on those who "come out" with their new gender or sexual preference. They are being trained that it is inappropriate to question any view that is opposite of that of the Bible.

The family has gradually been attacked and moved in a direction that is completely opposite of what the originator, God, intended it to be when giving instructions in His Word. The Bible says that God made them male and female, the world opposes any gender. The Bible says marriage is to be between one man and one woman, the world says there is no perimeter to who can marry and what they marry. The Bible says children are a blessing from the Lord, the world says they are inhuman and expendable. The Bible says children and young adults are to honor their parents, the world says they are their own authority. The Bible says that parents have authority over their children, the world says that government and school boards should have the ultimate authority. The Bible says that husbands are to be the head of their home, the world says that is chauvinistic.

The motive for this demise is due to the fact that the family was God's first institution. When this institution is destroyed it results in the downfall of the institution of government and a hindrance to the institution of the church. I think you can see that we better get back to the guidelines of the Bible or we are not going to have much of a Godly generation by the next generation. I pray that the Fathers and Mothers of our church will rise up and say enough is enough. It is time to quit following the pattern of this world, appeasing the world's mandates, and allowing our children to be swallowed up in such a godless pit that has robbed them of childhood innocence. It is time to stop letting the world be the priority over the Word of God and worship of God. Our children need to learn that sacrifice comes with being a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and there may be times we have to say no to certain activities and events because it conflicts with and contradicts our faith.

Bro. Brad

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT



## MUSIC AND MEDIA

May has arrived!

As I sit here writing this article I have my windows open listening to the birds sing, the wind rustle through the leaves, and feeling the breeze flowing into the room. I'm excited that it's actually starting to feel like spring!!

First and foremost, I want to say thank you to the Sanctuary Choir. They worked so hard on *Is He Worthy*, and it sounded beautiful. Just like many of you, this cantata was one of my favorite in the last few years. The Lord truly blessed us Easter Sunday. This group has been a blessing to me. They come in ready to work, have fun doing it, and truly love worship the Lord through song. As a director, I couldn't ask for anything more and couldn't be more proud of them!

I would also like to thank our Narrator, Carol Wooten. She did a wonderful job with the narration for this cantata and we were excited that she agreed to do it!

Choir winds down at the end of this month. Throughout the months of June and July the choir will not have Sunday night rehearsals and will not perform on Sunday mornings. During these months we would like to have you, our church family, be a part of our Sunday morning services. If you are interested in bringing special music during these months, please let me know!

May also brings us closer to our mission trip to Alaska. Our team of 21 are preparing to work at the Kenai Peninsula Sports Camp helping teach archery, basketball, and volleyball to the local community kids. We will also be involved with the Gospel to Every Home initiative with a local pastor and church. Please be in prayer for our team, the staff of Alaska Missions who we will be working with, Pastor Talakai and Mt. Redoubt Baptist Church, and for the kids, parents, and locals that we come into contact with during the sports camp.

I am looking forward to what this month has in store for us, church family!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Bro. Chuck

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

VBS - JUNE 6-10

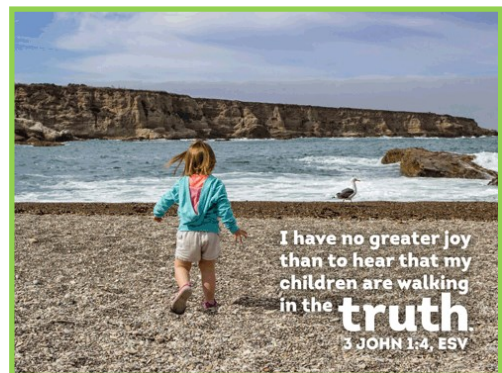
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM -JUNE 15-AUGUST

ALASKA MISSION TRIP JUNE 18-25

G.A. CAMP- JUNE 14-16

R.A. CAMP-JUNE 17-18

YOUTH CAMP-JUNE 28-JULY 2



### 2022 Children's Ministry Calendar

#### MAY

8 Baby Dedication during Morning Service

#### JUNE

6-10 VBS  
14-16 G.A. Camp  
17-18 R.A. Camp

#### JULY

11-12 Sports Camp  
19-22 Kid's Summer Camp at Cedarmore  
Children's Summer Program each Wednesday morning

#### AUGUST

Children's Summer Program Finale

#### OCTOBER

31 Fall Festival  
Children's Christmas Cantata Preparation

#### NOVEMBER

Children's Christmas Cantata Preparation

#### DECEMBER

Children's Christmas Cantata Preparation  
11 or 18 Children's Christmas Cantata Presentation

- *Age-graded Sunday School Classes each Sunday at 10:00am*  
- *Children's Church each Sunday during the 11:00am Service*  
- *TeamKID each Wednesday at 6:30pm*



# MAY

1 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 2:00 p.m. Gamble Shower 4:00 p.m. Outreach 5:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting	2 6:00 p.m. Visitation	3	4 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Team Kid	5	6	7
8 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School  No Evening Services	9 6:00 p.m. Visitation  Christian Preschool Graduation 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Last Day of Christian Preschool 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service  6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Team Kid	12	13	14
						
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29 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School	30 Offices Closed	31	1			





<b><u>5/1</u></b> Dave Barker Ethan Bush Andrew Harvey Joe Hanson James Miller	<b><u>5/12</u></b> Dana Gill Rebecca Mills <b><u>5/14</u></b> Liddie June Smith <b><u>5/16</u></b> Katherine Johnson Rebecca Murphy <b><u>5/17</u></b> David Barker Brent Craigmyle Charlie Gaines Lisa Lilly <b><u>5/18</u></b> Matt Cull <b><u>5/19</u></b> Nash Cammack Kerry Sipple <b><u>5/20</u></b> Mark McMillen Robert Murray Hallie Risch Makenzie Risch	<b><u>5/21</u></b> Theresa Chandler David Gray Doug Wainscott <b><u>5/22</u></b> Vicki Greene <b><u>5/23</u></b> Alan Greene Logan Mills <b><u>5/25</u></b> Leighton Ramsey <b><u>5/26</u></b> Lindsay Lightbody <b><u>5/27</u></b> Annastyn Cammack Mikayla Sipple <b><u>5/29</u></b> Tim Marcum <b><u>5/31</u></b> Jason Chandler Alexander Hollis Benjamin Hollis
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## MAY VOLUNTEERS

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

5/1: Bruce and Karen Wash  
 5/8: Kevin and Gabi Welsh  
 5/15: Rae Gina and Meleah Beatty  
 5/22: Bethany & Heather Cumberland  
 5/29: Becky Shryock & Kaylah Hadden

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5/1: Jonathan and Blair Baldwin  
 5/8: Rusty and Heidi Williams  
 5/15: Josh and Lindsay Smith  
 5/22: Libby Banks  
 5/29: Heather Risch and Girls

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