

The earth
is filled with
your love,
LORD;
teach me
your
decrees.
Psalm 119:64, NIV



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The First Family

April 2026

FROM YOUR PASTOR

HE IS RISEN!

The celebration of Easter is a time that we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. A time to remember that we serve a living Savior who is still at work among His people. The empty tomb is not merely a past event; it is a present reality that is transforming us today. Because He lives, we have hope, purpose, and assurance that God is actively working in and through us.

This month also marks a personal milestone for me, seventeen years of serving as your pastor. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of walking alongside you in ministry, worship, and life. As I reflect, I am mindful of the rich heritage of our church. J.E. Baird began his pastorate here in 1923, 103 years ago, and concluded it after serving for eighteen and a half years. He has the distinction of the longest pastorate in our church's history. By God's grace, I am now only a year and a half away from surpassing his tenure. That is both humbling and motivating to me. It is a testament to God's grace and faithfulness toward an undeserving "brand plucked from the fire." Our church family is a testimony to God's faithfulness! It has been a joy to see what our Lord has done but even more wonderful is witnessing what He is doing right now.

As we move into April, I am excited for us to begin a new series: *Recognizing the Manifested Presence of God in Daily Life*. My prayer is that, together, we will grow in our awareness of His nearness and learn to walk with Him more fully each day.

He is Risen and He is at work among us!

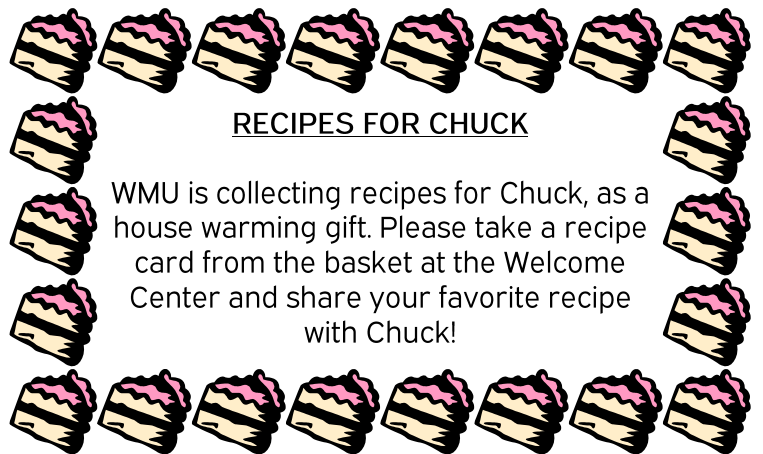
Blessings,
Bro. Brad

BABY SHOWER FOR JENA & SPENCER BLAIR

Please join us for a baby shower to celebrate Jena and Spencer's new baby girl.

The shower will be held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00pm.

They are registered at Amazon and Target.



RECIPES FOR CHUCK

WMU is collecting recipes for Chuck, as a house warming gift. Please take a recipe card from the basket at the Welcome Center and share your favorite recipe with Chuck!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS – LEAD PASTOR

CHUCK HARRIS – WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

ROSS FORD – STUDENT PASTOR

KILEY BLAIR – DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

DONETTE GAINES – MINISTRY ASSISTANT

*He is not here;
he has
Risen!*

Luke 24:6

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

FROM HOSANNAS TO HALLELUJAHS...AND WHAT'S STILL TO COME

There's something special about this time of year in the life of the church. We find ourselves standing right on the edge of Easter — hearts preparing, voices ready, and eyes fixed on the cross and the empty tomb. And already, God has been so faithful in what we've experienced together.

I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to our Worship Choir for the incredible work they put into this year's Easter cantata, *Hosannas & Hallelujahs*. Your faithfulness in rehearsals, your attention to detail, and your heart for worship have already been a blessing, and I know the Lord will use it in a powerful way as we gather on Easter Sunday. This musical is filled with rich truth and beautiful expressions of the victory we have in Christ Jesus — and I truly believe it will help prepare our hearts for what Easter is all about.

A special thank you as well to Melody Stafford for her wonderful narration. Melody, your gift for communicating the story so clearly and meaningfully adds a depth that helps us not just hear the message — but feel it.

And we can't forget those who serve behind the scenes, making sure everything comes together smoothly. Thank you to Jaden Treichel, Meagan Greenlee, Brad Jones, Chanceny Perkins, and Brian Blair for your work in the sound booth. From running slides and sound to managing lights and livestream, your role is vital. You help remove distractions and create an environment where people can focus on the message of the gospel — and that matters more than you know.

As we look ahead to Easter on April 5, let's not rush past this season. Let's lean into it. Let's prepare our hearts. Let's invite others to come and see what God has done. The resurrection isn't just something we celebrate one Sunday a year — it's the very foundation of our hope every single day.

So let's keep singing. Let's keep serving. And let's keep lifting high the name of Jesus — because the story isn't finished...*in fact, the best part is still to come!!*

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear church family,

It's Vacation Bible School time again! Whether you are as excited as I am or you avoid eye contact with me this time of year for fear I'm going to ask you to help :), it's difficult to deny the impact of VBS each summer.

At VBS we may feel like we're just handing out snacks, playing games or guiding kids from one station to another. But every smile, every Bible story, every encouraging word is a seed planted in a young heart. Sometimes we don't see the results right away. A child might only remember the silly games or decorations. But years later, that same child might remember that someone cared enough to tell them about Jesus.

Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to seeds for a reason: *"Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."* Matthew 13:8

We may not know which moment will take root in a child's life, but we trust that God grows what we faithfully plant. The beautiful thing about VBS is that everyone in the church family can participate, no matter their gifts or schedule.

Here are some ways you can be an important part of planting seeds this summer during VBS week:

- Prepare or serve snacks
- Help with decorations or decorating
- Pray for the children and all the volunteers
- Donate supplies or money toward supplies
- Help with registration and welcoming families
- Guide children through stations
- Be a "floater" who comes and offers any time they have to do whatever needs to be done

Join me after the late morning worship service on April 12th for a quick pizza lunch and VBS meeting. As always, come hear about the theme for this year and all the many ways you can be a part of this exciting and meaningful week in the life of our church!

Peace and Joy,
Kiley

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello church family!

This month, the youth group enjoyed our annual trip to Winter Jam in Louisville. We took 23 students and adults and everyone had a great time worshiping the Lord together!

We are continuing our Sunday night studies at 6:30. We will not meet Easter Sunday but will meet the next two Sundays after Easter to wrap up our studies. We have had a good turnout for this each week and I think the students have enjoyed this small group time! The girls have studied how they can put on the full armor of God and the boys have been studying how to fight different "goliaths" in our lives using God's Word.

The youth group will be going bowling the week of spring break. Instead of meeting for our typical Wednesday night gathering, we will meet in the youth room at 5 and will leave from there to go to Florence. We will stop at Chick-Fil-A on the way. Each student will need \$20-\$30 for this outing. Please let me know if your student plans to attend so I can arrange rides!

As always, it is a blessing to serve the students of this church!

Ross

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thanks to all that volunteered to assist with the Easter Egg-extravaganza on Saturday March 28th!
Your willingness to serve is amazing.

LET THE PLANNING BEGIN!

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting will be held on **April 12th** after the late service. A pizza lunch will be served!

Come learn about the many ways you can serve in this ministry to our Community!



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APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Midweek Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 9:00 & 11:00a Easter Services 10:00a Sunday School NO EVENING SERVICES 	6 Association Meeting Cedar Hill Baptist	7	8 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings	9	10	11
12 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services: <i>Going Places w/God</i> 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p VBS Planning Luncheon 5:30p Trustee's Mtg. 6:30p Evening Service: <i>Hebrews</i> 6:30p Youth Bible Study 7:30p Business Mtg.	13	14	15 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Midweek Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services: <i>Presence of God</i> 10:00a Sunday School 2:00p Baby Shower 6:30p Evening Service: <i>Hebrews</i> 6:30p Youth Bible Study PRE-TEST DUE Jamaica Payment Due	20	21	22 10:00a Manna in the Morning 6:00p Family Night Potluck 6:45p Mid-week Gatherings	23	24 KBC Children's Choir 	25
26 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services: <i>Presence of God</i> 10:00a Sunday School 6:30p Evening Service: <i>Hebrews</i> 6:30p Youth Bible Study 	27	28	29 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Midweek Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-week Gatherings 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	30		

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

VBS: June 15–19

Student Worship Camp: June 29–July 3

Youth Camp: July 8–11

Children's Camp: July 23–26

Jamaica Mission: July 18–25

Panama Mission: August 10–19



4/1 Patty Greene	4/20 Logan Shelton	4/28 Matt Stafford
4/3 Gene Rose	4/21 John Paul Hanson	Mike Stafford
Mollie Grace Watkins	4/22 Betty Carter	4/29 Sarah Peak
4/4 Rex Dean Stafford	Finley Harvey	Mary Helen Smith
4/12 Collin Gamble	Susan Sutherland	4/30 Emma Blair
Jeff Peak	4/24 Micheal Cassidy	Jim Craigmyle
4/14 Beckham O'Toole	Ashton Marcum	Caden Hedger
Jenna Blair	4/25 Ellie Blair	
4/16 Tripp Allnutt	4/27 Jeff Caudill	

MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS FOR NANCY STANLEY

Donna McDonald; Deborah & Rodney Parker; Susan & Dave Stowe

MEMORIALS FOR PAULETTE TOLBERT

Janice & Billy Riddle

MEMORIALS FOR BOBBY GAINES

Kay & Bentley Bush; Lesa & Todd Marston; Donna McDonald;
Deborah & Rodney Parker; Barbara & Mike Ramsey;
Janice & Billy Riddle; Joy & Ronnie Roberts; Susan & Dave Stowe

MEMORIALS FOR BUCK MCCOY

Shery & Tim Craigmyle; Dana & Chuck Gill; Donna Mc Donald;
Lesla & Todd Marston; Susan & Gregg Peak; Barbara & Mike Ramsey;
Janice & Billy Riddle; Joy & Ronnie Roberts; Deborah & Rodney Parker;
Susan & Dave Stowe; Susan & Jimmy Sutherland

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

April 5, 2026

Early—Meleah
SS (0-2)—Lindsay Smith
SS (3-4)—Kiley Blair
Late(0-2)—
Late(3-4)—Kiley Blair
No Evening Service

April 12, 2026

Early—Kennedi Hon
SS (0-2)—Becky Shryock
SS (3-4)—Susan Traylor
Late(0-2)—Dana & Chuck Gill
Late(3-4)—Rebecca Mills & Angela Walters
Evening—Melody Stafford

April 19, 2026

Early— Meleah Beatty
SS (0-2)—Susan Sutherland
SS (3-4)—Jenna Shelton
Late(0-2)—Brianna & Blaine Forsee
Late(3-4)—Todd & Lesa Marston
Evening—Libby Banks

April 26, 2026

Early—Meleah
SS (0-2)—Susan Sutherland
SS (3-4)—Jenna Shelton
Late(0-2)—Allison & Brent Craigmyle
Late(3-4)—Jodie & Nash Glacken
Evening—Meleah

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 5, 2026 — *No Children's Church*

April 12, 2026 — Kelsey Gognat

April 19, 2026 — Meredith Lewis

April 26, 2026 — Libby Banks

Return Service Requested

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