

The Messenger

"God's People on Mission in Marion County and Around the World"

Foxworth First Baptist

May 2025

A NOTE FROM THE HEART OF YOUR PASTOR



Last month we sought to leave *no one uninvited* to our Resurrection Celebration Service. We, hopefully, acknowledged that *everyone* deserves to be *invited* to celebrate the resurrection of the King of kings and Lord of lords. And it is my hope that such an attitude becomes part of the DNA of Foxworth First - not just for Easter Sunday...but *all throughout the year!*

And I want to *thank you!* It is clear to me that many of you were intentional in inviting others to gather with us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and it was a joy to see folks lining the pews on Easter Sunday. If you made a call, sent a text message, gave out a card (or went out into the community - like our students) to invite others to gather to worship King Jesus, please know that I am thankful for your willingness! Your efforts made our day special.

And I want to encourage you. God's Word tells us (Galatians 6:9) "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Thinking about this, I want to give you 3 things that can happen when the church intentionally loves on the community where the Lord has sovereignly planted us. This list is certainly not exhaustive - and it's not automatic - but as we continue (and refrain from growing weary) the Lord will bless the efforts of His people, following His leadership, for His glory.

When we, as the church, are intentional about loving the community in which we are planted (those who reside in the community) ...

1. Those who were once indifferent begin to see the value of the church.

- Believe it or not, many people live their lives adjacent to a local congregation without ever really thinking about the church. While much of what we do revolves around what takes place on campus, there are many who never give what takes place on campus a second thought (if they are even aware of it in the first place).
- But when a church intentionally loves on the community around her, it becomes increasingly difficult for the community to be unaware of our efforts, & some will begin to see the value of the church in the community in which they live.

2. Once poor opinions begin to change.

- It's no secret that churches (meaning the people), at times, hurt others. Ask a dozen unchurched people about their experience with/view of the church, and you will likely hear a heart-breaking story of church-hurt.
- We are broken people. We, at times, walk in step with the flesh rather than the Spirit. And each of us have been guilty, at times, of not accurately representing Christ to those around us.
- But when the local congregation intentionally loves on the community around her, opinions begin to change. The "bad taste" for the church that some have developed begins to be challenged by what folks see us do, how they see us love, and those things on which we spend money.
- Change doesn't happen, overnight. A bad experience takes time



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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Tyler Chavis

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Choir Director: Ellen Ball

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE SUNDAY

9 am - Small Group/Sunday School for all ages

10 am - Gathered Worship

5 pm - Adult and Children's Choirs

Discipleship Training for Students and Adults

6 pm - Gathered Worship; Pre-Bible Buddies;

Bible Buddies (1st-3rd); Bible Drills (4th-6th)

WEDNESDAY

5:15 pm - Fellowship Meal (Donations only)

5:45 pm - Children's Kick-off Celebration

6:10 pm - Kids groups, Student Ministry

(FLIGHT), Adult Mid-Week Bible Study and

Prayer Time

to overcome, and there are times when congregations need to publicly repent - because there has been public sin (or toleration of public sin). But overtime, the attitude of the community begins to shift.

3. Those engaged will be encouraged to continue making an impact for God's glory (and the good of the community).

- When (as God's people) we walk in His will & serve in His strength, God will bless. And we will see the fruit of God taking imperfect people and using them to reach other imperfect people.
- As we see prayers answered, invitations accepted, wayward believers return, and the lost embrace Jesus, it becomes *fuel* for us to continue being intentional for His glory!

Our God - who is the same yesterday, today, and forever - is, no doubt, actively at work. Will we be encouraged to be used of Him for the good of this community & His great glory?

Be *friendly* to those around you (be reminded of what friendship really means). Be *faithful* to the LORD and His ways (and faithful to His Bride: the Church). Be *focused* on your mission and the day that will come when this will be no more, and we will be like Him!

Pastor loves you, church!



Nursery

May 4: Marilyn & Jimmy Turnage

May 11: Donna & Wesley Fortenberry

May 18: Candice Thomas & Edie Walley

May 25: Brittany Chavis & Camellia Williams

Financial Summary

April

General Fund

\$19,923.48

Family Life Center

Given to Date: \$794,635.06

Given in April \$875.00

Announcements

May 2 – **Alex & Sarah Singley's Anniversary**

May 3 – **Student Ministry (MFUGE) Fundraiser Supper** – The meal will be hosted in the FLC.

May 4 – **Kidzville/MVP** – These activities are held during the preaching portion of morning worship.

– **Deacon Confirmation** – The vote of confirmation will follow the morning service.

– **Marion County Association Spring Meeting** – Hosted Sunday night, May 4th, at Sandy Hook Baptist Church. Messenger meal at 6 pm; service at 6:45 pm. (No Sunday night activities or service at FFBC).

May 6 – **Campus Connect Feeds WME staff.**

– **Circle of Prayer** – Ladies gather at 6 pm in the FLC.

May 8 – **Campus Connect Feeds WMP & WMHS staff**

May 11 – **Mother's Day/Graduate Recognition** – No evening activities or service.

May 15 – **Tri-County Baptist Leadership Training** – To be hosted by Tylertown Baptist Church, 6:30-8:30 pm.

May 19 – **Anniversaries for Jody & Candice Thomas and Travis & Camellia Williams**

May 22 – **Center for Pregnancy Choices Open House** – Slated 3-6 pm.

May 25 – **Brotherhood Breakfast** – Meal begins 7 am in the FLC.

May 26 – **Memorial Day** – Church office will be closed for the holiday.

May Items – **OCC** – Hair accessories, erasers, pencils, and gallon zip lock bags.

May Items – **Food Pantry Items** – Crackers (any kind), tea bags, and soup (cans or packaged).

Upcoming...

June 1 - Kidzville MVP

June 10 - Elvis and Maxine O'Bryant's Anniversary

June 10 & 11 - SBC Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX)

June 14 - Day of Hope - 11 am - 2 pm.

June 15 - Father's Day - No evening activities or service.

June 22 - Brotherhood Breakfast - 7 am in the FLC.

June 23 - MFUGE

June 24 - Shelton and Patty Dykes Anniversary

June 28 - Tyler and Brittany Chavis's Anniversary

June 29 - Night of Praise

June Items - OCC- Small toys, balls, marble and dolls.

June Items - Food Pantry - Flour (AP/SR 2-4 lbs.), dried beans and/or peas.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

May 7: Chicken Pot Pie

May. 14: Meatballs & Spaghetti

May 21: Pizza & Green Salad

May 28: No Meal (Summer Break begins)

May Birthdays

1: Shirley Saucier

2: Whitney Wallace

3: Caden Turnage

6: Lennie Hammond

7: Abby Williamson

9: Debbie Holmes & Frank Waldron, Jr.

10: Ronnie Bean

11: Jean Elmore

12: Daniel Herrera

14: Matt Hilburn & Traci Sullivan

15: Pam Turnage

17: Ellen Ball, Pam Ball & Amanda Goar

19: Jan Oliver & Jan Turnage

21: Tanya O'Quinn

22: Heather McGraw

24: Katie Zehentner

25: Linda Armstrong

27: Ashley Glover

29: John Smith, Jr.

31: Kellie Jameson