

The Messenger

“God’s People on Mission in Marion County and Around the World”

Foxworth First Baptist

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A NOTE FROM THE HEART OF YOUR PASTOR



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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Tyler Chavis

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Choir Director: Ellen Ball

Associate Pastor: Jonathan Pittman

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

κήρυγμα

I've admitted, time and time again, I am no Greek scholar. I had a Greek course while in seminary, but my operational knowledge is limited - and I rely, heavily, on tools available to dig into the language.

Folks should probably be aware that the New Testament was not written in English - it was written in *Koine* ("common") Greek (and the OT was written in Hebrew). And in the last newsletter article I will write, I want to share with you the Greek word, above...it's an important one.

The word, κήρυγμα [pronounced kerygma (kuh-RIG-muh)], means "proclamation," and it is used when speaking about the preaching of the message of Christ. We see it - or a word closely associated with it (like kerysso, meaning the proclamation of the (kerygma) core message of the Gospel) - in several places in the New Testament.

Now, why...in the last newsletter article I write...would I be writing about some technical element of the Scriptures (of which, I'm sure, many care nothing about - the *Koine* Greek language, that is). Well, I'm glad you asked so that I can explain.

The core of the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (the kerygma) is something that we, as the church, must not lose.

- It is the message of hope that is found in Christ, alone.
- It is the birth, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and eventual return of the King of kings and Lord of lords.
- It reveals to us that we are now in the "last days."
- It reminds us that, now, the Holy Spirit indwells those in Christ.
- It helps us remember of the great lengths to which the Lord went to secure for us redemption.
- And it keeps at the forefront of our minds the fact that Christ will return to gather His Bride.

My hope is that you and I never "get over" the Gospel.

We never grow tired of hearing the Gospel.

And we grow in our willingness and ability to kerysso the kerygma!

Brittany, Jase, Jessa, Kinsleigh, and I cannot thank you enough for your kind words, encouragement, love, and generosity over the

last several days - not to mention the last 8 years! From the bottom of our hearts, "Thank you!"

You will never know what you mean to us. I have experienced with you many mountain top moments over the course of the last (nearly) 3,000 days. I have also experienced great sorrow with you. Foxworth First will always be special to us, and you cannot imagine my desires for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, as you continue your walk with Jesus.

May Foxworth First see the resurrected Jesus reign in her! And as she does, may He be magnified here, there, and yonder!
May the LORD bless & lead you as you seek Him.

Pastor loves you!
And I have been honored to serve HIM alongside you.



A special fellowship meal for the Chavis family will be hosted in the Family Life Center May 17th following morning worship. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite covered dish and express their appreciation to the family for their service.

Announcements for May calendar

May 2 – **Alex and Sarah Singley’s Anniversary**
May 3 – **Kidzville/MVP** – These activities are held during the preaching portion of morning worship.
May 3 – **Marion County Association Spring Meeting**- Hosted at Goss BC. Messenger meal at a 6 p.m. with service at 6:45 p.m. (No evening activities or service on FFBC campus.)
May 5 – **Circle of Prayer** – Ladies will gather in the FLC at 6 p.m.
May 7 – **WMHS Girls’ Basketball Team Meal** – Campus Connect will host the meal at 6 p.m. in the FLC. For anyone wishing to help, see a Campus Connect member.
May 10 – **Mother’s Day/Graduate Recognition**- Mothers and graduates will be honored during the morning service. (No evening activities or service.)
May 19 – **Jody & Candice Thomas’ and Travis & Camellia Williams’ Anniversaries**
May 25 – **Memorial Day** – Church office closed. (No evening activities or service)
May 31- **Gideon Report**- The report will be shared during the morning service.
May 31 – **Night of Praise** – Please see Bro. Donovan if you wish to share in song, Scripture, or Instrumental worship.

May Items -**OCC** – Hair accessories, erasers, pencils, and gallon zip lock bags.
May Items - **Food Pantry** – Dried beans or peas, rice (1 lb. bag), Jiffy mix and grits.

Upcoming...

June 7 - Kidzville/MVP
June 9-10 - SBC Annual Meeting - Orlando, FL.
June 10 - Elvis & Maxine O’Bryant’s Anniversary
June 21 - Father’s Day - No evening activities or service.
June 22 - Brotherhood Meal - set at 6 p.m. in the FLC.
June 24 - Shelton & Patty Dykes’ Anniversary

Nursery

May 3: Sarah Singley & Beverly Haddox
May 10: Marilyn & Jimmy Turnage
May 17: Donna & Welsey Fortenberry
May 24: Cheryl Rankin & Joyce Morgan
May 31: Hanna & Bryan McCain

Financial Summary

April

General Fund

\$32,401.69

Family Life Center

Given to Date: \$806,520.33

Given in April \$550.00

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

May 6: Chicken Strips & French Fries
May 13: Fried Fish
May 20: Pulled Pork
May 27: Summer Break (No Meal)

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: Urma Jean Elmore
12: Daniel Herrera & Brody Wages
14: Matt Hilburn & Traci Sullivan
15: Pam Turnage
17: Ellen Ball, Pam Ball & Amanda Goar
19: Jan Oliver & Jan Turnage
20: Aaron Thomas
21: Tanya O’Quinn
22: Heather McGraw
24: Katie Zehentner
25: Linda Armstrong
27: Ashley Glover
29: John Smith, Jr.
31: Kellie Jameson