

# A Joyful Word

May 2024

## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON...

### Honoring Our Moms

John 2:3-5

"When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

The greatest example of respect for a Mom is from Jesus Himself. Here is the Son of God honoring His Mom's request.

Mary told Jesus they were out of wine at the wedding. He explained that it was not yet time for Him to reveal Himself as the Son of God- or to do any miracles.

Being a typical Mom- Mary didn't care- and told the servants to follow the command of Jesus.

In other words- He was going to obey His Mom- and they could obey Him.

I see a great lack of respect for Mom today. I hear children scolding their Mom. I see children hitting their Mom. I watch children mock their Mom.

I know what would have happened to me if I yelled- scolded- or mocked my Mom. The hammer would have come down on Jon- hard!

This Mother's Day- let's all take a moment and thank God for our Moms- whether living or deceased.

Then- if your Mom is still living- please honor her. I don't mean with just a card and a gift. I mean honor her with your love and respect. Honor her wishes. Honor the fact that she gave you birth.

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Judy Hurt & Sharon Sample

## CARD SHOWER FOR BONNA JOHNSON

Bonna Johnson will turn 90 on May 15th. Her family would like to honor her with a basket full of birthday wishes. If you'd like to include a memory or photo, she would love that! Her address is: 4645 Windstarr Dr., Destin, FL 32541.



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## YOUTH FOR CHRIST OPEN HOUSE



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## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

And if that is not enough reason- then let me remind all of you that you will answer to Jesus for your lack of respect.

Jesus will say to you- "I honored My Mom- what was up with you?"

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms at First Baptist Church.



*May 12—Mother's Day*

## 2022 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Our 3-year “Do Not Grow Weary” Capital Campaign began November 6, 2022.**

Committed	\$192,099.94
Monthly Payment	\$ 6,366.88
Current Debt	\$536,938.45
Amount Given as of 04/30/24	\$111,620.00

We still have some items that need completion to meet Fire Department requirements. These include ceiling grid and tiles in a couple of rooms, baseboard trim, mounting a fire extinguisher in the kitchen (we have it, it just needs to be mounted), finishing the showers, and some plumbing work (this requires a licensed plumber). If you are willing to help with some of these, let me or Pastor Jon know.

If you are led to contribute financially, simply mark “Building Fund” on the memo line of your check or put it in a giving envelope and write the amount next to “Building Fund.”

Judy Hurt  
*Capital Campaign Director*



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## APRIL BOARD REPORT

The Board met in April to discuss the following items:

- Continue working on roof leak issues
- More gravel added to low spots
- Accepted a new contract with Comcast with substantial savings
- Printer issues resolved
- Plan for some electrical work in the east end
- Plan for updating the church web page
- Discussed expanding community outreach through organizations
- Church anniversary celebration in June

We still have two open positions on the Board. One is to finish out a one-year term so this position would only be for 8 more months. It would be a good opportunity to experience serving on the Board. The other is to finish a two-year term. Requirements to serve include church membership and being at least 18 years of age. Let Pastor Jon or Sharon Sample know if you have interest in serving in this capacity.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14.

Judy Hurt  
Chair

## COMMUNITY & CONGREGATIONAL TEAM UPDATE

The Community & Congregational Team met Sunday, April 21st. We are having a Taco Bar and Trivia event during the Sunday School hour on May 5, 2024. If your drink preference is other than iced tea, coffee, or water, please bring your own. There is a sign-up sheet for items needed.

We are also conducting a Diaper Drive for the month of May. We are collecting unopened packages of diapers and wipes for newborns, infants, and toddlers. Donated items will be taken to Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC). If we collect enough, we will divide and also take items to the Western Illinois University Food Pantry.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 19th. We will be planning things for the summer and fall.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers! Please consider participating in the mission trip with Pastor Jon. They will know we are Christians by our love!

Sincerely,

Abby, Allen, Celena, Sharon B. and Sharon S.



### Diaper & Wipe Drive Month of May

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**Mission Trip July 14-20:** If you would like to participate in a mission trip to North St. Louis to work on houses (paint, dry wall, floors & other remodeling), please see Pastor Jon.



## FBC IN PICTURES



Celena Mangalaraj & Jim McCain operating sound and video.

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Rich Sample livestreaming Sunday services.

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Pauline Nartey provides special music.



Claudia McCain, Worship Pianist, and Judy Hurt on flute.

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## PRAYER LIST

### **Military**

Garrett Beck (Marines)  
Jacob Coutre` (Navy)  
TraVon Jeffrey (Army)  
Logan Lobos (USAF)  
Zach Murray (USAF)  
Bryson Reeves (Army)

### **College**

Thalia Adkins-Covert  
Darya Ellickson  
Brooks Wallace

### **Cancer**

Mary Bennett  
Bradley Cobb  
Avery Hawkins  
Daren Jones  
Janet Moore  
Ron Scott  
Amy Sullivan  
Gail Townsend

### **Health**

Kay Adair  
Kathleen Barry  
Mindy Booth  
Kathy Brooks  
Beverly Clause  
Robyn Fisher  
Don Foulk  
Zech Foulk  
Wendy Geltmacher  
Mary Hainline  
Ramona Henderson  
Matthew Lacy  
Merrilee Lobos  
Jim McCain  
Donna McMahon  
Tayler Richardson  
Richard Sample  
Janice Scott  
Carolyn Trout

### **Home Bound**

Ginny Doxstader  
Peggy Foulk  
Barb Heaton



BIBLE READINGS FOR 2024

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1 Chronicles Chap. 23-25	2 Chap. 26-28	3 Chap. 29 II Chronicles Chap. 1-2	4 Chap. 3-5
5 Chap. 6-8	6 Chap. 9-11	7 Chap. 12-14	8 Chap. 15-17	9 Chap. 18-20	10 Chap. 21-23	11 Chap. 24-26
12 Chap. 27-29	13 Chap. 30-32	14 Chap. 33-35	15 Chap. 36 <b>Ezra</b> Chap. 1-2	16 Chap. 3-5	17 Chap. 6-8	18 Chap. 9-10 <b>Nehemiah</b> Chap. 1
19 Chap. 2-4	20 Chap. 5-7	21 Chap. 8-10	22 Chap. 11-13	23 <b>Esther</b> Chap. 1-3	24 Chap. 4-6	25 Chap. 7-9
26 Chap. 10 <b>Job</b> Chap. 1-2	27 Chap. 3-5	28 Chap. 6-8	29 Chap. 9-11	30 Chap. 12-14	31 Chap. 15-17	

“Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
OF MACOMB**

**OUR MISSION**  
Reaching People ~  
Building Believers

**VISION & PURPOSE**  
To encourage and empower  
changes within ourselves to  
meet the needs of the con-  
gregation, community and  
the world.



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requests, ask questions or up-  
date your information.

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8:30 am-11:30 a.m.



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4—Jason Adkins-Covert
- 20—Peggy Foulk
- 11—Bonnie Mellenthin
- 24—Kathy Garlick
- 30—Mykel Glaue



**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7—Lavon & Steve Smart

**Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar & Trivia—Sunday, May 5**  
**No Sunday School**

**MAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

May	Opening Prayer Leader	Candle Lighter
5	Jim Richardson	Malaki Richardson
12	Bob Babcock	Corda Adkins-Covert
19	Jane Coplan	Deena Mangalaraj
26	Lora Wallace	Kai Adkins-Covert
31	Rob Wallace	Deena Mangalaraj

**SEE YOU ON SUNDAYS!**

**9:10 – 9:25 a.m. – Prayer** in Room 11. Join us as we blanket our Worship Service, speakers & musicians with prayer.

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Worship**

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m. – Sunday School**  
 Grades K-6 will meet in Rooms 21 & 18  
 Grades 7-12 will meet in Room 20  
 Adult Sunday Study Class will meet in Room 11