



First News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WOODVILLE

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Preschool Church.....10:45 AM
Kids Church.....10:45 AM
Celebration Service.....10:45 AM
IWAY Dream Team.....4:00 PM
Evening Gathering.....5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Praise Band Practice.....4:15 PM
Kids Praise.....5:15 - 6:45 PM
Family Meal.....5:30 PM
In the Word.....6:00 PM
IWAY Youth.....6:00 - 8:30 PM
Celebration Choir.....6:30 PM



*He brought them out of
of darkness, the utter darkness
and broke away their chains.*

Psalm 107:14 NIV

***REACH* people with *LOVE*; *CONNECT* them to *JESUS*;
GROW them in *TRUTH*; *SERVE* them *EVERYWHERE*.**

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UNCHAINED GOSPEL

Conflict is often born from control. Divisions between and within nations. Arguments within families and among friends. Fights over resources and ideals. The Bible gives us this story over and over. From the Garden of Eden to the Cross of Christ, people wanted to control God. Grab this fruit. Break that commandment. Kill that prophet. Crucify the Savior.

He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

The last sentence in Luke's account of the Acts of the Apostles 28:31 (NIV)

Peace is a result of releasing control. In Acts, we've seen Paul go from attempting to control Christianity's beginnings to being unhindered in its proclamation – even though he was in chains and facing execution. **When we let go of our idea of how God ought to work and receive how he truly has in Jesus Christ, we find peace.** I am praying for peace in nations, families, and friends.

One year ago, we began "Deacons on Call." These deacons are those who will share their gift of ministry and outreach. Each week a deacon has prayed with me before worship, made visits and more. I have been blessed a ton by this! In May our Deacons on Call are Sergio Ramos, Brad Elrod, Bryan Shirley, and Tillman Johnson. Look for their info in the **First Page** each week.

Baptism and Mother's Day celebration on May 12 - We'll have a time of Family Dedication and a drawing for some gifts for mothers in the 10:45 am Worship Gathering. We will celebrate Baptism that day, and if you would like to sign up for baptism. let me know at jay@fbcwoodville.com.

One Way Sunday is May 19 – These **student-led services** are enthusiastic and a blessing. Please come and celebrate what God is doing among our students! Afterward, is a fundraiser lunch in the FLC.

Good News to celebrate:

We thank God for Decisions – We baptized three on Easter Sunday - Holden Buckner, Kamryn Grammer, and Alicea Rios. We baptize again on May 12 – Holden Mannino.

Garden in the Grove is in its second year and is growing! – The crops are coming in, and the benches and tables are getting set. It's looking great.

Remember **Summertime ministries are close! Vacation Bible School** is June 10-14. Children, students, and sponsors are readying for **Children's Camp, Middle School Camp, and Youth Camp**. Pray for Ashley and Billy and the volunteers as they serve.

Growing together,
Jay Abernathy

fbc kids...fbc kids...fbc kids



June 23 – 26, 2024



Mother's Day Sunday, May 12

MAY Announcements

- May 1 - Graduate Honor Night / *IWAY* Connect
- May 8 - Billy Gazzaway's 3rd work anniversary
- May 12 - Mother's Day/ Family Dedication, 10:45 (NO Evening Gathering)
- May 15 - *Last* MIDWEEK until August
- May 16 - RTA'S Potluck Luncheon, 11:30 AM
- May 19 - *IWAY* Sunday; church-wide luncheon to follow morning worship
- May 19 - VBS Leadership Training, 3:30 PM
- May 22 - *Spring* Worship Night. Community invited, 6:00 PM
- May 26 - *NO* Evening Gathering (Memorial Day weekend)
- May 27 - Memorial Day: The Church office will be closed.



In May OCC is collecting Hot Wheels and 6" - 8" stuffed animals.



Hello church family! Camp is right around the corner, and we need all parents and guardians to finish paying the \$50 deposit for your student, please. As a reminder, the dates for camp are as follows:

2-6 June (High School)
7-11 July (Middle School)

Thank you all for your support of the youth program!

MAY CALENDAR:

- 1 MAY: HONOR NIGHT / CONNECT NIGHT**
- 5 MAY: DREAM TEAM REHEARSAL (4-6pm)**
- 8 MAY: 1WAY WEDNESDAY (Testimony Night #3)**
- 15 MAY: 1WAY WEDNESDAY (Testimony Night #4)**
- 19 MAY: 1WAY SUNDAY (last one)**
- 22 MAY: WORSHIP NIGHT (Community Event – 6pm)**
- 29 MAY: Parent’s Camp Meeting (6pm in gym)**

APRIL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

- Repainted City Park tennis court
- Trimmed trees in The Grove (behind church) and other small projects
- Repainted seat numbers on 4 benches, removed excess debris and dirt, and cleaned concrete at amphitheater

Social Media: Like or Follow us – @1waystudentministry (Facebook and Instagram)



FOR MORE DETAILS, EMAIL PASTOR BILLY AT STUDENTS@FBCWOODVILLE.COM

WHEELCHAIR- ACCESSIBLE VENUE

Mother’s Day May 12 There is no way we could ever express our love for our mothers to the extent that they deserve. They are mostly our greatest advocates in life. They are unselfish, tenacious, and caring. They wear multiple hats and, in many cases, more than in the past, as life has become busier than ever. Thank God every day for your mom but especially this day as we pay homage to them. Also, Mother’s Day is our time to dedicate families with new additions. We not only ask God to bless our children but the entire family. This year, we will have several families to pray God’s blessings over. No PM gathering that night.

Billy Gazzaway Celebrates Third Anniversary May 8 Over the past three years, Billy has invested in relationships with students and parents. He has also followed his heart for Tyler County in community-wide service projects and worship experiences. Dream Team continues to help students lead in worship and all that goes with it. Wednesday nights are alive with students and young families. Thank you, Billy, for following God’s call to serve in fresh new ways that reach students and young families. Thank you for loving God and people. We love you, Emily, and Avery. Happy Anniversary.

Community Garden Produces!!!!!! Thanks to all who help with the community garden. Sharon and Preston Broom lead the way with soil prep and seeding! It is a beautiful picture outside my window as I watch the garden grow daily. Greens are ready so come get some. Also, know it is awesome to see people sitting on the new park benches for the Grove. So glad the church can offer a place to rest every day! *Come unto me....*

Scholarship a Child or Student to Camp! There has never been a time here that a student has not gone to camp due to financial need. Children’s cost and Students’ cost for camp is \$350.00 per person. Please know that there is always a need for scholarships even with the great fundraisers that we host! Thank you for loving children and students!

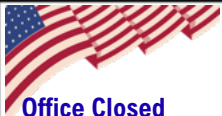
Thank you for Welcoming Guests to FBC We continue to experience a plethora of guests each week on Sundays and Wednesdays. Easter Sunday attendance was 363. People came together to Celebrate our Risen Savior in two services. Thank you for seizing this opportunity to reach people like never before. You are the best!

Thank You Sherri Weeks for 16 years 17 years ago, the church purchased a keyboard hoping that God would send someone to play it. After much prayer for 10 months, Sherri Weeks appeared. I don’t remember all the details, but I can honestly say that it has been a blessing beyond measure. Not only has she been faithful to lead in worship, but she also has volunteered to work in the church office during times we did not have an office admin. She is intuitive, loving, and kind. She sees and observes things that others don’t. She is also a great negotiator and peacemaker. Sunday, May 5, will be her last day with us! Please take a moment to express your gratitude to her. We love you, Sherri!

--Mark

MAY 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			MID WEEK 1WAY Connect 1WAY Graduate Honor Night 1	2	3	4
Lord's Supper 10:45 5	6	7	Billy's 3-year Anniversary @FBCW MIDWEEK 8	9	10	11
<i>Mother's Day</i> Family Dedication 10:45 NO Evening Gathering 12	13	14	Last MIDWEEK until August 15	RTA'S 11:30 AM 16	17	18
1WAY SUNDAY 10:45 Churchwide luncheon to follow service VBS Training 3:30 19	20	21	Spring Worship Night- Community invited, 6:00, FBCW Sanctuary 22	23	24	25
NO Evening Gathering 26	 Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day 27	28	29	30	31	

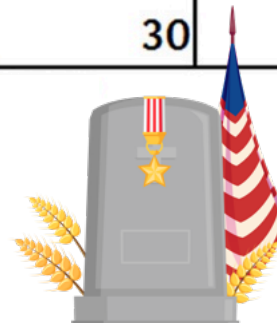
- 2 Josie Watts, Lilly Pate Elrod
- 5 Carson Weeks
- 6 Hollie Jarrott
- 7 Thomas Elrod
- 9 Iris Hensarling, Savannah Hennigan
- 12 Dale Mann
- 14 Brian Bounds, Kristopher Fowler
- 16 Quade Allison
- 17 Cullen Williams
- 18 James Dean, Clyde Caldwell
- 19 Caleb Spurlock
- 20 Rick Vaughn
- 21 Jimmy Tucker
- 22 Hayley Hoskins
- 24 Abby Coker
- 25 Danita Skinner, Bryce Cooley
- 26 Bertis Best, Judy Cox
- 27 Joan Estes, Sam Shirley,
Cannon Conner
- 31 Ruby Stroup



Financial Report for March 2024

Offerings Received: \$ 60,121.63
 Expenses: \$ 48,654.52
 Balance for March 2024: \$ 9,599.94
 Balance Year-to-Date: \$ 24,358.77

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the QR code below.



Memorial
Day
May 27