

The Messenger

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A mother is a giver, and what sets her apart is that she gives of her best, for she gives from her heart. Because you've given so much, so often...may you receive more blessings than your heart could ever hold!

From the Desk of Pastor Tom...

Wow!!!! I need to stop and catch my breath after a whirlwind month of April. It was a busy month to say the least but a great month in the life of FBCLH. The Picnic in the Park was a great success with one of our larger crowds in attendance. It was great to enjoy our wonderful church family in such a relaxed setting. We were well fed and blessed with a beautiful afternoon. Also, we had a large crowd to stay over for the church-wide lunch and Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. The kids had a great time "hunting" the Easter Eggs and we adults enjoyed watching them have fun. Thank you for your participation!!

Easter Sunday was a wonderful day as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We had an awesome crowd. The Holy Spirit worked mightily

among us. We left praising our risen Lord for His love and grace extended toward us. Praise His wonderful name!!

On Mother's Day I will begin a series on the family based on the book by James MacDonald entitled "Seven words to change your family." One of our ladies groups studied this book last year and was tremendously blessed. I read the book and knew I had to preach the principles that are revealed in the book. It is a seven sermon series that will end on Father's Day. The seven words we will look at are: forgiveness, blessing, honor, truth, church, commitment and love. I can't wait to see how our Lord will use this to minister to our families!

We have another "Buy Down the Gas Day" scheduled for June 26. This is one of our events to impact our

community in the name of Christ. I pray you will get involved. There is a sign up sheet available in the vestibule of the sanctuary. Please sign up to help. The funds for this event come from love gifts. So please pray about what the Lord would have you give.

VBS is just around the corner (June 5 - 9)!! Be sure that you have signed up to help. We need your help in ministering to children. It takes a lot of people to staff VBS and I know you will volunteer in some capacity! I look forward to seeing your name on the sign up sheet. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

May the Lord bless you and keep you in His wonderful love.

In Christ,
Pastor Tom

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Hope
Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in
the Lord.
Psalm 31:24

MAY



Just for Students

I can't believe school is almost over. I know the seniors are ready, though. All of your hard work and effort is about to pay off with graduation. Congratulations guys. We are praying for you. We are going to have our Senior Recognition service at 6:30 p.m. on the 15th. After the service we will have a fellowship honoring our graduating seniors. On May 1st our youth are leading us in the evening worship service. I am looking forward to seeing what the Lord will say through you guys. We will be going to paintball in Dothan during our fellowship this month on the 14th. Don't miss out on all the good stuff going on. It will be a good month.

Jesus is Awesome!

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess 5:17

Matt

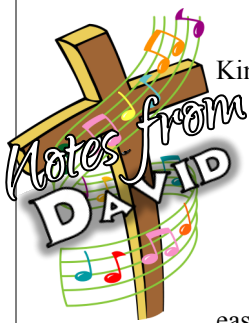


Why are we always looking for God in the "big" things? Is it possible that we completely miss Him in the "little" details of everyday life? When, as His followers, we seek to know Him daily in an intimate way, then, the desire to see Him "move" in a "big" way should begin to diminish. He really is in our "here and now" and is present in every aspect of our lives. When Phillip asked the Lord in **John 14:8 "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us"** the response Jesus gave in verse 9 describes the condition of many of us today as His disciples; **"Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Phillip?"** I was reading my devotional for April 21st from Oswald Chambers and this just spoke to my heart! He is always present and working in, around, and through my life as His disciple and I'm just along for the ride! If I am truly His then my walk is a relationship that grows deeper as I see Him work. I need to learn to stop looking for the "big" and focus on the "small." Each morning when I rise my prayer should always be "Lord, my desire is to serve you today, use me in whatever way you see fit." People see Jesus through us in our everyday relationships. Jesus in His earthly ministry focused on the "here and now" because He knew the end. We would be wise to do the same because we know the end as well. Lord, help me to stay in tune to your spirit daily, help me not to look ahead but to see you working from inside me every day in the lives of those around me. Phillip walked beside you, your spirit lives within me! How much more intimate can one get with our Lord than to ask Him to dwell and reign within us! Remind me of this every day; help me to know you more intimately each and every day of my life. See you Sunday.



Ephesians 4:1-6

Growing Together in Unity,
Brother Grady



King David was a "man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22), but he had a lot of troubles in his life, and he made a lot of mistakes. Many of us can relate to this! Some of the troubles and trials that he went through were through no fault of his own, but... many of his hardships were a direct result of his own sin. Many of us can relate to this, too! Yet, he continually humbled himself before God, and took (or actually *made*) the time to worship. He knew his source of strength was his LORD God!

As we search for encouragement, strength, and help in our lives, let me turn your attention to the Psalms. They are a wonderful place to start in personal, *daily* devotions. There are 150 Psalms, which divide up easily into 5 per day for 30 days. One easy way to read them is to read the Psalm that corresponds with the day of the month and then keep adding 30 until you have read 5 Psalms. For instance, on May 2nd you would read 2, 32, 62, 92, and 122; on May 19th you would read 19, 49, 79, 109, and 139. Psalm 119 is then reserved for the 31st day of the month due to its length. Each day I find an outlet for my frustrations, hope for the day, and it leads me to a fundamental dependence upon the God who loves me and sustains me. Also, I am able to take advantage of the promise that God's mercies/compassions are new every morning, (Lamentations 3:23a) and that He daily bears our burdens (Psalm 68:19). Psalm 94:19 states, "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Thy consolations delight my soul." I hope you are encouraged as they point you to the God who is your Sustainer, your LORD, and your Redeemer.



I would like to express my appreciation to all of the musicians that led us on Easter Sunday morning. Thank you for using your talents and abilities in the choir, in the orchestra, and through the Media Ministry of our church. Thank you for all of your hard work and preparation, and your willingness to use your abilities for the praise of God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There are rewards in Heaven for your service done in His name.

In Christ,
David Watson



May Events

*See back page for information on recurring events.

- Sun., May 1: P.M. Youth Led Service
- Mon., May 2: Women on Mission 6 p.m.
- Sun., May 8: **Mother's Day**
No P.M. Service
- Tues., May 10: Silver Saints in FH 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., May 11: **Business Meeting 6 p.m.**
AWANA Ends
- Fri. May 13: God's Warrior's Spring Party in FH 6 p.m.
- Fri. & Sat., May 13-14: Angola Trip
- Sat., May 14 & 21: Children's Choir 9 a.m.
- Sat., May 14: Youth Paintball 8 a.m.
- Sun., May 15: Senior Recognition 6:30 p.m.
Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., May 17: Silver Bells 10:45 a.m.
Willing Workers 12 p.m.
- Wed., May 18: **AWANA Awards Ceremony 6:00 p.m.**
- Fri., May 20: Adult 6 Redmon SS Class Social 6 p.m.
- Sat., May 21: Adult Singles Day Trip
Willis Coulliette SS Class Cookout @ Owens Lake Home 5 p.m.
- Sun., May 22: That's So Daniel Musical 6:30 p.m.
- Tues., May 24: *Youth Basketball @ LH Rec. Center 10 a.m.
Silver Saints 10:45 a.m.
- Sun., May 29: Family Worship Day
Benevolence Sunday
No P.M. Service
- Mon., May 30: Office Closed due to Memorial Day

OUT OF SCHOOL PARTY
Pizza! Fun! Games! Prizes!
 All for the Children's Sunday School who will be completing 1st thru 6th grade this year. The Out of School Party will be Sunday, May 22nd from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. See ya there!

Wednesday Night Meal Assistance

The Adult 4B SS Class is to assist with the Wednesday night meal for the month of May.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 - Katie Buchanan, Elizabeth Marshall 3 - Fred Alban 4 - Frank Brabec, Maudie Langford, Dwayne Lee, Drew Stuhr, Christina Lishbrook 5 - Silver Dee 6 - James Newton, Winnie Schneider 7 - Steve Farrell 8 - Nancy Bottoms 9 - John David Pollard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 - Michael Heptinstall, Paige Poston 11 - Ramona Osborn, Trey Simmons 13 - Rita Rocher 14 - Michael Ard, Nell Ard, Malory Webb 15 - Grady Booth, Hannah Casterline, James Dean, Aubon Hathaway, Scott Nunn 16 - Joe Kelley 17 - Scotty Blount, Tracy Bromlow 19 - Jeanette Christmas, Tommy Hallman, Dottie Scales 20 - Sue Perry 21 - Joey Brannen, Don Stidham | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 - Sandy Argenbright, Terry David, Mitchell Gomillion, Tim Harper 23 - Justin Brady 25 - Dartha Ellis 26 - Corine Barefoot, Vicky Kearns 28 - Joey Ramsey 31 - Alexis Greeley, Gloria Lee, Krissy Ramsey |
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Birthdays

WHY DO CHURCH LIBRARY MINISTRY?

The Church Library Ministry exists to distribute resources for the continuation of Christianity through the generations. The early churches had libraries to enable and promote the use of Christian texts, as knowledge was important in the early church and continues to permeate the churches in the 21st Century.

Many individuals cannot participate in group worship, due to work or other responsibilities therefore the Church Library can provide them with an avenue for deepening their faith. This is your library! Take advantage of the wealth of information offered to you. Let us know if we may be of help in any way.

From the Media Library
 "Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Luke 10:27

The Media Library Staff

April 2011 Attendance Averages	April 2011 Giving Totals	May Prayer Partners
Sunday School: 270	General Fund: \$60,154.53	May 1: Robert & Christine Baker (769-1496)
Morning Worship: 394	Building for the Future: \$3,594.25	May 8: Debbie Bass (271-1305) & Kyler Casterline (773-9824)
Evening Worship: 98	BFF to Date: \$143,999.29	May 15: Leon & Ann VanZant (265-4375)
Mid-week Service: 180	Annie Armstrong to Date: \$4,275.00	May 22: Nolan & Ann Gray (785-0944)
	Buy Down the Gas: \$410.00	May 29: Steve & Michelle Brady (527-0385)



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<u>Sunday Schedule</u>	<u>Wednesday Schedule</u>
8:45-Library Open	5:00-Evening Meal (Adult 4B SS Class to Assist)
9:15-Sunday School	Library Open
10:30-Morning Worship	5:30-Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-Evening Worship	6:00-Prayer Time
	6:15-Youth @ the Loft
<u>Starting, Tuesday May 24</u>	6:30-Wednesday Worship
10:00-Youth Basketball	7:30-Choir Rehearsal
@ LH Rec. Center	

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



7 words to change your family

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