

MAY  
2024

# FBCC NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CROFTON

## Pastor Matt's Notes

### Remembering

Summer weather has come early this year. The ice cream truck is already making its rounds. The days are long and everything is blooming. Before the month is over the pool will be open. This is a great time of year to slow down and pass the time in a few good day dreams. I love May. Yet it concludes with one of the most somber observances of the year, Memorial Day. As Americans, we should take some time to remember that all of our freedoms have been secured with the lives of soldiers who fought to establish and protect them. But as Christians we also think of a larger and more profound idea. God made us from love, yet we sin. The result of our sinfulness is suffering, both for ourselves and those around us. That suffering can only be fixed and healed by a sacrifice, one we are not capable of making ourselves but that our Savior has made on our behalf. Love, sin, suffering, sacrifice. It is the story God shares with us in His Word. That Jesus' sacrifice heals our suffering should create a profound sense of gratitude. How should we respond? We must sacrifice as well. The apostle Paul tells us in Romans to become a living sacrifice unto God. This, he says, is our worship (Romans 12:1) So as we prepare together for this wonderful time of year, eat a hotdog, stop by the pool, smell the roses. But also give thanks for those who secured your freedoms for you. And, most of all, sacrifice for each other.

### Verse of the Month:

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1"*

## Ministry Updates

### FBCC Kids

Children join in the study of Genesis this month in Bible classes at 10:00 each Sunday. It will be exciting to study about God's wonderful creation. Plus, BIG NEWS! The 3-5th grade class has moved to room 6! Drop by and check out our room that is sporting a new carpet, TV, and wall art! Preschool kids are growing and love coming to church. We need some more workers to serve once a month with these little ones especially as our director will be out next month for the birth of their boy.

### Prayer Group

Friday May 17 @ 6:30 in the commons. These Friday nights have become a time of sweet fellowship around the dinner table followed by prayer time. We would love to have you join us.

### AWANA

Awana is wrapping up after a great year. Cubbies (Preschoolers) completed one handbook and are working through a second one. Many of the Sparks (K-2) are on book 3 or an extra credit book. And one of our TNT clubbers (3-5) has completed his handbook and beginning another. Thank you to the leaders and helpers for a job well done helping kids learn God's Word.



Our anticipated Sanctuary update is just around the corner. Starting June 3, we will be replacing the pews, carpet and a fresh coat of paint. We hope to be back inside for worship on June 30. During the remodel we will have outside worship and in case of rain we will have worship in the commons. Thank you all for making it happen. You can donate with the special envelopes or online. Be alert to see when you can help work to make our sanctuary feel brand new.

## MAY EVENTS

**Friday, May 10**  
6:30 pm  
AV Training

**Tuesday, May 14**  
7:00 pm  
Mission & Ministry Meeting

**Friday, May 17**  
6:30 pm  
Prayer Group Meeting

**Sunday, May 19**  
Graduates Honored  
Sandwich Making for Light House

**Tuesday, May 21**  
7:00 pm  
Admin Group Meeting

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### Sundays

10:00 am  
Worship Service and Children's Classes

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am  
Bible Classes for Adults and Kids  
Teens Bible Study

4:30 - 6:30 pm AWANA

### Tuesdays

6:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study

### Wednesdays

8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast

9:00 am Men's Breakfast

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Mission Updates

### • Light House Shelter

Many hands helped make 100 sandwiches in March. It was really wonderful to see whole families pitching in together serving others. Your offerings help to fund the sandwich supplies, water, and fruit. You can help on May 19 with this mission. Delivery will take place on May 19 & 20.

### • Food Pantry

Thanks for all the cereal! We collected 165 boxes! It will be greatly used as the food pantry served 600 people in February. This month we will collect rice and noodle side dishes.

### • Operation Christmas Child

Idea: The stores are full of marked down school supplies. Be on the look out for small items that would fit in a shoe box. We will also be collecting hair supplies: clips, brushes, combs, bows, mirrors. Put your donations in the red bin in the commons.

### • Child Evangelism Fellowship of PG & AA Counties

Praise the Lord for the "Good News Walk" that happened in April. A walk around Greenbelt Lake to promote Bible Clubs and CEF. The committee asks you to pray for God's guidance and wisdom in the search for a new director and for the leaders of the Good News Clubs as they do God's work reaching kids with the gospel.

### • Summer Missionary

Madeleine McGowen is serving the Lord for 8 days this June in the Dominican Republic with a team who will be helping local churches with building two chapels. Her team will host a VBS and women's program. Her team is fully funded but are now collecting funds to buy building supplies to carry over in their suitcases. A special offering will be taken on Sunday, May 5, but you can give by marking your envelope, Summer Mission. Her team has been preparing since September with discipleship and training. Pray for her team as they get ready to go.

## Join the Team

Help is needed in these areas:

- Children's Director for Grades K-5
- Volunteers for Grass cutting & Landscaping
- Nursery & Preschool workers
- A substitute teacher for Grade K-5
- Planner & Hosts for Wednesday Night Outdoor Dinners
- Painters & Workers in the Sanctuary update
- Women's Retreat Planning

## Meet your Deacon



Deacon Larry Lamborne came to First Baptist Church 27 years ago, and stayed because of "the warm welcoming feeling that I got from the pastor," who then was Brent Coleman. Every morning, Larry starts his day with coffee and prayer. He likes to spend about an hour reading the Bible and praying each morning. "It sets the whole done for my day," he says. "That's been really enjoyable since I retired. I got the time now, no excuses!"

One of his favorite verses is Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Larry says that verse has been "a lifeline for me." In his career, he relied on God for patience in managing personalities and for focus in doing his work well. "Now, I just enjoy being retired."

At First Baptist, Larry is serving as a deacon and has also helped with building maintenance and renovation planning. "I've always been more of a behind-the-scenes-guy. I don't like to stand out. I love the Lord and I do my thing. I'm doing it to take care of the Lord's house."

In the last few years, Larry says that he has been learning a lot about compassion and humility. "Doing more for others than for me," he explains, "is sometimes not the easiest thing to do, but once it's said and done, you're glad you did it."

Larry and his wife Marilyn have been married for 40 years, and their daughter Christine grew up attending First Baptist Church. Christine is now married and lives in St. Augustine, Florida, where she owns a gluten-free bakery and café. Larry and Marilyn are planning to move there to be close to her in the next two years.



## SERMONS FOR MAY

May 5

Genesis 15

May 12

Genesis 16

May 19

Genesis 17

May 26

Special Service



## MAY

5- Kyle Allred

9- Julia Houchens

9- Libby Sroka

10- Teddy Chalgren

15- Caleb Choy

15- Robin Marchant

18- Josiah Gresko

25- William Strong

29- Magdalena Whaley

31- Julie Carr

31- Daniel Lindberg

31- Brett Wowkany



## VBS-July 15-19

2:00-4:30 pm Ages 5-12

- Volunteer to help--Bible teacher, Scripture Memory station, Refreshments, Crafts, Game Director, Crew leaders--see Nikki Allred or sign up on our website
- Register your children or invite neighbors and friends--Registration is open on our website
- Volunteer to help build the "underwater" set or decorate classrooms or crafty people to make decorations
- Donate "Under the Sea" decorations-like party decorations, swim noodles, fish and other underwater creatures, tissue paper flowers, scuba gear

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