

# ***THE WINDOW***

***First Presbyterian Church***

***Hendersonville, TN***

***May 2026***



My Dad used to say, “Spring has sprung.” The signs of spring have been present for several weeks. The trees are once again dressed in green leaves. The weather has turned from cold to hot. Flowers are everywhere. Definitely beware of the garden section at Lowes and Home Depot. It can quickly get expensive. And of course, pollen is in the air, a true sign of spring.

Jesus often used images from the garden to teach about the Kingdom of God. “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” Jesus explains this parable is about teachings of the Kingdom. “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty (Matthew 13:1-9, 19-23).”

The sower, God, does not seem to care about slinging seed everywhere. The first three soils do not produce any harvest. We would never waste seed throwing it on sidewalks, rocks, or weeds. However, the seed that is planted in good soil produces a crop larger than all the other seeds. One Kingdom lesson from this parable is God is overly gracious, slinging His grace and love all around. Some people will respond and some will not. Our “job” is to plant seeds and leave the growing to God.

On another occasion, Jesus described himself as the vine and we are the branches (John 15). The only way to grow fruit is to stay connected to the vine. God is the gardener. Jesus uses the word, “Abide” which means remain, stay, follow, or connected. The only way a fruit can grow is by remaining connected to the vine for nutrients and water.

A modern-day disciple must stay connected to Jesus. We live in a world with many distractions and alternatives. Jesus tells us, “As the Father has loved me, so I love you; abide in my love.” This means remembering Jesus loves us all the time, spending time thanking Jesus for his unconditional love, and finding ways to grow in the knowledge of his love. How do you grow in your understanding of Jesus’ love for you?

Jesus makes a promise in verse 11. Staying close to Jesus in God’s garden will produce wonderful fruit and a great harvest. The result is filling us with the joy that only comes from God’s garden.

Love and Prayers,

*Michael*

# Easter at First Pre



Floral Cross



Amy Bish, Jo McCrary, Janice Yearout and Janna Willis



Laurie and



Gathering for Worship  
On Easter Sunday



Standing Room Only!



Amy & Ella Icesman



Pastor Michael doing the  
Children's Sermon on Easter



Great group of cooks making  
some delicious pies!



The Conards making sure the  
Banana Pudding is perfect!

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Sasha Dishman



Pastor Michael & Pam with the grandkids, Harper & Levi



Janet Covington, Phyllis Klym and Janice Yearout



What a Crowd!!



Ethan Icesman and Zaire Mattadeen



Pastor Michael and grandson, Levi Conner



The Children had a great time hunting Easter eggs!



Carter and Jadon Wells and Kaylie Parrotta

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

**2026 Congregational Care Co-Chairs:** Scott Blackwell and Becca Pendergrast

**Current Members:** Brenda & Mike Conard, Janet Covington, Brenda Hubbell, Gay Lynn Rouse, Carl Scott, Karen Baylor, June Still, Cathy Young, Betty Ingram, Jerry & Phyllis Klym, Deb & Howard Renton, Mitzi & Gary Head, and Marikay & Brian Burke.

**PURPOSE:** The Congregational Care Committee seeks to nurture and care for our members and encourage fellowship throughout the year.

The Congregational Care Committee serves the congregation in several ways. The area in which the work of this committee is most visible is when we are gathered in sharing meals on special holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the annual church picnic. The committee also plans to offer some additional “less formal” opportunities for fellowship and sharing around meals throughout the year. As the saying goes, “it takes a village” to plan, shop, set up, decorate, prepare food, and clean up for these occasions. Extra hands are always welcome. So far this year, the Committee has worked with the Discipleship & Education Committee to host Souper Bowl Sunday and then provide Easter Brunch to approximately 120 attendees.

The less visible work of the Congregational Care Committee is in the work of visitation. Members of this committee deliver communion to our homebound members and check on members during surgery recovery, helping arrange food delivery when needed. We recently added a “meal train” link to the church website to help coordinate meal deliveries. Also, in the event of a death in the family of a member, the Congregational Care Committee provides food when requested.

How Can You Become Involved?

- Join Congregational Care – Contact Scott Blackwell or Becca Pendergrast - rather than regular monthly meetings, this committee generally meets during the week prior to an event and uses email and text messaging to arrange/coordinate visitation and meal deliveries. If a “fluid” schedule is your style, this committee is for you.
- Join with one of our Elders in delivering communion to a homebound member.
- Help prepare and/or deliver food for a member after surgery or for a funeral.
- Let us know when you see a need not being met.



## DAILY BIBLE READING

This year we will read through the New Testament. There will be one chapter for each weekday and no reading assignments on weekends. This time can be used to reflect on the weekly readings. Here are some reflective questions after you read the chapter through twice. Is there a word or phrase that gets my attention? How does this touch my life? Is there an invitation for me? How will this impact my life today?

May 1 Acts 6  
May 2 Reflection

May 3 Reflection  
May 4 Acts 7  
May 5 Acts 8  
May 6 Acts 9  
May 7 Acts 10  
May 8 Acts 11  
May 9 Reflection

May 10 Reflection  
May 11 Acts 12  
May 12 Acts 13  
May 13 Acts 14  
May 14 Acts 15  
May 15 Acts 16  
May 16 Reflection

May 17 Reflection  
May 18 Acts 17  
May 19 Acts 18  
May 20 Acts 19  
May 21 Acts 20  
May 22 Acts 21  
May 23 Reflection

May 24 Reflection  
May 25 Acts 22  
May 26 Acts 23  
May 27 Acts 24  
May 28 Acts 25  
May 29 Acts 26  
May 30 Reflection

May 31 Reflection

**June Window Deadline—  
May 20th**



**Adult Fellowship Fun!** Twenty-three FPC members gathered on March 21st at the home of Brian and Marikay Burke for an evening of warmth, laughter, and a delicious chili supper. The fellowship continued over a wonderful dessert spread, strengthening our church family bonds.

Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and bulletins for details on our next gathering this summer, tentatively hosted by John Allen. These potlucks are held three to four times a year at members' homes. All FPC members and friends are cordially invited to participate - come join the fun!



Richard & Suzi Bass and  
Casey & J.T. Thompson



Carl Scott, Al & Linda Ballenger  
and Mitzi & Gary Head



Brian Burke, Janet Wahl  
and Jean & Andrew Getter



Gary Head, Tom Williams,  
Pat Smith and Alida Williams

## Congratulations, Luke and Emma!

We invite the entire congregation to congratulate and celebrate the achievements of the 2026 high school graduates that have been raised by this church at a reception to be held in Martin Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, May 10th. Cake, punch and coffee will be served. Parents and graduates will be present to receive your well wishes and congratulatory cards, and to thank their church family for all its support during their most formative years.



**Luke Batey**

Luke will graduate from Pope Saint John Paul II Preparatory School in Hendersonville. During his high school years, Luke participated in a number of sports activities. He played lacrosse during his freshman year, and competed in track throughout his sophomore, junior and senior years. He added cross country running during his junior and senior years, which became his favorite sport. He also added joining the swimming team during his senior year. In addition to sports, Luke participated in the honors choir throughout all four years and sang in the men's chamber choir. In his junior year, he took a break from the chamber choir to focus more on academics. He took a number of honors and AP classes during his junior and senior years. Luke plans to attend the Haslam School of Business at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in the fall where he will major in finance or accounting. This summer, Luke will participate in the June Appalachian Service Project (ASP) trip with the church delegation for his fourth year and hopes to find a job for the summer. Luke is the son of Carrie and Trent Batey and the grandson of Mary Lu and Charles Batey.

## High School Students Graduating in May 2026

Emma will be graduating from the Middle College High School of Sumner County, which is a collaboration between Sumner County Schools and Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin. She attended Liberty Creek High School through her junior year, where she followed an engineering path and she utilized her time with MCHS to continue that path. Outside of school Emma is passionate about horses and spends most of her time at the barn taking care of horses, taking riding lessons and participating/competing in various horse shows throughout the state and the region. This summer, Emma will show in her final Regional and State horse shows. Emma will also be participating in the June ASP trip for her first time along with her brothers and father. This fall, Emma will attend Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville where she will enter as a chemical engineering major with a focus in biochemical engineering. During her high school years, she earned the Hope Scholarship, the Hope Merit Scholarship, and Tech's Presidential Scholarship. In addition to competing in her final horse shows, this summer she will also take part in a Mediterranean cruise with her family. Emma is the sister of Jadon and Carter and the daughter of Wendy and Robert Wells.



**Emma Wells**

## Congratulations to the following College Graduates!

**Isaiah Brew** – Isaiah will graduate Magna Cum Laude from the University of Illinois in Chicago with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. During his college years, he continued pursuing his passion for chess by competing in numerous tournaments. He was also president of the UIC Chess Club. After graduation, Isaiah will begin his career as an Associate Engineer with Enercon Services, Inc. in Kennesaw, Georgia. Isaiah is the brother of Ariana Brew and the son of Tonya Elkins and Thaddeus Brew.

**Ben Dye** – Ben will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from Vanderbilt University's (Nashville) College of Arts and Science with a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in physics and applied mathematics and a minor in scientific computing. This fall, Ben will continue his education at Vanderbilt's School of Medicine to pursue a Master of Science degree in medical physics. He still plays piano for family and friends and is still working on his plans for the summer. Ben is the brother of Joseph Dye and the son of Eva and Billy Dye.

**Mason Thompson** – Mason will graduate Cum Laude and will earn his Bachelor of Science degree in finance from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He will begin his career this summer as a Finance and Accounting Manager with Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio. He worked at the University Outdoor Center on the UT campus during his sophomore through senior years. Before starting his career, this summer he will travel with his family to Budapest and Prague. Mason is the brother of Morgan Thompson and the son of Casey and J.T. Thompson.

**Tara Mielnik** – Tara received her Master of Science degree in forensic psychology from Cumberland University on May 1. This is in addition to already having her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in history. Tara will continue to teach history at Cumberland University. Tara is the wife of Mike Mielnik, and the grandmother of Molly Mielnik.

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## Updates on recent high school graduates!

**Avery Batey** – Avery graduated in 2024 and shortly thereafter, enrolled in the cosmetology program at the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology and Beauty School here in Hendersonville, specializing in color. She completed her program at the end of November, 2025, enjoyed a trip to London, and is now completing her cosmetology certification to receive her license. Once she has earned her license, she is planning to pursue a career in hair salons and possibly in the arts. Avery is the sister of Luke Batey, daughter of Trent and Carrie Batey and the granddaughter of Charles and Mary Lu Batey.

**Ariana Brew** – Ariana was a 2025 graduate. She is completing her freshman year at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Although she has done well in her coursework, she has decided she wants a more hands-on educational experience. She is exploring the idea of pursuing a certification in industrial maintenance control through the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology. This summer, she plans to find a job in Murfreesboro and will also join the team for the ASP trip in June for her third time. Ariana is the sister of Isaiah Brew and the daughter of Tonya Elkins and Thaddeus Brew.

**Sasha Dishman** – Sasha was a 2024 graduate. She is completing her sophomore year at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in art education, with a view to becoming a high school art teacher one day. She was recently inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society for her academic success in her freshman year. Several of her art pieces were included in the Cumberland University Arts Extravaganza recently and will be on display for the FOCUS student art show soon, which is a statewide student arts initiative. Outside of the classroom, Sasha was captain of the junior varsity volleyball team. She will continue her education at Cumberland in the fall and will move up to play on the varsity volleyball team as a junior. She is excited to take a studio class in the fall to learn how to create neon art. She plans to work this summer to earn extra money, and has applied for an internship at the Frist Art Museum. Her hair continues to change color often as she expresses her unique style not only through her art, but in her personal appearance. Sasha is the daughter of Laurie Dishman and Stephen and Debbie Dishman.

## Updates on recent high school graduates! (Continued)

**Joseph Dye** – Joseph also graduated in 2024. He is finishing his second year at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tennessee with a major in computer science and a concentration in data science and artificial intelligence. He continues to participate in collegiate robotics, and his team attended the VEX Robotics World Competition in St. Louis at the end of April. The Tech team is part of ARC (Autonomous Robotics Club), and Joseph is the programmer for his team. This past fall he participated in the Golden Eagle Marching Band playing the mellophone and still has some opportunities to play the French horn (like here at FPC at Easter!) For the summer, he was accepted into the summer research internship program in biomedical informatics sponsored by Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The program is funded by the National Science Foundation and VUMC. He will be returning to Tennessee Tech this fall and is a little ahead of schedule. He will likely finish in December, 2027. Joseph is the brother of Ben Dye and the son of Billy and Eva Dye.

**Brayden Elliott** – Brayden was another 2024 graduate. Brayden is completing his sophomore year at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tennessee, where he is majoring in chemical engineering. He is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to his studies, Brayden competes on Tech's volleyball team. This summer, Brayden will attend summer classes at Tech. He will return to Tennessee Tech in the fall to continue his studies there. Brayden is the brother of Kaitlynn and the son of Jason and Melinda Elliott.

**Toby Parrotta** – Toby was a 2025 graduate. He is completing his freshmen year at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, where he is majoring in engineering and military studies in the Corps of Cadets. This summer, Toby will attend the ASP summer program with our team for the fourth year. Toby is the son of Jarrod and Jinnee Parrotta and the grandson of Cari Lou Westendorf.

**A.J. Scott** – A.J. graduated in 2025. She is wrapping up her freshman year at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tennessee where she has been planning to pursue studies to prepare her for a career in education. In addition to being a full-time student, A.J. is also the assistant manager at the Dutch Bros Coffee in Hendersonville. This summer, she will continue her work there and will enter her second year of studies at Vol State, where she may switch her major to business. A.J. is the daughter of Bryan and Meredith Scott and the granddaughter of Carl and Karen Scott.

**Jordan Suhr** – Jordan was a 2023 graduate. She has completed her third year of nursing at Belmont University in Nashville, where she is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She made the President's List this past semester. In addition to her studies, she continues to serve with a number of service organizations, including Belmont's Peer tutoring program and Nashville's Ronald McDonald House. Jordan recently spent her spring break in Memphis, gaining valuable clinical experience working at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She will spend the upcoming summer working for The Center for Courageous Kids (CCK) in Scottsville, Kentucky. CCK is a fully accessible camp for children with a wide range of medical conditions and their families with the mission of enabling them to laugh, play, and find respite, free of charge. This fall, she will continue her studies in nursing at Belmont with a view to specializing in pediatric nursing. Jordan is the daughter of Kevin and Cara Suhr and the granddaughter of Margaret Suhr.

**Morgan Thompson** – Morgan graduated in 2024. She just completed her sophomore year at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, where she is majoring in biochemistry with a dental track. She is a regular on the Big South Honor Roll. In addition to her academics, she has continued being part of the lacrosse team at Presbyterian and is also very active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes there. This summer, Morgan will also be traveling with her family to Budapest and Prague, will then study abroad for a month in Lyon, France and later will begin her dental clinical hours with a dental internship. Morgan is the sister of Mason Thompson and the daughter of Casey and J.T. Thompson.

**Jadon Wells** – Jadon was another 2025 graduate. He is completing his freshman year at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tennessee where he is pursuing a major in mechanical engineering with a focus in mechatronics. He has made the Dean's list and has just been chosen as the sophomore representative for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He will continue his studies in the fall at Tennessee Tech. This summer, Jadon will be volunteering for the ASP summer program with FPC for his fourth time. He will also be taking a Mediterranean cruise with his family and following those adventures, will work as an engineering apprentice at the same company where he has worked for the past three summers. Jadon is the brother of Emma and Carter Wells and the son of Robert and Wendy Wells.

## Additional Graduates affiliated with FPC

**Alice Farnham** – Alice will graduate Cum Laude from Warren County High School in McMinnville, Tennessee. During her high school years, she was a member of the Warren County Pioneer Pride Marching and Symphonic Bands, in which she played baritone. She also was a member of the WCHS Pioneer Winter Guard, a dance extension of the symphonic band. Alice hopes to join the U.S. Air Force after graduation. Alice is the daughter of Kirsten and Duane Farnham, Jr. and the granddaughter of Paulette and Duane Farnham.

**Noah Haag** – Noah will graduate from Farragut High School in Farragut, Tennessee where he studied in the Academy of Health and Human Services and maintained a GPA of 4.0. Noah was a four-year member of the Farragut's football team, playing quarterback, linebacker, running back, and holder. He was honored to serve as Team Captain in his senior year. He also served as the leader of the team Bible Studies during the season. In addition to football, Noah was a member of the National Honor Society, served on the Senior Board, participated in leadership classes, was a peer mentor, and served as a volunteer coach for the Cedar Bluff Farragut Optimist (CBFO) basketball league. Noah is a member of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. This fall, Noah will be attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, where he plans to major in sports management. His academic achievements in high school earned him the Orange and White Scholarship and a Hope Scholarship. He will begin working as a student equipment manager with the Tennessee Volunteers football team in late May and will also be assisting with youth and prospect camps and other team needs. Noah is the son of Tyra and Eric Haag and the grandson of Jennifer Haag.

**Avalon (Ava) Lyke** – Ava will graduate from West High School in Knoxville, Tennessee with an International Baccalaureate Diploma in engineering. During all four years of high school, she was a member of the West Rebels Marching Band, playing flute and percussion. In her senior year, she was honored to serve as Uniform Manager, Field Commander, and Drum Major. Academically, Ava consistently placed in the top 10% of her class and was a member of the National Honor Society and the National French Honor Society. This fall, Ava will continue her studies at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee where she plans to pursue interior architecture. Ava is the daughter of Sandra Hubbell and the granddaughter of Brenda and Hal Hubbell.

**Carson Mielnik** – Carson earned his Associate of Arts degree from Cumberland University on May 2. While tending to his studies, he also managed to study for and earn his real estate broker's license this spring. While working in real estate, Carson plans to continue his studies at Cumberland and work toward obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. Carson is the son of Tara and Mike Mielnik and is the father of Molly Mielnik.

**Ethan Scott Swanson** – Ethan will graduate from the Gordon Ford College of Business at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business marketing and management. During his senior year, Ethan was honored as a Presidential Scholar in recognition of his academic achievements. While attending his studies, Ethan worked at his grandparents' garden center, event center and vineyard. He also has extensive experience working at Target. He is currently interviewing for the right job to begin his career. Ethan is the son of Theresa Scott Swanson and the grandson of Sandy and Robert Scott.

# May Missions

Happy May FPC members and friends! We have several items to call to your attention this month, but first, we must thank you, once again, for your generous donations to Grace Place last month.

You may have noticed some recent changes to our church website. Thanks to our wonderful webmaster, Elisabeth Ipox, we have a spot on the Home Page for the Mission-of-the-Month! This provides a quick snapshot of the current Missions Team focus. Additionally, we now have our own page listing all the organizations and ministries we support annually. This information includes a description of each group and a quick link to their websites.

For your convenience, here is the direct link to the Missions page: <https://fpchendersonville.org/missions>. If you have any questions about anything related to Missions, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of the committee members: Howard Renton, Rick Bass, Suzi Bass, Jim Miller, Evelyn Kemp, Eva Dye, and Deb Renton.

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**New Widow and Widowers Group:** Our newly formed widow and widower group has been named Chapter 3. Our first gathering was a great success with fourteen friends who gathered for lunch at Demos'. We've decided to meet monthly on the second Wednesday each month (May 13th next time) at 11:30 a.m. at Demos.

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Ladies of First Pres --- Join us for coffee, laughter, and fellowship --- Yes, there will be cookies! First Wednesday Coffee Talk will meet on May 6th at 10:00 am. We hope you will be there.



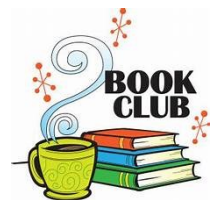
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We had several members play in the Samaritan Center Gold Scramble. Charles Batey and David Abbott's team won second place with a 58 (14 under par) and David won the longest putt!

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The FPC Evening Book Club is currently reading *Merchants of Virtue: A Historical Fiction Novel (The Huguenot Chronicles: Book 1)* written by Paul Monk and suggested by Scott Blackwell. In France 1685, King Louis XIV has outlawed the Protestant faith. Protestants who refuse to abandon their beliefs are thrust into a world of danger, exile, and uncertainty. Monk presents a deeply human story of courage, conviction, and the cost of standing firm in the face of tyranny. Join us for our discussion on **Monday evening, May 11, at 6:30 pm.**



Read along and meet with us for discussion from the comfort of your own home as we meet by Zoom. Just send an email to our "Zoom Master" Charles Lott so he can send you a link. ([crlott@bellsouth.net](mailto:crlott@bellsouth.net)) For any further questions, contact Jackie Decker ([thepauldeckers@comcast.net](mailto:thepauldeckers@comcast.net)). Looking ahead: Our next book is *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans.

## SERMONS

**May 3** (Communion, Choir), Praying for what God wants, John 14:1-14

**May 10** (Mother's Day, Praise Band), How do I talk about my faith? 1 Peter 3:13-22

**May 17** (Choir), How is my mental health? Psalm 42

**May 24** (Pentecost; Bells), Living with the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:1-21

**May 31** (Four Cents Offering), God's creative work through you, Genesis 1:1-2:4

*Commissioning of ASP Team - June 7-13*



## SESSION ACTIONS

- Prayed for congregation
- Read the session statement of faith
- Approved minutes from February 16 (revised) and March 16
- Discussed the book, *Proclaiming the Great Ends of the Church* – Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God
- Approved Ministry Unit reports
- Heard and approved verbal report from Worship Committee
- Received pastor's report
- Received a pavilion update
- Removed a list of people from the roll who have moved or not attended worship service in several years.

March 2026

Revenue \$ 63,907.20

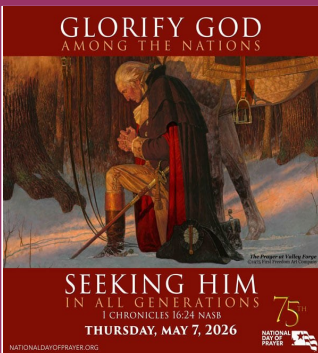
Expenses \$ 104,698.21

Shortfall \$ - 40,791.01

# SABBATH

### Saturday Sabbath

The next Saturday Sabbath is May 9, 9:00-10:00 A.M. in the sanctuary. Life is often like walking in the desert. There are many unknowns and unexpected interruptions. It will be very difficult at times. We will discuss ways God uses the unpredictable events in life to deepen and enrich our lives. Mara Boulding once said, "There are no paths in the desert except the ones you make by walking on them."



The National Day of Prayer is a wonderful opportunity to pray for our country, community, and churches with Christians from different churches in Hendersonville area. This year it will be held on Thursday, May 7, 7:30-8:30 A.M. at the Community Church (381 West Main Street). Michael has been part of the planning team for several years and is one of the pastors praying this year. There will be chicken biscuits and coffee/water. The pastors lead us through a prayer for one of the topics, like church, military, or government. Then, after each topic people are given a few minutes to pray silently or out loud for that same topic.

I hope you will join us, as over 300 Christians come together in the name of Jesus Christ to pray together. This may be the closest experience to heaven.

### Ministry Around the Church

The Day School kids created their own cross and tomb, made of graham crackers, green icing, glazed donut, vanilla wafer, and popsicle sticks. The wafer was the rock the angels moved, and the donut was the tomb. In chapel on the same day as their projects, I talked about Jesus dying for us and God raising him from the grave. The tomb is empty. I am not sure how many calories there are in this Easter project, but the kids enjoyed consuming their artwork.



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**Sunday School—9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service—10:00 a.m.**



- 1 - Karen Baylor  
Kathy Campbell
- 8 - Don Tyler
- 13 - Judy Wallis  
Shirley Poole
- 14 - Tom Williams
- 21 - Calvin Ice
- 22 - Al Ballenger  
Kaitlynn Elliott
- 25 - Isaiah Brew
- 27 - Betty Ingram  
Morgan Thompson  
Cliff Deaner
- 30 - Casey Thompson  
Joseph Ottevaere