

# THE EVANGEL



The E-Newsletter of Seminary Baptist Church

## A Shepherd's Heart:

<sup>46</sup> "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" <sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup> he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. <sup>49</sup> But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great." ~Luke 6:46-49 (ESV)



## Weekly Activities

### Sundays:

Sunday School @ 9:15 am  
(Bible Study for All Ages)  
Morning Worship @ 10:30 am  
DiscipleLIFE @ 5:00 pm  
(Discipleship for All Ages)  
W.R.A.P. @ 6:00 pm  
(Worship, Reflection & Prayer)

### Wednesdays:

Senior Adult High Noon @ noon  
Fellowship Meal @ 5:30 pm  
(Last meal before summer will be May 15<sup>th</sup>)  
SBCKids Missions @ 6:15 pm  
Student Bible Study @ 6:15 pm  
Prayer & Praise @ 6:15 pm  
Worship Choir @ 7:15 pm

### Our Firm Foundation:

The Hymn writer, John Rippon composed the following hymn which is a strong testimony of the necessity of believers in Jesus to build their life on the Firm Foundation of the Word of God.

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| <p>1. How Firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord.<br/>Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!<br/>What more can He say than to you He hath said,<br/>To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.</p>       | <p>2. Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed.<br/>For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;<br/>I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,<br/>Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand.</p> |
| <p>3. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,<br/>My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;<br/>The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design<br/>Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.</p> | <p>4. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose<br/>I will not, I will not desert to his foes;<br/>That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,<br/>I'll never, no never, no never forsake!</p>          |

I think that Rippon understood clearly the teaching of Jesus found in Luke 6:46-49 concerning the need for the firm foundation of the Word of God in our lives. Jesus stated that he would describe what it is like when we build upon His word and the consequences of not doing so in these verses. Build on a firm foundation and no matter what the storms are that beat against your house, it will stand. Build on the ground (sand) without a firm foundation, and when the same storms assail your house, it will fall and great will be its ruin.

Are you building your life on the Firm Foundation of the Word of God. If not, may I challenge you to shift your priorities around and make sure that you are building on His Firm Foundation today!

**National Day of Prayer May 2, 2024:** I want to encourage you to join us on the Courthouse Lawn in Collins on Tuesday, May 2, 2024 @ NOON for a time of Prayer. This is the occasion of the National Day of Prayer where Christians all over America will be gathering to pray for God to move mightily in the hearts of men, women, boys and girls across our nation. If there has ever been a time when believers need to take a stand and pray, the time is now. Join us if you can!

### May Events:

- National Day of Prayer – Tuesday, May 2, 2024 @ Noon – Covington County Courthouse Lawn
- Graduate Recognition – Sunday, May 5, 2024 during Morning Worship
- Mother's Day – Sunday May 12, 2024 – Breakfast @ 8:30 am prepared by the Brotherhood/Men's Ministry  
- Baby Dedication During Morning Worship – NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
- Host SHS Baccalaureate Service – Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 5: 30 pm – Worship Center

### June Events:

- Students to CentriFuge Camp – June 10-14, 2024 – Ridgcrest Conference Center
- VBS – "BREAKER ROCK BEACH - June 17-21, 2024 (5:15 pm – 8:30 pm)
- Children to CentriKid Camp – June 24-28, 2024 – Timber Creek Camp

**BELIZE MISSION TRIP 2024 July 8-14, 2024 with Growing Beyond Ministries.** Please pray for our team of seven who will serve this year.

Continue to Pray for the Music Search Committee and for the SBCK Board as they search to fill the positions of Minister of Music and SBCK Director.

Seeking HIM First,

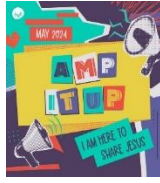
Bro. Tim  
Mt. 6:33



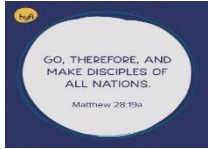
**ERIN BREWER**  
Children's Ministry



**May Hyfi Sunday Update**  
MAY?!?!?! It is hard to believe Summer is almost here! We are so excited for our new Biblical truths this month. The preschoolers' theme and truth for May is



"BIG NEWS – GOD WANTS ME TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS" and 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders is "AMP IT UP - I AM HERE TO SHARE JESUS". Preschoolers and SBCKids will learn about sharing Jesus with family, friends, neighbors, and the world. Come join us as we study that we are all meant to share the gospel!



Sunday Mornings at 9:15  
Sunday Evenings at 5:00



Vacation Bible School ~ June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Volunteers Still Needed! Sign Up in Foyer!  
Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, So that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

**HOW TO LEAD A CHILD TO CHRIST**

Our last VBS group training is this Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:15 in the Chapel. This class is for anyone that would like to be better prepared in teaching in children's ministry as well as how to talk with children to be sure of their understanding of the Gospel.

**VBS PRE-REGISTRATION KICK-OFF**

Join us for a preview of VBS music, games, and crafts while you register your children for VBS!!!



**VBS Pre-Registration Kickoff Event**

May 5, 2024  
@ 5:00 pm

Come join us for a night of fun to preview Breaker Rock Beach, pre-register your Coastal Kids, and pick up VBS t-shirt orders.



**CentriKid Camp • June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski, MS**

Please be in prayer for all campers and chaperones as we prepare to attend camp!

We had the most successful Baked Goods and Casseroles Auction to date! We were able to raise \$9000 for students and children's camps!



**BILL BUSTIN**  
Student Pastor



**Senior Recognition Sunday • May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Brianna Atwood      Cody Aultman  
Ethan Harmon      Garrett McQueen  
Jadon Nicholas      Maddox Williamson

If you are going to CentriFuge Summer Camp, we will have a meeting May 15 @ 7 pm in the youth building. Also, your total money due for camp needs to be paid at that time.

Women on Mission will not meet this month nor during the summer and will resume in August.



**National Day of Prayer Thurs., May 2 @ noon**

Senior Adults are invited to celebrate George & Margaret Wolf's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Luncheon Tuesday, May 7 at noon in the East Room. No presents: only your presence!



HOH Distribution Sat., May 18 @ 7 am  
Volunteers Needed!  
Let Cole Rogers or Clark Graves know if you can help with picking food up and/or unloading food. Much thanks to all who selflessly give of their time to this ministry.



George & Margaret Wolf      Clint & Alice Ashley  
 Noah & Clancy Sanford      Lynn & Missy Lott  
 Kelton & Jackie Bullock      Ronnie & Donna Lowe  
 Drew & Hannah Shows      Eddie & Sharon Puckett  
 Christopher & Meredith Wren



Mike Wilcosky      Cason Booker  
 April Sumrall      Bentley Hawkins  
 Earlene Trigg      James McPhail  
 Hunter Barrett      Audrey Griffon  
 Anna Grice      Peggy Booker  
 Gabby Hooper      Marsha Yates  
 Weaton Middleton      David Moore  
 John Aultman      Price Sanford  
 Will Bustin      Madison Roberson  
 Lincoln Ellis      James Smith  
 Carl Davis Parker      Luke Underwood  
 Noah Sanford      Carol Ann Bustin  
 Margie Suggs

## Current Events


### May 2024

- 1      12:00 pm - Senior Adult High Noon  
       5:30 pm - Fellowship Meal  
       6:15 pm - *How to Lead a Child to Christ*  
           training for VBS volunteers  
       6:15 pm - Preschool/Children Activities  
       6:15 pm - Student Bible Study  
       6:15 pm - Adult Prayer & Praise  
       7:15 pm - Worship Choir Rehearsal
- 2      Noon - National Day of Prayer
- 5      9:15 am - Sunday School  
       10:30 am - Morning Worship  
           Class of 2024 Senior Recognition  
       4:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting  
       5:00 pm - VBS Pre-registration Kick Off
- 7      12:00 pm - Senior Adult Lunch East Rm
- 8      Regular Wednesday Schedule
- 12     8:30 am - Mother's Day Breakfast  
       Regular Morning Schedule  
       No Evening Activities
- 14     5:30 pm - Host SHS Baccalaureate Service
- 15     Regular Wednesday Schedule  
       Last Wednesday Night Meal Fellowship
- 18     7:00 am - House of Hope distribution
- 19     Regular Sunday Schedule
- 22     Regular Wednesday Schedule; No Meal
- 26     Regular Sunday Schedule
- 27     Memorial Day; SBC Office closed
- 29     Regular Wednesday Schedule; No Meal



## God's Provision

	January	February	March
<b>Undesignated</b>	38,664	48,254.50	43,218.50
<b>Designated/Other</b>	1,809.21	14,041.41	18,337.11
<b>Building Fund</b>	2,706.00	2,878.20	7,633.11
<b>Total Revenue</b>	43,179.21	66,137.07	61,555.61
<b>Total Expense</b>	46,969.35	72,051.44	66,083.21
<b>Loan Balance</b>	738,184.55	731,587.16	724,927.95

 **SBCK DIRECTOR SEARCH:** We continue to seek a Director for the SBCK. If you know anyone that may be interested in applying, please inform them that the SBCK Board has an application packet available for the position of SBCK Director. These packets are available through the SBCK Office or the Church Office. Church family, please join me in praying that God will lead the SBCK Board as they search for the next Director of the Ministry of SBCK.

*SBC Brotherhood will serve breakfast Sunday, May 12 @ 8:30 am to honor our moms on Mother's Day (East Room)*

