

The Messenger

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Fort Valley, Georgia

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 28

9am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10am Sunday School

11am Business Meeting with
covered dish luncheon to follow

April Memory Verse

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

From My Heart



to Yours....

What a wonderful and busy Holy Week for our FBC Family. I hope you participated in the special services made available to you. Thank you to all who participated. Great attendance at the (Who's Your One?) New Life Banquet and Easter services. Many expressed the desire to rededicate their lives to the Lord. On Easter we had lots of family visitors and guests. A good response to Christ's touch upon our hearts is to carry our Who's Your One? Outreach throughout the rest of the year and to keep encouraging Christians and unchurched people to come closer to the Lord and be a part of our church family. It is important for me as pastor to follow up with people and it makes a far greater impact (the difference maker) for others in our church to befriend those who visit. Church members making it obvious to people who are guests that they are cared for, wanted, and befriended will always accomplish more for growth than any pastor giving his best efforts. We've met some prospective Christians and members through our efforts, now what will we do to care? In Psalm 142:4 *Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.*

God help us so that no guest could ever quote that verse back to us.!

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There are several good reasons given to us in Scriptures for being faithful, generous givers. Our journey through Luke's gospel shows us how extensive Jesus' teachings were on the subject of money. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that we can be generous to others because we do not have to be anxious about God providing for our needs and Jesus also taught in Luke 6:38 God rewards those who give: *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.* Jesus goes on to teach that we should be wise with money so we can lay up "treasures in heaven, not on earth;" not just accumulate far more materially than we need. Luke tells us about the lady who Jesus praised not because she gave a big amount but because she gave a sacrificial amount (Luke 21:1-4). Does the word "sacrificial" describe your giving to the Lord and mine? Because I give to other charitable organizations besides our church, I get loads of mail most everyday appealing for more of my funds. And yet, not a single one is more important nor deserving than First Baptist Ft Valley. Our missions goals and plenty of unexpected expenses from our facilities requires sacrificially giving from us all.

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed

Goal: \$4000.00

100%
of your gifts to the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
supports North American missionaries.

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SENDING
HOPE

Current Offering: \$2,330.00



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Partnered in ministry with FBC

Struggling to cope with life? Marriage need a tune up?
Feeling down, sad all the time? Angry all the time?
Lost a loved one? We are here to help.
Call to schedule an appointment (478-822-0033)
Most insurances accepted.

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits

Fellowship Hall



GOD IS EVERYWHERE,
SO PRAY ANYWHERE.



baby
dedication

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Contact the church office (825-5725)
if you wish to participate.



Music Notes...

One More

Following the wonderful Easter services at church and a good meal at home, we collapsed in the den to watch a movie. James was at the helm with remote in hand. He chose the WWII movie, Hacksaw Ridge. In the true story, Private Desmond Doss walked into the bloodiest battle of World War II's Pacific theater with nothing to protect himself except his Bible and his faith in God. A devout Seventh Day Adventist and conscientious objector, Doss had enlisted as a medic and refused to carry a rifle.

Facing heavy machine gun and artillery fire, Doss repeatedly ran alone into the kill zone, carrying wounded soldiers to the edge of the cliff and singlehandedly lowering them down to safety. Each time he saved a man's life, Doss prayed out loud, "Lord, please help me get one more." By the end of the night he had rescued an estimated 75 men.

Doss' faith and courage were formed growing up in Lynchburg, VA, the middle child of William Doss, a carpenter and WWI veteran, and Bertha Doss, a homemaker. As a young boy, Doss was captivated by a framed poster of the Ten Commandments hanging in his childhood home. He was particularly intrigued by an illustration of the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shall not kill."

Our "Who's Your One" campaign may have ended, but we hope that your mentality will be like that of Desmond Doss, "Lord, please help me get one more for you kingdom." Sometimes I worry that we have become a church body that is content to accept the benefits of salvation without accepting the responsibility of the Great Commission. Doss was moved to action by the scripture and it is my prayer that we will all be moved to action and assist in bringing the lost to the safety of salvation in Jesus Christ.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED

Want to lead a ministry to reach the children of our community and have an eternal impact on their lives? We need you! We need a director for our VBS this year. If interested please see Ed or Liz.

Brotherhood Breakfast



Men's Ministry

Saturday, May 4 @ 8am

FBC Fellowship Hall

****FREE****

Men, join us for a time of fellowship, faith, and food with your Deacons.

Call the church office (825-5725) to make your reservation by May 3.



Meeting
Monday May 6
@ 10am
Church Library

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

Together, we can save a life

Tuesday, May 7, 2pm-7pm

Fellowship Hall

Weekly Calendar

Sunday **Apr 28**

9:00 Traditional Service
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Contemporary Service
 5:30 Youth Worship
 6:00 Small Groups

Wednesday **May 1**

7:00am Bended Knee Society
 8:15am Daniel Plan
 6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting
 7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

Counting Committee

Carol Bryant
 Leon Cobb
 Judy Holland

April Usher

Jeff Bennett

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happy happy
BIRTHDAY
 to you

01 May—Cindy Kemp	22 May—Clay Malquist
04 May—Strib McCants	Wilder Dent
08 May—Gwen Harrelson	Beth Eyler
09 May—Brooke Bennett	26 May—Savannah McCay
13 May—Matthew Malquist	29 May—Annis Champion
21 May—Nancy Faircloth	Amber Harrak
	Carolyn Ware

THE DANIEL PLAN
 Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Come and join us and learn to glorify God
 in the way we eat, move and think!
 Wednesdays @ 8:15am
 Exercise Days: Monday & Friday @ :15am

Bended Knee Society



Wednesdays
 7am-8am
 Church Library



Advisory Committee Meeting
 Sunday, May 19 @
 4:30pm

HAVE YOU
 JOINED
 ONE YET?



CONNECT
 GROW
 SERVE

Small Groups Sundays @ 6:00pm
 Adult Study: "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way"
 @ Lucille Parham's (1771 Hwy 49)
 Women's Study: Jen Wilkin's The Sermon on the Mount @ FBC
 Fellowship Hall upstairs
 College/Career – McQueen's home
 Daycare is available on Sunday nights from 5 to 8 at the church.



Monday-Thursday
 8:30-4:30
 Closed for lunch
 12:00-12:45
Friday
 8:30-2:30