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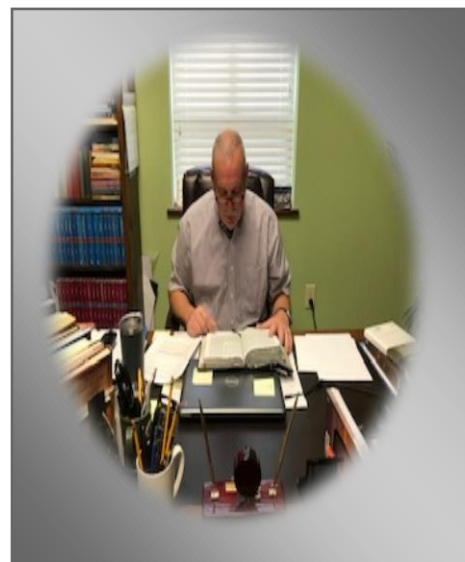


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From The Pastor's Corner:

This month's newsletter may be a little different than usual. I want to take just a moment to thank and brag on our church for the love, understanding and compassion that has been shown to myself as well as my entire family over the last 21 plus years. To say THANK YOU for all that you have done seems like such an understatement, but in the deepest meaning of the words, that is what we feel. We are so grateful to God and thankful that He brought us to this place to meet and be part of the people who gather here and call themselves not only Christians, but collectively, West Corinth Baptist Church. We are so thankful each year for the special love offering as well as all of the seemingly small things that are done to show your love for us. I realize that when we give our heart and life to the Lord Jesus, we are assured in His word that, "He will never leave us nor forsake us".



This is extremely comforting, but it is also extremely encouraging when you are surrounded by people that you know would go out of their way, change their plans, do whatever they needed to in order to help you in your time of need. That is exactly how we feel about the brothers and sisters we have here at WCBC. Again, thank you seems so insufficient to express the love that we have in our hearts for this church.

I often think back about the establishment of our church and what the founders must have been thinking as they looked to the future. I'm sure they had thoughts of grandeur when they met the first time under the name West Corinth Baptist Church. However, I do not think they could have possibly imagined what the church would look like today some 130 years later. The one room building they no doubt met proudly in has been long gone and now we sit here with 1000s of sq. footage at our disposal. They could only dream of such luxuries as indoor plumbing and electricity, and we have the latest in technology to help us not only share the gospel in our surrounding community, but we have the ability to reach around the world in a

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moment of time. While we may not be perfect, I do think that the founders would be proud of the fact that we still preach and teach God's Word, we still sing the songs of Zion that speak to the heart, we still reach out to young children to express to them the love of Jesus and the importance of salvation, and we still gather together to enjoy not only the presence of the Lord but the presence and fellowship of one another as well. My prayer is that if time stands, WCBC will still stand as a beacon of hope, sharing the gospel to a lost world.

May God Continue To Bless WCBC,
Pastor Robert

*Senior
Adults*

Thank you for all those who purchased diapers and wipes in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Center, as sponsored by the Seniors!

Watch your bulletin for June scheduled activities!

Upcoming Events:

To all our Mothers,
Happy Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 12th!



Have a blessed
Memorial Day
on Monday,
May 27th!

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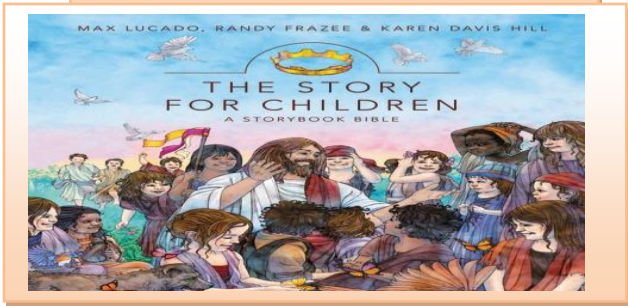
Parents Night Out:

Update: Last month, we hit the playground and almost froze! We are hoping for warmer weather at our next meeting on Friday, May 3rd. For the next several months, we will be learning about Paul and his missionary work. We've also added a new class in our rotation schedule in which the children will have music and learn how to navigate through the bible. Please continue to pray for our program!

Ways to Help: Several folks, who are unable to volunteer, have asked how they can help with Parents Night Out. Our kids love to play basketball during recreation time. Our basketball goals were damaged, and we are in need of a new one. Also, last month, we had bible key rings to help the kids with learning the books of the bible. Several of the kids asked for their own key ring. In addition, we could always use items for crafts and the treasure box. If you would like to donate to any of these items, just mark your check or envelope "Parents Night Out". Thank you for supporting our program!



Above: Books of the Bible Key Rings
Below: Children's Story Bible used at PNO



Big Accomplishment: Over the last four years, we have been studying the major stories in the Old and New Testament. We started with the creation and then learned about Noah, Daniel, David, Esther, the Battle of Jericho, Moses, the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, the miracles of Jesus, Paul's ministry and many other stories. We faithfully followed our children's story book/bible and **48 months and 48 stories** later, we completed our goal of studying the stories in our children's bible! Our kids who faithfully attend now know all the major stories! Our own special "shout out" to **Jeanna Gregory** for faithfully serving and teaching each and every lesson! While it took several years, we stayed on task and are so proud to have met our goal!

Daughters of the King: Daughters of the King will continue to study "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts," Tuesday, May 14th as follows:

- Fellowship 6:00 - 6:30 PM
- Bible Study 6:30 - 7:00 PM
- General Meeting 7:00 to 7:30 PM



If you would like to join via zoom, please provide your email address to Valerie Bowen at valeriebowen80@gmail.com to receive a Zoom invite and a copy of the lesson. Valerie Bowen

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Children's Church:

We have learned about "the vine", Jonah and the whale, and how man cannot do anything without God. With God, all things are possible. We continue to work on learning memory verses, and I'm very proud in how much the kid's are learning! Looking forward to what God has in store in the coming months.

Pastor Jesse

Children's Church Schedule:

May 5th Ed & Judy Cox
May 12th Gary & Tina Dancy
May 19th Scott & Vernelle Davis
May 26th Michael & Angela Hinson

Youth:

Special thank you to all the youth who served food at Pastor Robert's surprise 60th birthday dinner. We appreciate your service!

Outreach:

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a tent at the **Race City Festival in Mooresville** on Saturday, May 11th from 9am-5pm. Volunteers are needed as the Committee is trying to schedule 4 volunteers in 2 hour intervals. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer your time and service on the 11th. This is a great outreach opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and invite others to church!!



Also, the "Back to School Bash" is "back" on June 29th. During May and June, please consider donating money for the purchase of school supplies for those children and youth who are less fortunate. More details to come!

Watch your bulletin for upcoming details regarding **Christmas in July** at the Baptist Children's Homes on July 20th in Thomasville, NC.

Children's Ministry:



Above: Various Children's Church Pictures

Pastor Jesse's Thought for the Day:

You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary.
Jonathan Edwards

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Let's Celebrate!!

Happy Birthday to.....

- Claire Jo Kennerly – 1st
- Dianne Burr – 4th
- Phyllis Pennell – 10th
- Frankie Julian – 20th
- Richard Moody – 20th
- Willaree Beaver – 21st
- Krista Holt – 24th
- Barbara Smith – 24th
- Brenda Leazer – 28th
- Wayne Wilson – 29th
- Cindy Karriker – 30th



Happy Anniversary to...

- Tom and Doll Childers - 4th
- Scott and Vernelle Davis – 7th
- Van and Billie Ann Alford – 8th
- Michael and Angela Hinson – 12th
- Richard and Linda Moody – 12th
- Earl and April Greer – 20th
- Sam and Angie Rogers – 24th



This **Month's Big Shout Out** goes to all those who volunteered for a day of service at Pat Meyer's home. Thank you for supporting the Outreach Committee and giving your time and energy to help a fellow church member!



Last week, the Activities Committee hosted a surprise 60th birthday dinner for Pastor Robert. Thanks to all those who attended and to those who worked the event! **Happy Birthday!**

Thank you to all those who supported the **Baptist Children's Homes** by donating much needed supplies!

You provide NC children food while pointing them to Jesus.



HELP PROVIDE THREE MEALS EVERY DAY

May Events:

- May 3rd Parents Night Out and Youth Night @ 6:00pm
- May 11th Race City Festival
- May 12th Mother's Day
- May 14th Daughters of the King @ 6:00pm
- May 26th Baptist Men @ 8:00am

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Did God really create everything?
Why do bad things happen?
Why do I need to be saved?
Can I trust the Bible?

At The Great Jungle Journey, kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure!

Theme: All is Good!
Focus: Equip Kids For Life!

Vacation Bible School June 9th – 13th

It's a jungle out there! At *The Great Jungle Journey*, kids will discover how biblical events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday lives. They will know their Creator became their Savior! Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and frogs, children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise as we head out on *The Great Jungle Journey*! VBS will start on Sunday and go through Thursday with the schedule as follows:

Meal at 5:45pm
VBS 6:15-8:15pm

Please make our VBS a prayer priority. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex and mark your name down to serve. Help us spread the word by inviting your family, friends and neighbors!! **For those social media enthusiasts, please post our VBS information so your followers can join us by bringing their children!**

Easter, March 31, 2024

Several weeks ago, we had a sunrise service in celebration of Easter. As the sun rose over the cemetery, we were reminded that we serve a risen Savior! This was followed by breakfast and a special Easter service. Thank you to all those who participated and attended.

To the right: The sun rising over the parking lot and cemetery Easter morning.

