



# Faith Baptist

May 11, 2025

*"Where JESUS will always be our first love"*



## Pastor's Corner

Sin does two significant things in us all. First it causes us to focus inward on ourselves, making life all about us. We become motivated by our wants, needs, and feelings. We begin to compare what others have versus what we have always leading to discontentment and envy. The second thing sin does is cause us to search horizontally instead of vertically. We search creation for life, hope, peace, rest, contentment, and for our identity. The problem is nothing in creation can fill any of those needs. Creation was designed to do that. It was created to point us to the One who alone has the ability to satisfy our hearts. Psalm 73:25-26 "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." A heart that is content in Jesus is more given to worship than demand, more given to joy and gratitude than the anxiety of want. It is the Grace of God alone that allows us to be completely satisfied and able to live a life of great peace and assured hope. Colossians 3:1-4 "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Love Bro. Brian

### In the Life of the Church

Prayer is such an important part of our Armor of God and our relationship with Christ. **If you are submitting a prayer request for a friend, please seek their permission first.** We would like to respect the privacy of those listed.

### Prayer

Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

### EVANGELISM/Missions Team

**Bob White, Missions Leader**

Look for an update on our project to present a rose to the mothers in care facilities near us. We planned the event to be completed before Mother's Day, but too late for this article. We are planning another Missionary ministry update in the PM service May 18. You will not want to miss this. We hope to hear from one of our own members about their calling. Missions are for each of us, just in different ways. I pray that you will get a vision for your calling as we learn from others. Missions do not mean you have to be assigned somewhere; just be available to The Lord wherever and whenever HE DIRECTS us to be His witness. Looking for the last one to hear before Christ's return.

### Ladies of Faith

**Gayle Netto, Ministry Leader**

Our next event will be May 31. The Ladies of Faith will be having a "KINGS Daughter's Tea". If you have any teapots I would appreciate you letting us borrow them for the purpose of decorating our tables; be they Large, Medium, or Small. Please see Gayle for tickets (\$15). Thank you all. Love in Christ, Gayle

### Teacher Appreciation

**Marcia Shearer, Team Leader**



**From now until Sunday, May 18, 2025 we will be collecting individually wrapped baked goods. These items will go into a basket and will be presented to the teachers at Andersen Elementary School on Thursday, May 22 for Teacher Appreciation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marcia Shearer at 570-772-5383. Thank you in advance for your support for this project.**



### Happy Anniversary



Dale & Linda Swartout	May 14	John & Arlene Marsalasi	May 22
Dennis & Jo Ann Lamb	May 16	Stephen & Beverly Schlundt	May 24
Ron & Gayle Netto	May 16	John & Fran Kashchy	June 1

## Pray Shawl Ministry

### *Gail Swindle/Barbara Bowling, Team Leaders*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be taking a summer break until September. If you knit or crochet and would like to join us when we return in the fall, we would welcome you. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month



## Happy Birthday

Tim Nguyen May 10 Irene Ramnarine May 22  
Sybil Slayton May 14 James Nguyen May 23  
Sandy Gillespie May 17



## Helping Hands Ministry

If you are in need of assistance around your home such as: pressure washing, gutter cleaning, changing a light bulb, moving furniture, contact Fritz Wagner and his ministry team for their assistance. 321-368-3831

## Events Coordinator

### *David and Sandy Gillespie*

In case you missed our BBQ Luau on Saturday, May 3rd, it was an incredible evening of Fellowship, Food and so much Fun! Over 60 people attended with some multi-generational families! Thank you to the talented group of volunteers who worked to make this event a success. Beautiful tropical scenes were created, which included a welcome area where everyone was greeted with ukulele music and songs thanks to Dale & Linda Swartout. Pastor Brian, Missy, and Dennis Lamb made sure everyone had a photo taken at the tropical photo booth. The BBQ buffet was transformed into a Luau Feast thanks to Barbara Bowling, CeCe Greenawalt, Marcia Shearer, Beverly Schlundt, and Pam Burwell. Larry & Nancy Malta were so helpful as they got everyone seated and comfortable with their beverages. Dinner was delicious but the main event came after dinner when Jo Ann Lamb served as Game Hostess Extraordinaire! So much fun and so many laughs. A big thank you to Bob Shearer for keeping us all on track and to Rich & Karen Stevens and who jumped in to help with the clean-up. What a blessing it is to serve with these wonderful brothers and sisters! If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Sandy Gillespie 321-412-5515.

## Choir

### *Missy Jones, Choir Director*

If you would like to be a part of the Choir please contact Missy and join them for practice each Sunday evening at 5:00PM.

## Continued Prayers for the Following

Pastor Brian  
Billy Meyer  
Dorothy Thimm  
Kenny Boyer  
Justin Harper  
Carolyn Wiggins

Jay Green

Barbara Zada

Keep Zana in your prayers. This round of chemotherapy has been very difficult for her. She has been sleeping a lot and is very sick and very tired

## Wednesday Night Prayer Requests

Pray for Florida residents and their families as wildlife attacks seem to be on the rise.

A couple's canoe was capsized by an attacking alligator. The wife perished. Please pray for her husband and the family.

A man and his dog, mauled and killed by a bear. Pray for the Family

David Gillispie isn't feeling well.

Pray for our country and troops.

Pray for Israel.

Pray for peace and comfort for Rebecca Wright as she deals with the loss of her husband.

Ken Collins' boss, Keith Kriner, has surgery Thursday. Nerve block device installed to help with the pain following a motorcycle accident. Keith asked for prayer this would be the last procedure he would have to do to reduce the pain or to remove it completely.

Fran Kashchy had oral surgery on Thursday. Please pray her recovery.

Gail Swindle not feeling well.

Nancy White's sister-in-law, Dianne Hudgins, still is not doing well, doctors slow in getting in touch with her.

Nancy White's friend, Linda Ives, is still experiencing many health issues.

Missy's mother, Hope, and Pastor Brian's mother, Pete, are scheduled to meet their respective doctors this week to discuss whether or not they should continue rehab at the centers or if they can return home for the remainder of their rehabilitation. Please continue to pray for the strengthening of their bodies.

Marcia Shearer's brother, Mike, has Prostate Cancer with lesions, biopsy on the 21st.

*If you have information for the newsletter you would like to have listed, please send to [gail.swindle@gmail.com](mailto:gail.swindle@gmail.com) or call Gail at 321-720-8693. Please provide by Thursday of each week.*