



FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday May 3, 2026

“Where JESUS will always be our first love”



Pastor's Corner

The stuff outside of you, no matter how troubling, is not as dangerous as the mess sometimes that is on the inside. Please read Mark 7:14-23. Jesus makes a very powerful point. You don't defeat the disaster of sin by simply separating yourself from sinful people, places, or experiences. Now, those are things that help move us away from sinful temptations but will never deal with the sin that is inside us. Sin is a heart and spirit problem that must be dealt with inside not on the outside. We love to blame our issues on other people or circumstances, but Jesus says it's not what is on the outside, but what is within. We don't want to ever think that we may have a problem that is why we blame others. Sin is everyone's problem, but your sin is your problem, and my sin is my problem, and everyone needs to fix their sin. That doesn't mean that we cannot confide with someone and say, "hey I am really struggling with this. Can you please pray with me about it?" or "do you have some advice to help me?" But the best thing to do is to sincerely seek God and say "Search me O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and, see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." As the Psalmist did in Psalms 139:23-24. And, when He points out areas that needs work, focus on fixing it. When you do, your walk with Christ will be stronger and better than ever. Trust His work in you.
Love Bro. Brian.

VISITATION MINISTRY

With the creation of our new Visitation Ministry Bob Shearer has been ordained to serve as our Visitation Minister. This ministry will support our church and the Pastor. Bob's heart for serving others will help bring encouragement, build relationships, and remind each person that they are an important part of our church family. Bob will be faithfully reaching out to our members through personal visits, meaningful conversation, and prayer. His role will focus on encouraging hearts, strengthening connections, and ensuring that each person feels seen, valued, and cared for within our church family. Through his time and compassion, he will be a source of comfort and spiritual support to many. If you are aware of any shut-ins, hospitalizations or individuals in need, please notify Bob and Marcia so they can follow up and provide care. You may contact Bob at (570)419-7630 if you would like to set up a visitation.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Bob White, Ministry Leader

I was really encouraged with Pastor Brian's comments and vision statements for our Church during last week's interview time. I commend you on your growth as a "missions Minded Group" and look forward to your suggestions for future efforts. Remember the cautions; when we move forward, the enemy will try to defeat our efforts. Stay in prayer and be vigilant as watchmen on the wall. The Holy Spirit in us is greater than the enemy and He will guard our hearts. Until the LAST ONE HAS HEARD THE GOSPEL we will work in Holy Spirit strength.

WOMEN OF FAITH MINISTRY

Gayle Netto, Ministry Leader

We invite you to join us for our upcoming May conference, centered on the encouraging and timely theme, "An Open Letter to the Weary." This special day will offer a time of reflection, renewal, and spiritual encouragement for all who attend. A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer beginning today. We encourage you to reserve your place and be part of this meaningful time together.

WOMEN OF FAITH MINISTRY

Gayle Netto, Ministry Leader

The Ladies Ministry will be delivering roses to four assisted living facilities on Thursday, May 7th in celebration of Mother's Day, honoring these treasured mothers. Please continue to pray for those who may feel forgotten, who may not have family nearby, or who are experiencing loneliness. May we be a reflection of Jesus to them—perhaps the only glimpse of His love they will see. Thank you, church family, for your generous and caring hearts. Walking in Jesus' footsteps.

Ladies don't forget the Baby Jones Baby Shower, Saturday, May 9th at 10AM



Missy Jones, Choir Director

Our choir continues to serve faithfully each week, offering music as an expression of praise and gratitude to our Lord and Savior. Through their dedication and unity, they help lead us into worship and create a meaningful atmosphere for reflection and prayer. We are thankful for their commitment to share God's message through song.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without [d]complaining and disputing,[e] 15 that you may become blameless and [f]harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Prayer is 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.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER REQUESTS

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Gretchen Oxendine	Pat Jenkins	Marilyn Camden	Kasie Brautigam
Pastor Brian	Dorothy Thimm	TPUSA	Joanne Crawford
Betty - Pam Burwell's neighbor		David Lampton	David Arsenault
Beverly Schlundt	Chris Burwell-friend	Mike Odom	
David Gillespie's friend, Shirley's husband - cancer		Ressa Claridge's granddaughter	
Alice McClellan - friend Jamie			



TRAVEL MERCIES - for all who are and those who will be traveling.

PRAISE

Wednesday Evening Bible Study is now available on Facebook. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the Bible Study at <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1Uy8Liau7g>

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped organize Sunday's "Small Group" luncheon. We had a great turnout. Thanks to **Fran Kashchy**, who led an encouraging discussion on the blessings of small groups for both leaders and participants. If you're interested in leading or joining a group, please contact Fran at kashchy@aol.com or 703-967-9971.

PRAYER REQUEST

Darlene Martin - post-cancer treatment, still showing signs of Cancer.

Fran Kashchy - son-in-law, Brendan, needs a new, less stressful job. Fran's friend Janet Helms, husband away.

Debi Rowell - friend's mother, Fortune, is battling Cancer.

Todd Renak - Daughter Lettie waiting for her MRI results - other tests have brought good news - she and the baby are doing better.

Gayle Netto - daughter, Sara - shingles Gayle's - Pain

Barbara Zada - hip replacement surgery is scheduled for Monday, May 4th.

Peggy Carter - shoulder pain and other physical issues.

Will Pennington - experiencing more fatigue than usual- surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th.

Marcia Shearer - prayer for pastor from Cedar Run Church - prayer for the search committee as they seek a new pastor. All of God's children who are hurting physically and emotionally.

Our Nation, Government, and its leaders. The present situation in Iran. The men and women of our armed forces.

Unspoken Pray Requests.

Widows Ministry Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, May 15th at 11AM at the church. Bring a dish to share. Advise Gail if you will be attending. Please respond to the letter & email. 321-720-8693

Happy Anniversary

Kasie & Ronnie Brautigam May 2	Tu-Le & Son Nguyen May 4
Dale & Linda Swartout May 14	Gayle & Ronald Netto May 16
Jo Ann & Dennis Lamb May 16	John & Arlene Marsalisi May 22
Steven & Beverly Schlundt May 24	

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