

"I Have Called You Friends." John 15:15

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Newsletter:

Letter from the Pastor:

May

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. -James 1:16-17

A few days ago, as I was helping my son, Ezra, get ready for bed, I was reminded of the passages that we have been looking at in our sermon series through the book of James. Ezra is fairly independent when it comes to getting ready for bed at this point. Normally, I just have to help him remain focused because when he is tired he tends to lose focus easily. I was in his room, waiting for him to finish brushing his hair and teeth in the bathroom, when I heard a loud crash followed by a huge "ouch!" I rushed into the bathroom to see what had happened. I took in the scene all at once. Ezra was laying on the ground next to a small stool that we keep in there with the hairbrush still in his hand, holding his elbow and wincing. I knew immediately what had happened, he was trying to see his hair in the mirror while he was brushing it and fell off of the stool. There is one major detail that I have left out of this story: Megan and I have repeatedly told Ezra not to stand on the stool because it is too small for him and he might flip off of it.

After I made sure Ezra was okay, I asked him what had happened. He told me that he was leaning to see his hair while brushing and the stool came out from under him and he fell and hit his elbow. "I'm just so clumsy when I am tired," he said. I then reminded him that we have repeatedly told him not to use the stool and would be glad to help him see his hair in a different way. His response floored me: "I know you told me that, maybe I should listen to you more." I realized in that moment that the same way that I see Ezra is exactly how God sees us. He gives us the good gift of the law which is for our protection and good, and yet many times we forget or fail to listen to what God has told us to do. Maybe we should take the advice of a six year old boy and "listen to God more."

Join a Hope Group Today!

Friends Fellowship Group

Time: 9:30AM on Sunday mornings

Place: Fellowship Hall

Study: Book of Romans: Part 2 by
J.D. Greear

Lela Garner Group

Time: 9:15AM on Sunday mornings

Place: Flex Room in FLC

Study: Book of Romans by J.D.
Greear



Joy Seekers

Time: 5:30PM on Sunday evenings

Place: Fellowship Hall

Study: Love in Chaos by Bobb Goff

Young Adult Hope Group

Time: 6:30PM on Wednesday Evenings

Place: Yellow Room in FLC

Study: TBD

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Worship 10:30AM	6 Church Family 6PM Choir Practice 7PM	7 Outreach 11:30AM Pizza Inn	1 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	2 Men's Club Breakfast 8AM	3 4	11 Mother's Day Tea 11AM-1PM
12 Worship 10:30AM	13 Community Baptist Vs NHFC 6:30PM Choir Practice 7PM	14 FLC Reserved for Voting Ministry & Counsel 7PM	8 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	9 The Well 6:30PM	10 17	18
19 Worship 10:30AM	20 Choir Practice 7PM	21 Monthly Meeting 7PM	15 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	16 23 Single Seniors 12PM NHFC Vs Faith Baptist 7:45PM	24	25
26 Worship 10:30AM	27	28 Garris Chapel Vs NHFC 6:30PM USFW 6:30PM	22 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	30 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	31	

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us., -Romans 5:6-8

Celebrating Milestones

Birthdays:

- 1st Candy Smith
- 5th Burney Shirley, Sean Gillenwater
- 6th Carol Stanley, Ed Johnson
- 10th Carol Daniels, Susan Grass
- 14th Kevin Meinecke
- 17th Betty Webber
- 18th Shelley Edwards, Heather Lawrence
- 19th Daryl Boyette
- 21st Lillian Hicks
- 22nd Bob Golimowski
- 25th Jeremy Brown, LaDene Wade
- 26th Jordan Edwards
- 30th Isaac Wilkinson



Anniversaries:

- 9th Andrew & Megan Hise
- 9th Timmy & Dawn Walker
- 10th Tom & Terry Freeman
- 18th Jeremy & Jennifer Brown
- 22nd Bill & Mary Lou Garner

May Connect Team:

Richard Pate, Will Eberwein, Emily Grass, Bronnie Quinn

Announcements



Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on May 12th. This year we will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 11th from 11AM to 1PM. Please use the QR code below to register by Monday, May 6th. Another way that we will honor moms on that day is by having a picture slideshow of our moms during the service. To honor the moms in your life, please submit your pictures by Tuesday, May 7th by email to newhopefriends@nc.rr.com or by bringing them to the office.



Church Softball League

Church Softball is starting up on May 13th. There will be lots of ways to get involved such as volunteering in the concession stand, cheering in the stands or helping with the field. We have a sign up sheet in the hallway for the concession stand. Come out and enjoy the fun.