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IT TAKES A FAMILY

Monthly newsletter of Family Bible Church



A HEALTHY SUMMER

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Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. -3 John 1:2

"It is okay to not be okay."

These were the words that began our current series "Healthy". The last month together we have looked into God's Word and explored what it means to be healthy in every area of our life. We have...

- Been broken and vulnerable like the prodigal son
- Considered how we might be like the older brother (anger, complaining, unforgiveness)
- Looked at generational sin and how the past holds us back
- Named, Owned, and Shared the past
- Been encouraged to sit like Mary with Jesus instead of distracting ourselves like Martha
- Explored Deborah's strength, courage, kindness, and compassion in the midst of pain
- Entered into the pain and brokenness in life because that is where Jesus is waiting for us

We pray for good overall health, but we also choose it as we make intentional choices to walk with the Father God in whatever season we may be experiencing.

FBC friends and family, I pray this summer is one of deep connection with the Lord and with other followers of Jesus. These would be ways you would pursue health this summer. Choose one or two of the ideas below.

Connect with the Lord by...

- Reading the Word of God daily
- Listen and speak to God in prayer
- Meditate on a passage of scripture
- Take a walk without any distractions
- Find a quiet space outdoors to sit and be still
- Take a day off and/or save the projects for another day

Connect with others by...

- Sharing a meal or coffee together
- Sharing what is really happening in your life
- Asking someone how they are REALLY doing
- Inviting someone over to your house or for a walk
- Ask how you can pray for another person, do it, then check back in
- Connect in by forming a small group to read and pray and discuss

I believe health this summer will come from the church (not the building, leaders, or institution but the people...you) being with the Lord and with others. Health through regathering, caring, and community.

We invite you to be a part this summer. We invite you to be healthy.



BREAKTHROUGH

*Creative Arts Pastor
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Breakthrough

Verse

I am here waiting, trying to hold on to peace
It's greater than chaos, it's greater than anything
You are here giving, offering undeniable love
Keeping me steady, You don't miss a thing

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when I am down, when I am out
I hear Your voice calling, "Child keep going. You're almost there"

Chorus 1

When all of my life gives way and I can no longer escape the pain
You'll still be faithful, You'll still be faithful
No matter where I've been, no matter the valley or mountain top
You'll bring the breakthrough, You'll bring the breakthrough

Bridge 1

Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me
Praise Your holy name, I will magnify You (2x)

Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You
As long as I have breath, I choose to sing to You

Chorus 2

In sickness or pain, Your love remains the same
You'll bring the breakthrough, You'll bring the breakthrough
You're bigger than my shame, There's power in Your name
You are my breakthrough, You are my breakthrough

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Recently Angela, Elsie and I wrote the above song "Breakthrough". As we journeyed through the series, "Healthy" I felt moved to write a song that tied in.

We as a people hear the word breakthrough and think everything will be alright at that moment. The reality is though that breakthroughs are not usually instantaneous or often over abundant. Usually a breakthrough is something we wait and wait for and sometimes maybe never attain.

So when we wrote this song we wanted to be honest about that. You'll notice the first part of the song talks about waiting on God. It also has the line spoken from the perspective of God, "Child, keep going. You're almost there." We need to wait on God because He has great plans for us. Often we think the breakthrough needs to happen right away when he is navigating a path for us that will produce perseverance and hope.

As the chorus states, God is faithful. We can rest in that assurance. Much like the writer of Lamentations did in Lamentations 3:22-23:

22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

We can be in the lowest of lows or the highest of highs and his faithfulness is the same. Our circumstances do not change who God is. Just like the last part of the song says, "In sickness or pain, Your love remains the same".

And the last part I want to focus on is the last line, "You are my breakthrough". Often we may feel like the breakthrough will never come in our circumstance. We know that in our own lives as the songwriters. So that last line focuses on the fact that ultimately there will always be breakthrough because God is that breakthrough. Because of salvation He overcame and therefore we overcome.

John 14:33 reminds us, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Later in 1 John 5:4 we are also reminded of this, "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

So walk in faith and assurance this week that there is breakthrough through salvation and God is faithful even when you may not feel it. He is for you!

Student Pastor Nick Walker



We just finished our “History of the World” lesson series. In the past 5 months, we’ve covered the entire narrative of Scripture, from Creation to Fall to Redemption to Restoration. It is so honoring to know that God has chosen us to be part of this story, and that we are called to spend an eternity worshipping Him and living the lives He intended for us to live. The challenge to us is to make Him known on this earth as we walk by the power of the Holy Spirit and bring Heaven down to earth through everything we think, say, and do. This has been an awesome opportunity for our students to consider their place in this world and how God calls us to great things.

We’re excited to move into the summer with some fun events! Our group of students going to Jackson MS this summer on a mission trip would love to have you join for our Battle Creek Bombers baseball game and tailgate on June 4th. The tailgate starts at 5:30pm in the parking lot outside CO Brown Stadium, with the game to follow at 6:35pm. You may purchase tickets at battlecreektickets.com and be sure to use the promo code FBC to give our students a portion of the ticket proceeds. There will also be an opportunity to give towards their trip at the tailgate, as we will have lots of food and games for all!

We’ll be celebrating our graduates on Graduation Sunday, June 6th. These students would love to invite you to their open houses and we encourage you to support them in their incredible accomplishments.

Lexi Van Lente: June 6, 2-5pm @ 19211 B Dr N, Marshall

Mason Sanders: June 12, 1-4pm @ 16007 N Dr S, Marshall

Noah Coleman: June 19, 3-7pm @ 19774 N Dr N, Marshall



As the school year has come to a close, so has our “Heroes of the Faith” series. We’ve learned about so many awesome men and women throughout Scripture who have set great examples for us in how to walk with God. And they also made many mistakes. We want to follow their examples in the good and learn from their mistakes. Jesus is the Ultimate Hero and He has called us to imitate Him. In fact, He has told us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do even greater things than He did...how amazing is that! We are meant to be heroes who help others become heroes, not for our own glory, but to make Him known. Such a great challenge to our students and to all of us as well.

This summer we will once again have the opportunity to do a Middle School Mission Trip! It is June 24-26 and we will be serving various places locally. This is a great chance to learn about loving others and sharing Jesus with them through our actions and words. Serving is fun, and we can even do it right here in our own town! We will not be doing overnights with the trip, but will have a packed schedule of learning and serving. The cost is \$50, due by June 15th to reserve your student’s spot. This is open to all incoming 6th graders through graduating 8th graders and we would love to have your student join!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Ministries

Director

Caye VanZandt

VBS is coming soon!

Registration opens mid June. Mark your calendars for July 12-16.

Nursery:

Is now open for 2nd service. It would help us if you continue to register on the church center app, ahead so we can be prepared. But check in available upon arrival too.

Elementary Worship with Family:

We continue to worship with family until we move outside and into 2 services this summer (mid June).

Elementary and PreK aged kids (that have checked in) will be dismissed before the sermon to come to small groups.

Sunday Curriculum

We are using the Orange Curriculum from Andy Stanleys church for our elementary and PreK small groups.

Go to this site to find up to date material we are teaching on Sundays for PreK through 5th grade.

<http://studio252.tv/parents/this-month>

Look up the "Parent Cue App" for free up to date resources for your kids on the go! You will enter your child's age and the app shows you the countdown for your child of how many weeks you have left till they graduate. It also has age appropriate resources to help you disciple your child.

BIRTHDAYS

June 2021

- 1 - Emzy Jr. Collins**
- 2 - Lillie Edlund (Collins), Birdie Joseph, Ethan Smith**
- 6 - Joann Wendling**
- 7 - Justin Coleman, Jacqueline Jeschke**
- 8 - Abby Avery, Touxia Kue**
- 10 - Bonnie Kazmar, Lori Walker**
- 12 - Rowdy Joseph, Reba Lark, Connie Williams**
- 13 - Cara Waito**
- 14 - Sophia Ours**
- 15 - Lori Craft, Brenda Dunn, Shirley Locke**
- 16 - Ariana Russell**
- 18 - Ezra Brown, Rachel Luzadder, John Rio, Owen Sanford**
- 19 - Tierra Konkle**
- 20 - Barbara Fitch, Kaylin Marino, Donna Mikesell**
- 21 - Garry Dobbertein**
- 25 - Pamela Gerten, Rod McFadden**
- 26 - Brian Fazekas**
- 27 - Linda Coleman, Chandler Iott, Doug Mills**
- 28 - Elden Collins, Tyson Schrader**
- 29 - Darley Ours**
- 30 - Mallory Albrecht**