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May Events:

AWANA Awards Banquet:
Sunday the 4th,
@ 4:00pm

Deacon and Elders Meetings:
Sunday the 4th
@ 7:00pm

Mother's Day:
Sunday the 11th

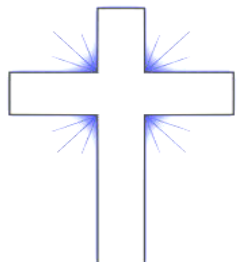
Youth Game Night
Friday the 16th
@ 6:00pm

Admin Council:
Sunday the 18th
@ 7:00pm

Memorial Day BBQ:
Sunday the 25th
@ 12:00pm

Memorial Day:
Monday the 26th

VBS Training:
Saturday the 31st
@ 10:00am



-From the Pastor's Desk-

"Abigail acted quickly." - 1 Samuel 25:12

Happy Mother's Day! There are so many Godly examples of women in the Bible who rose to the occasion of need. Character in the face of crisis. Some were Esther; Deborah; Jochabed; Ruth; Mary. Lesser known Priscilla; Lydia; and always a favorite grandmother Lois. One woman in the Bible who would fall into the second category is Abigail. A competent woman of honor, married to a "Nabal" (no offense intended to anyone) who worked out of her character in a time of crisis to save her Family. It is often said that "crisis builds character", but I believe that is wrong. Crisis "reveals" character. And certainly this is true in her encounter with David.

The background can be found in 1 Samuel chapter 25 and there are (5) outstanding character traits I find in Abigail's response to impending disaster brought on by the arrogance and insolence of her husband Nabal. Briefly, David and his men had protected Nabal's many, many sheep in his flock from thieves that plagued the area they were feeding and wild animals. After months of service David sent young messengers to Nabal asking for a small gift for his protection. Nabal's shepherds attested to David's protection and generosity. Nabal however dismissed David's minimal request and dishonored him before his men (v17). Instead of trusting God to provide, David flew into a rage arming his men to come and take by force many times what Nabal could have graciously offered.

Upon hearing of her husband's response to David's request we find in her many admirable traits. First she acted **decisively** (v18). "Quickly" is how the Hebrew word is translated. With "haste". She knew what a generous amount was and gave orders for this "gift" to be collected and loaded. Secondly I find she acted **directly** (v19). Abigail did not send servants or anyone else. She went. This is in keeping with Godly character as God sent no one else. He kept Abraham from sacrificing his son but when it came to His only begotten Son He sent Him. Thirdly Abigail acted **discretely** (v19). She involved minimal people to save the situation. Fourthly Abigail acted **discerningly** (v23-24, 36). Last I find she acted **determinedly** (v37-38). She did not rest until the full story had been told. So it is with God! He decisively acted in the Garden when Adam sinned. God acted directly when He made the first and final sacrifices for our sin. God has acted discretely in not adding to man's shame of sin but rather atoned for it on the cross. God acted discerningly when He made the open offer of salvation to all men laying at our feet the ultimate responsibility of eternity. Finally, I believe God acted determinedly in not resting until the full Gospel story be told. Thank You to the amazing women of Scripture and who helped shape our lives.

- Pastor Ted -

AWANA



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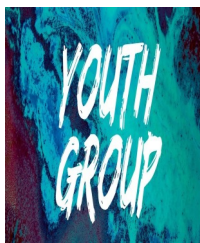


If you have a prayer request or concern, we would like to pray for you, or if you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please contact the office.

Library: The FBCER Summer Reading Program begins later this month! Our kickoff event will be May 9th and every Friday thereafter, from 2-4 p.m. A snack will be provided, and we will get our story time started promptly. Parents need to stay with their children the entire time. Come check out books and earn some "Punches for Pages" from our library. There will be incentives and prizes to earn, open for all ages.



The Simplest Way to Change the World by Dustin Willis and Brandon Clements—This book was written by two pastors and is now available in our library. They point out that we see our homes as a place of retreat and not as a weapon for the gospel. Ordinary Christians opening their homes to others is significant and needed now, today! Don't miss your opportunities to practice gospel-driven intentionality. This book was an easy, and convicting, read. It was also refreshing how they were hospitable.



Youth Group: We are continuing to read through the Bible, studying the Scriptures verse by verse! We are getting ready to start the book of Acts. All youth, 6th grade and older are welcome to join us on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday evenings as we go over the weekly reading. We are planning our youth game night on Friday, May 16th @ 6:00pm. If you have any questions please speak to Jeremy or Brittini.

Mother's Day: May 11th is Mother's Day! There will be NO Evening Service on the 11th. We would like to give families more time to celebrate the amazing ladies in your lives.

AWANA: The AWANA season is wrapping up and on Sunday, May 4th they are having a Final Awards Potluck Banquet. Everyone is invited! The clubbers will be getting their end of the year awards. Anyone who is available to, please come show your support for the AWANA participants! The Awards Banquet will start at 4pm.

Memorial Day Potluck: Join us on Sunday, May 25th Following Morning Service for our Memorial Day BBQ Potluck! More details to come as the time gets closer. If you have any questions, please speak to Brittini or Sara.



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birthDay
to you!

02 - Steve H.
04 - Brooke L.
07 - Evelyn W.
22 - Andrew G.
30 - Amanda W.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Sabbath Service/Torah 10 - 6pm
4 AWANA Awards Banquet 4-6pm Deacon/Elders 7pm	5 Trail Life 6-8:30pm VBS Set Building Begins	6 Ladies' Bible Study at Valley View 4:30pm	7 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/ Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	8	9	10 Sabbath Services/Torah 10 - 6pm
11 Mothers Day No Evening Service	12 Trail Life 6-8:30pm	13 Ladies' Bible Study at Valley View 4:30pm	14 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	15	16 Youth Game & Nacho Night 6-9pm	17 Sabbath Services/Torah 10 -6pm
18 Administrative Council Meeting 4pm	19 Trail Life 6-8:30pm	20 Ladies' Bible Study at Valley View 4:30pm	21 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm ASD Last Day of School	22	23	24 Sabbath Services/Torah 10 -6pm
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Vacation Bible School: Howdy Partners, registration is open! Go to: fbcer.org. Wonder Junction VBS: June 8th - 2:30pm until 5:30pm, June 9th through the 12th - 5:30pm until 8:30pm. There are classes for all ages, Infant to Adult. This truly is a Family Vacation Bible School.

We are still looking for a couple men to serve and 5 more volunteers. This is a great opportunity to come together in unity to serve our community and show them the Love of Jesus! We will help find you a place to serve! So, please reach out if you would like to serve in any capacity!



Upcoming Dates to Save:

Monday, May 5th - VBS Set Building Begins! So the Big Room of the Annex will be used and will need to be approached with caution. Saturday, May 31st from 10am until 2pm will be our ONLY workshop

“From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord’s name is to be praised.” - Psalm 113:3

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