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<p><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p>May 18 James Blankenship Nancy Lasley Adam Townsend Jordan Wafford</p> <p>May 20 Eudell Stearman</p> <p>May 21 Josh Adams</p> <p>May 22 Carolyn Smith</p> <p>May 23 Lorena Russell John Keith Maggie Sparks Brandon Gaddie</p>	<p>Adam's Space</p> <p>As we learned from Claude's message on Sunday, "You are as close to God as you want to be." So I now ask you, "Do you desire to be closer to God?" If you truly desire to be closer to God it will take discipline and perseverance, two things that God can give every one of us...if we truly desire it in our lives.</p> <p>Over the first few months of my ministry here I have seen three children come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Each one of them is currently involved in daily Bible study so that they can learn more about the God they serve. The very first aspect of the Christian life that I try to stress is the necessary to be in God's Word, the Bible, daily. We cannot grow closer to God if we are not. Now what about you? Are you in God's Word on a consistent basis?</p> <p>Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it." Recent studies conducted by Lifeway Research indicate one clear truth in regards to spiritual growth...mature Christians read the Bible. The extent to which they read it was not surveyed, but at least they were reading it. Yet even Joshua tells us to meditate on it day and night.</p> <p>I would recommend that if you only spend 10 minutes a day in the Bible, it is better to spend 3 minutes reading and 7 minutes thinking about what you read, than it is to spend 10 minutes reading and put your Bible down without trying to figure out how it should impact your life.</p> <p>Our busy lives and schedules do not make the joy of daily Bible reading something easy to come by. That means we must be intentional about it. Find a specific time and place, be consistent, have a Bible and pencil handy, begin with prayer, and end with a definite project for the day related to what you have learned. So are you as close to God as you want to be? Do you desire to be closer? If so, read your Bible on a consistent basis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">~Pastor Adam Townsend</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 730 Tonieville Road Hodgenville, Ky. 42748 Phone 358-3193 Fax 358-0917 E-Mail for Staff</p> <p>First Name of staff member@fbchodgenville.org</p> <p><b>Office Hours</b> Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mike Rodgers</b> Pastor Home Phone: 369-9173</p> <p><b>Scott Burress</b> Interim Music Minister</p> <p><b>Marty Lee</b> Interim Minister to Students Home Phone: 358-5861 Cell Phone: 769-8188</p> <p><b>Adam Townsend</b> Minister of Education and Children Home Phone: 358-8033</p> <p><b>Sally Lewis</b> Administrative Assistant</p> <p><b>Sybil Johnson</b> Pianist</p> <p><b>Tom Gill</b> Custodian</p> <p> May Greeters: Peggy Edwards, Barbara Gowen, Tim Underwood, Mackenzie Vaughn, Jim and Carol Boley, Diane Knight, Bill Hazle and Suzanne Boone</p> <p>Host: Barbara Gowen</p>
<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Vacation Plans for the Summer! Come to Rome and join Paul &amp; the Early Christians during our VBS week! <b>June 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.</b></p> </div> <p>The following items are needed to build a Roman village for VBS. If you have items you want to donate or let us borrow, please take to the room labeled VBS in the middle school hallway. If you want your item returned after VBS, label with your name. You may bring the supplies through May 31.</p> <p>We need paint brushes, rollers, pads, paint trays and liners, utility knives, concrete block, large/long zip ties, extra large black sharpie pens, wide masking tape, and duct tape. We need one abacus and a fog machine.</p> <p>Once the village is built we will need to decorate with urns, baskets, pottery, woven rugs or items relating to Rome.</p> <p>The shops this year are: Grammaticus school, carpentry, architecture, wreath-making, leatherworking, metalworking and scribe.</p> <p>Your help is very much appreciated and if you have questions contact Mona Bell or Peggy Hoskinson.</p>		

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<p><b>Deacons of the Week</b></p> <p><b>May 17:</b> Barry Knight and Tommy Locke <b>Head Usher:</b> Dean Williams</p> <p><b>May 24:</b> Steve McCubbin and Tim Underwood <b>Head Usher:</b> Jimmie McDowell</p> <p><b>Children's Workers</b></p> <p><b>May 17:</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Roni Milby <b>Infants:</b> Bo Decker and Stefanie Rock <b>Toddlers:</b> Jonathan and Tiffany Spratt <b>2's &amp; 3's:</b> Ron and Jennifer Mills <b>Jr. Children:</b> Suzanne Boone and Cindy Smith <b>Evening Nursery:</b> Carolyn Duggins and Bonni Clark <b>Wed., May 20:</b> Jean Thomas and Maria Durham</p> <p><b>May 24:</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Heather Cline <b>Infant:</b> Tiffany Nunn and Barbara Gowen <b>Toddlers:</b> Janay McBride and Pam Stephens <b>2's &amp; 3's:</b> Kenny Devore and Sarah Baker <b>Jr. Children's:</b> Allison McDowell and Katie McDowell <b>Evening Worship:</b> Bethany Hall and Liane McDowell <b>Wed., May 27:</b> Laurie Pearsall and Liz Pearsall</p>
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Didn't Claude Ramey do an excellent job delivering the Mother's Day sermon on Sunday? I thought he did. We've been extremely blessed to have Claude and his wife, Deb, work and teach in the youth ministry the past year. They teach our high school Sunday school class, serve on the youth committee, and do a ton of other things for us. Isn't it amazing that God sent this wonderful family to us just when we needed them most?

Along with Claude and Deb, we've been blessed with a wonderful team of adults who give their time and talents each week to make our youth ministry work. If you would like to be a part of this amazing team, please let me know, we need your help.

Let me share some of the wonderful things that have been happening on Wednesday nights in the youth ministry. About three weeks ago during our small group time, two young men expressed interest in giving their lives to Christ. Joe Noland and I presented the gospel to them and they became Christians. We are currently talking with them and their families about baptism.

Then a couple of weeks ago I started teaching a series of lessons called "theBay6 – Six things everyone should know about Christianity." (Bay6 is short for basics, in case you didn't figure that out already.) I've gotten a bunch of positive comments about this series, and it's apparent that it's making a big impact on the students and adults who've been there for weeks 1 & 2. We've four more weeks to go in this series, so come check it out. Students – don't forget my challenge to you to read all of Matthew before the series concludes on June 3.

None of the positive things happening on Wednesday night would be possible without an outstanding group of adult and student volunteers. I don't have room to list everyone, but I hope to in future articles. I do want to thank everyone who helped prepare the meals for these students during the school year! You've done a wonderful job!

For more information about upcoming events and activities, check out the student page of the church website at [www.fbchodgenville.org](http://www.fbchodgenville.org).  
-Marty

## Education

### Teacher's Meeting - May 24th

As we get ready to head into the summer months many of you will notice at least one thing in your Sunday School classes...there aren't as many people here as there normally are. Vacations, among other things, often draw people out of town during the summer months. I want to encourage all teacher's to continue to study and prepare well for every week this summer, whether you have 20 students or 4 show up. You can always have an impact in the lives of those who are in your class.

I also want to offer a new idea out there for you when you go on vacation. Often we chose not to attend church while on vacation, but I would suggest taking the opportunity to visit a local church wherever your vacation takes you. This will allow you to experience what it is like to be a visitor at a church. You will be able to bring those experiences back with you to help improve your own church. Look at the bright side, this will be the one time no one will ask you to volunteer;) )

## Children

### Holiday World - June 10th

### VBS - June 15-19

### Centri-Kid - June 29-July 3

Holiday World sign-up sheets are now available in the lobbies. All families in the church are invited to attend. Children grades 3 and under require an adult chaperone. More information available soon.

~Pastor Adam Townsend

**Sunday, May 17**  
 9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
 9:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 4:30 p.m. Magic Hands Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities  
 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

**Monday, May 18**  
 7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Body Sculpting  
 6:00 p.m. Faith Evangelism and Visitation

**Tuesday, May 19**  
 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Art Class  
 6:00 p.m. Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. Volleyball

**Wednesday, May 20**  
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 21**  
 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal


**Friday, May 22**  
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

**Saturday, May 23**  
 10:00-2:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Sunday, May 24**  
 9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
 9:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
 9:30 a.m. SS Teachers Meeting  
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
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Volleyball  
 High School and Adults  
 Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Schedule for  
 Wed. Evenings  
 5:30 Youth Area Open  
 5:50 Café Opens for Supper  
 6:20 Youth Worship  
 7:30 Students Dismissed

 SS Teachers Meeting coming up May 24th.

**"The Fire"** continues...  
 Contemporary Worship  
 Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m.  
 Worship Music by Josh Brown & Co. from  
 Valley Creek Baptist Church  
 Coffee Tea Desserts  
 Higher Grounds Café (Youth Area)  
 Park behind the church & enter via the outside stairs.

**Attention High School Seniors:**  
**Please pick up the Christian Leadership Potential Scholarship applications at the church office as soon as possible. The forms are available in the church office.**

The Deacons Meeting for this coming Saturday has been cancelled.

May 10th Financial Report	
Needed Weekly:	11,299.52
Budget Received:	9,906.50
Budget given:	179,634.41
Budget needed:	203,391.36
Designated:	
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Hispanic Pastor Supt.	25.00
Centrifuge	50.00
Storage Building	101.50
Facility useage	70.00
Relay for Life	50.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>10,453.00</b>

May 10th Attendance	
Bible Study	
Senior Adults	53
Adults	72
Youth	20
Children	21
Preschool	18
Visitors	1
<b>Bible Study Total</b>	<b>184</b>
Morning Worship	
Evening Worship	

**Material and 'sew'-ers are needed for VBS costumes. If you have material to donate and/or you can be a 'sew'-er, please contact Liane McDowell at 325-3934.**

