

**FBC WOMEN'S  
SPRING BANQUET**

*Saturday, May 6 2:00-4:00 PM*




*Please sign up with number attending  
Bring your family and friends! Open to girls and ladies of all ages.*

*It's Derby Day! Wear your  
fancy clothes and hat!*

**FINGER FOODS,  
DEVOTION  
GAMES  
PRIZES  
AND AS ALWAYS.....FUN!**



  
**FBC RAMSEY**  
TO KNOW CHRIST &  
MAKE HIM KNOWN

**May 2023  
Newsletter**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
May 14**

**Baptist Children's Home  
Mother's Day Offering  
May 14**

# FROM PASTOR JEFF

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom should I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?” ~ Psalm 27:1**

**I heard the other day that the new currency of our society is fear. What they mean by that is if you can get people to be afraid of you whether justified or not, then you have power and can command people to do whatever you want. And we have seen this play out over and over again lately.**

**But we as believers have a reason to not fall for this trap of the world and to be free from all these traps of society. We do not have to be afraid of anything because of the Lord. He is with us. He is our light. This means He shows us the way to go but also reveals the dark motives and intentions of the heart.**

**He is also our salvation. This means we are His and He always takes care of His own. He has promised His salvation for us when we trust in Him and there is nothing the world can do to prevent Him from doing it.**

**Finally, He is our defense. We don't have to speak up for ourselves or worry about who is going to fight for us. He has promised He would do it. He will never leave or forsake us. He is with us even to the end of the world. So, we do not have to worry or be afraid. No dread or fear has to be a part of our lives. This gives us freedom to live in such a way that is joyful and peaceful.**

**No wonder they sang this psalm to Him!**

**Following Him,**

**Pastor Jeff**

**Cookout @ Shouses!!  
Sunday, May 28, 5pm  
Bring a side dish or dessert and  
lawn chairs. Join us for a great  
time of food and fellowship!**



# CLASS OF 2023



## **EMILY FINLEY**

**Emily plans to attend LakeLand college to pursue her Bachelors in Science of Nursing and hopes to work as a traveling nurse.**

## **LANDEN CLARK**

**Landen is planning to attend Kaskaskia College and possibly pursue a career as a History Professor.**



## **SARAH MCDONALD**

**Sarah plans to attend LakeLand College with enrollment in the Cosmetology program.**

**Congratulations to our Graduates!  
We are praying for you as you step into the next adventure!**

# FROM PASTOR MATT

God is good! What a wonderful month of April as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus. The Youth Group enjoyed the last Lighthouse of the school year and a chilly cookout.

Our Youth Dinner and Dessert Auction was full of good food, lots of laughs, and some bidding action on some delicious looking desserts. Thank you to all who participated and donated! With the school year ending, our Mission Kids will be ending for the school year. May 10th will be the last Wednesday night meeting on a regular basis until next school year. The Mission Kids along with the Youth will enjoy some Dairy Dee, laughs, and fellowship. The Youth group will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at the church, the FUNeral home, and other various locations during the month of May and the summer months.

For the Youth Group, May is the end of the school year events and a lot of dates that involve our summer mission trip to Coal Valley (Mission trip dates below). Baccalaureate, High School Graduation, and Eighth Grade Promotion are on the calendar. Our High School graduate recognition will be on Sunday May 21st during the morning service and our Eighth Grade and College graduate recognition will be on Sunday May 28th during our morning service. I appreciate all the hard work our students have put in this year. As the students continue to work hard, please keep them in your prayers.

## Mission Trip Important Dates:

- May 7—Turn in your deposit (non-refundable) and reserve your spot by this date so we can finalize some details. Put it in an envelope with your name and give it to Pastor Matt.
- May 28—All permission and medical forms are to be turned in by this date.
- May 31—Mission Trip Planning and Training



This year in VBS we are experiencing our Super God through the life of Moses. God is stronger, wiser, and better than any super hero, and He is the One we need to save us! Make plans now to be part of this epic event June 5-9 from 6-8:30pm. We need lots of help to make this happen! Sign up in the foyer to lead a group or work in a particular area or talk to Stephanie if you want to help with decorations or meals. There's lots of ways you can be involved in helping the kids of our church and community get to know our Super God! Registration details coming soon!

Scan the QR code and listen to this year's VBS songs!



# Youth Cookout at the FUNeral Home! Lots of fun activities and good food!





## SWEET MONDAY

After a delicious meal, Stephanie presented a lesson on different types of listeners and how to make connections with people. Then we worked on the scarves and bracelet kits we are making for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We enjoyed our time together and had lots of laughs!





## SUNDAY NIGHT

## FELLOWSHIP

May 7th @ 6pm

Church provides taco shells, meat, toppings and drinks.

Please bring side dishes or desserts. Join us for some good food and fellowship!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are collecting specific items each month of the year as we work towards completing boxes in October. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

### MAY Items:

Toothbrushes

Bar Soap

Washcloths

### Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adults are invited to go to the Moonshine Store, near Casey, IL on Friday, May 12th.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:15am and return around 3:30pm. We will stop in Casey on the return thru town to see some "BIG THINGS" and get a coffee or ice cream.

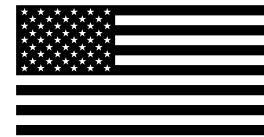
Hope many of you will be able to go. Drivers needed. Call or text Jim Brewer at 618-267-2570 if you have questions.

## Memorial Day

May 29



Remember and Honor



### *MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Laura Hill              | 18 Robin Hayes          |
| 4 Travis Elliott          | 22 Christy Jackson      |
| 7 Becca Miller            | 22 Rich Carruthers      |
| 7 Dalton Deming           | 24 Carol Jo Roberts     |
| 8 Koester Cook            | 24 Cheyenne Summerlott  |
| 9 Leah Miller             | 24 Jay & Laura Hill     |
| 11 Diane Price            | 24 Nolan Eddy           |
| 11 Jazzy Koski            | 25 Cheryl Staff         |
| 13 Maddi Hayes            | 25 Don Price            |
| 14 Bill Eddy              | 25 Gerald Casey         |
| 15 Evelyn Sanders         | 25 Tim & Christie Clark |
| 15 Isaiah & Ashley Miller | 27 Sean McDonald        |
| 15 Shanda Goldsmith       | 29 Marshall Clark       |
| 16 Charlotte Beck         | 30 Loyette Brewer       |
| 16 Kara Friesland         |                         |

## MAY FOOD PANTRY

CANNED GOODS

Vegetables

Fruit

Soup

Tuna & Chicken

Stew

Dry Cereal

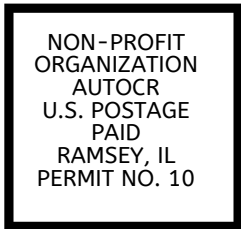


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MAY 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Mondays)	2 FCA 7:30am	3 All Activities 6pm	4	5	6 Women's Spring Event 2-4pm
7 Deacons' Mtg. 5pm SNF 6pm Taco Night	8	9	10 MK/Youth 6pm Business Mtg. 7pm	11	12 Sr. Adults lunch @ Moonshine, Casey-leave 9:15am	13
14 Mother's Day BCH Offering  No PM Service	15	16	17 Baccalaureate 6pm @ FBC	18	19	20
21 HS Graduation 3pm  No PM service	22	23	24 Youth & Bible Study 6pm	25	26	27
28 Cookout @ Shouses 5pm	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 Youth & Bible Study 6pm			