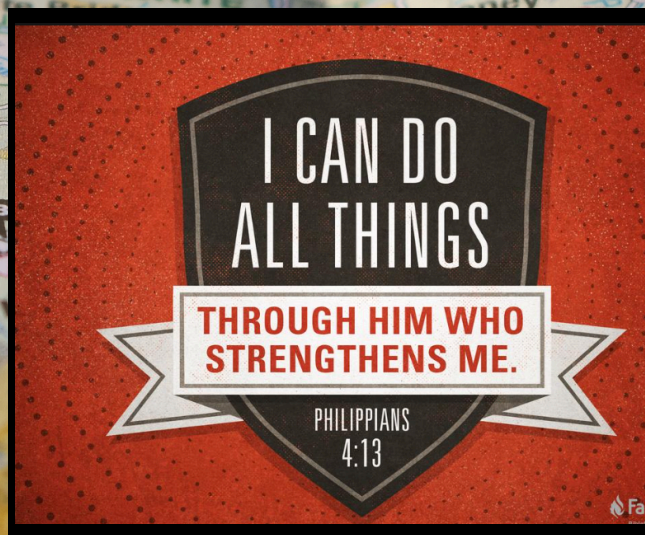


# CLASS OF 2024

# C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



**Sundays: 9am Sunday School; 10am Worship Service; 6pm Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays: 6pm (unless stated otherwise on the calendar) Kids/Youth/Bible Study**



# FROM PASTOR JEFF

Jesus called his disciples and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they’ve already stayed with me three days and have nothing to eat. I don’t want to send them away hungry, otherwise they might collapse on the way.” ~ Matthew 15:32

When Jesus was on Earth one of the remarkable phrases often used to describe Him was how He had compassion for people. Everyone who came up to Him received healing of some kind. Or when people had traveled far and wide to listen to Him preach, He would feed them because He had compassion. If they were outcast and on the fringes of society He sought them out because He had compassion on them.

This is an important principle to remember as we begin to become more people focused. Note, this isn’t pity, but rather it is compassion. Pity is simply looking upon someone who you would consider lower or not up to your level. Compassion is a sense of love and care for someone regardless who they are or where they come from. It is an intentional act of demonstrating our equality and worth and not our social standing and wealth.

For us, being people focused, is looking at people the way Jesus looked at them. It is about loving them. It is about supporting them. It is about sharing truth with each other. It is about praying for them. It is also about opening your life up and letting them in.

Christ didn’t come for things, events or places, but He came for people. He always cared for people and we need to make a greater effort to care for people as well. Our goal is to walk in the steps of Jesus and in order to do that then we need to love those around no matter who they may be.

Following Him,

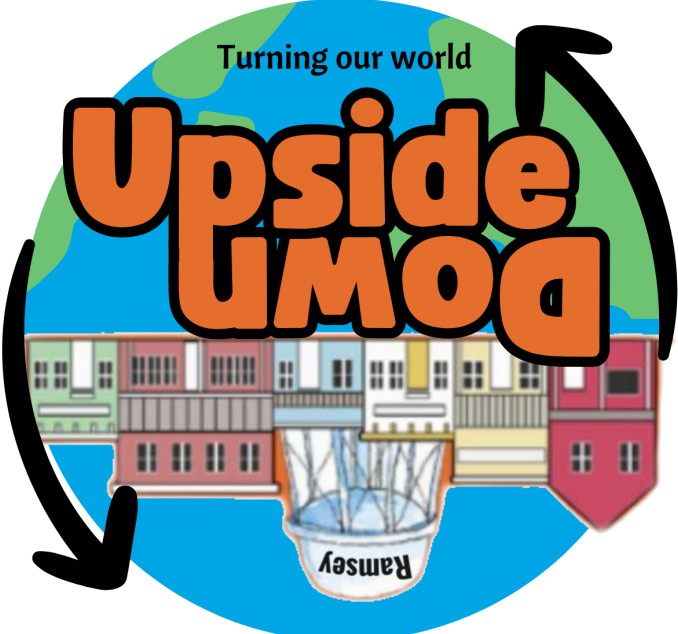
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14 of our "Senior Adults" headed to Coles County on Friday, April 19th. They went to the Airport for some great food and even better company with their FBC Ramsey friends. Make plans to join them on their next adventure!!

The Youth Thanks you! I see a lot of "sweet" smiling faces here, what fun!



VBS is coming soon! Let's turn our world UPSIDE DOWN as we learn Jesus' way of living differently! June 3-7 from 6-8:30pm. Kids in Preschool thru 6th grades will have a blast learning about UPSIDE DOWN living through Bible lessons, music, crafts, games and even snacks! Invite the kids in your life to join us for Vacation Bible School! This year we are offering a special Family Night on Friday, June 7 from 6-8:30pm. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/Families are invited to join your child for a fun night together! Crafts & Games will be "Family Style" followed by a cookout and our Music & Memory Verse Program. All activities for VBS & Family Night are FREE but sign-up is requested. Go to <http://fbcr Ramsey.org/vbs> for more information.

# FROM PASTOR MATT

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?”, Psalm 27:1. Praise God that He saves and defends. Praise Him for His continual watch over those who are His. Praise God for His never-ending grace and mercy.

April was a good month for both the Youth Group and Mission Kids. Wednesday nights have been a good time of being in God’s Word and learning more about His truth. We have enjoyed fellowship and fun during our times together. The Youth Group hosted a luncheon and dessert auction for the upcoming summer mission trip to Chicago. Thank you to all who participated! The last Lighthouse for the school year was a fun time of food, games, and engaging God’s Word as we continued to talk about faith.

The month of May means the end of the school year. The last Wednesday night of Mission Kids will be on May 8th. We will head over to Dairy Dee that night for some ice cream! With the end of school, we experience also a time of celebrating our High School Graduates. Congratulations to Ty Benhoff, Micah Greenwood, Hayden Hayes, DeVon McDonald, and Bella Waggoner on all your hard work. Prayers for you as you continue to trust in the Lord. The High School Baccalaureate Service will be held at FBC Ramsey on May 15th and the Graduation at RHS on May 19th. We also want to remember our 8th grade students who will be promoting onto High School on May 28th.

Keep up the good work, Beth Miller and Trenton Smith.

Lastly, be in prayer for our students as they complete this school year. Be in prayer as they prepare for our summer mission trip. Be in prayer that God continues to use them as salt and light in their school.

**Wednesdays @6pm**

**\*Last Mission Kids**

**5/8 (Dairy Dee)**



Pastor Matt

**Wednesdays@6pm**

**Baccalaureate 5/15**



**Last FCA 5/7**



# May Food Pantry

## Highlights

**Canned Goods:**

vegetables

fruits

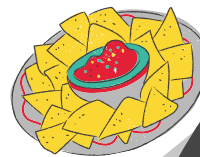
soups

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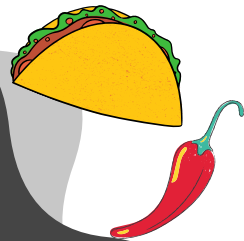
stews

**Dry Cereal**

**Women's Banquet**  
5/4  
10am-Noon



**SNF 5/5**  
6pm  
"Fiesta"



**Cookout @ Shouse's**  
5/26  
5-7pm



## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**\*\*MANY BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES\*\***

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Laura Hill              | 22 Christy Jackson      |
| 7 Rebecca Miller          | 22 Rich Carruthers      |
| 7 Dalton Deming           | 24 Carol Roberts        |
| 8 Koester Cook            | 24 Cheyenne Summerlott  |
| 9 Leah Miller             | 24 Jay & Laura Hill     |
| 11 Diane Price            | 24 Nolan Joseph Eddy    |
| 11 Jazzy Koski            | 25 Cheryl & Loy Staff   |
| 13 Madison Hayes          | 25 Don Price            |
| 13 Bill Eddy              | 25 Gerald Casey         |
| 14 Evelyn Sanders         | 25 Tim & Christie Clark |
| 15 Isaiah & Ashley Miller | 26 Lila Christy         |
| 15 Shanda Goldsmith       | 27 Sean McDonald        |
| 15 Charlotte Beck         | 29 Marshall Clark       |
| 16 Kara Friesland         | 30 Loyette Brewer       |
| 18 Robin Hayes            |                         |

**May 4**

**Women's Banquet**  
10am-Noon

**May 5**

Deacon's Mtg 5p  
SNF 6p

**May 8**

Business Mtg 7p

**May 12**

BCH Offering  
No Evening Services

**May 15**

Baccalaureate @FBC @6p

**May 19**

Graduate Recognition Sunday  
No Evening Services

**May 26**

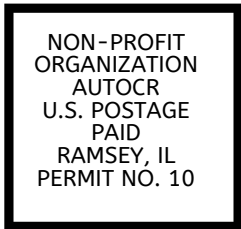
Cookout at the Shouse's 5p-7p  
No Evening Service

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MAY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	Monday Men's Bible Study 7:15am	TOPS Group 6-8 Every Tuesday	All activities 6pm	TOPS Group 9am Every Thursday		Ladies Banquet 10am-12pm
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Deacons' Mtg. 5pm SNF 6pm/Mexican	No Volleyball	Last FCA 7:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm	Dairy Dee (Last MK) Youth 6pm Bus Mtg 7pm			
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Mother's Day</i> BCH Offering No pm service	Adult Volleyball 7pm	Women's Bible Study 7pm	Baccalaureate 6pm@FBC			
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Graduate Recognition Sunday No PM Services	Adult Volleyball 7pm	Women's Bible Study 7pm	Youth/Adult Bible Study 6pm			
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
Cookout @ Shouse House 5-7pm	<i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed		Youth/Adult Bible Study 6pm			