

pastors perspective



May has long been a favorite month for me personally and a most eventful month for the church. This May is no exception! Our May Sundays will allow us to think about CAMPS, MOMS, GRADS, and JESUS.

CAMPS – The first Sunday of May we will focus our worship on the four Summer Camps provided for our children and teens as well as other summer events for our preschoolers and students. Much effort, energy, dollars, and prayers go into summer and these summer activities. A large portion of our children's and youth budgets are designated and spent during the 10 weeks of summer. I know Lufkin offers a large variety of summer camps and experiences for kids, which always makes me so proud of our community. I hope, however, our parents make church camps a priority for their children, grandchildren, and teens. As great as zoo camp, art camp, golf camp, theater camp, and all the other camps are, there is nothing that compares with church camp and a time to connect with Jesus, church friends, adult sponsors, and our church staff. The two youth camps and the two children's camps are going to be amazing, and I pray these camps are not overlooked by our students or our parents. My profession of faith in Christ and call to ministry both occurred at summer church events. I wonder how many of you came to trust Jesus at summer VBS, summer camp or a summer revival? As a church we will have the opportunity to financially help all our kids to attend camp by showing up on May 7 for the spaghetti lunch fundraiser right after worship. Plan to stay for lunch and support our camps!

MOMS – May 14 is Mother's Day, and we will honor Moms during worship. Mother's Day is a special day as we celebrate Moms and remember Moms. For many of us, this is a "feel good" Sunday with precious memories and fun stories. For others it is a most difficult, sad, and even painful day. I hope we will always be sensitive to all the emotions present around us as we gather on May 14 to worship and honor Moms.

GRADS – I am so thrilled we will have the opportunity to recognize 12 graduating high school Seniors in worship on May 21. Our graduates have worked hard...played hard too...to accomplish much, and they deserve to be recognized. Some of our graduates have grown up at FBC and others have been a part of our church only a brief time, but they all are special to us. We look forward to introducing them, honoring them, and challenging them as they head out into the world. The Saturday evening before Graduate Sunday, Walker has planned a terrific day at the lake for our grads and families. Also, the church gifts each graduate with a Bible. These Bibles are on display in the Reich Chandler Great Hall in order that you might sign, write personal notes, or indicate a special scripture for each student in their new Bible.

JESUS – The last Sunday of May we will celebrate Communion around the Lord's Table. I always find it most appropriate to observe the Lord's Supper on Memorial Day Weekend. Even as we remember those who gave all for the sake of our nation and freedom, we will remember Jesus, who paid it all for our sin on the cross. I can't think of a better way to begin summer, than in worship together and in communion with God and our church family.

May 2023 – CAMPS, MOMS, GRADS, and JESUS. Don't miss a single Sunday!

Pastor Mark

PLEASE JOIN US FOR Graduate Sunday May 21

TO CELEBRATE OUR

Graduating SENIORS

- Hunter Belschner- Parkview Christian Academy
- Ethan Cates - Lufkin
- Lilly Langston- Lufkin
- Jacob Lawrence- Hudson
- Sawyer Lowery- Homeschool
- Sidney Lunsford- Hudson
- Sloan Moss- Lufkin
- Mattie Nicholson- Lufkin
- Adriana Perez- Lufkin
- Jack Squyres- Hudson
- Zack Squyres- Hudson
- Briley Stevens- Lufkin

The Lord's Supper Sunday

May 28



Summer Camp Details



BOUNCE Mission Trip
(7th - 12th grade) // June 12-17 // Port Arthur, TX



Student Life Camp
(7th-12th grade) // July 3-7 // Louisiana Tech



Camp Tejas Pre-Teen Camp
(3rd - 6th grade) // July 8-12 // Giddings, TX

For more information, contact Walker or Katie.
To sign up, visit fbclufkin.org/youth or fbclufkin.org/children



memorials

Memorial Gifts have been given to the following Funds & Ministries of FBC:

Building Fund In Memory of:

Jim Laws
Jerry Telford
Robert Goodman
Rodney DeLoach
Elizabeth Reneau
Beth Allgood
Bettie Scott

D.C. Miller Scholarship Fund In Memory of:

John Fluth

Organ Repair Fund In Memory of:

Robert Goodman
Suzanne Bell
Bettye Platt
John Fluth
Glenda Duke

Deacons for the month of May

Chuck Crowon
936-635-6892 (cell)

Bob Little
936-465-6083 (cell)

David Perkins
936-635-0659 (cell)

Meetings May 22

Deacons' Meeting
Noon // Parlor

Finance Committee Meeting
5:00 PM // Kids Zone

Trustees Meeting
5:30 PM // Kids Zone

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new members



John and Rita Powell



Barbara Corley



Jay Jackson

Sympathy to

Brittany and Kris McCall
and family in the loss of her
grandfather,
Rodney DeLoach, Sr.

Tinsley Cobb in the loss of her
grandfather,
John Walter Cobb.

Leighton and Hayden Belshaw
in the loss of their grandfather,
Dr. Gary Belshaw.

Christene Richardson in the loss
of her brother,
Robert Goodman.

Robert and Sheila Telford in the
loss of his brother, Jerry Telford.

Susan Laws in the loss of her
husband, Jim.

Jeannene and Newt Courtney
and family in the loss of her
brother, Jon Hughes.

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed during the lunch hour
(12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Financial Report Year to Date

Budget Needs	\$523,408.75
Budget Receipts	\$558,187.04
Building Fund	\$55,116.00
Other Designations	\$43,024.00
Other Receipts	\$63,779.98

Staff

Mark Newton, Senior Pastor
Katie Baker,
Minister to Preschool & Children
John Lassitter,
Minister of Music
Walker McWilliams,
Associate Pastor/ Minister of Missions

SPAGHETTI LUNCH

SUNDAY MAY 7 // FLC

CHILDREN & YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISER!

**DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP. DONATIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO HELP THE
CHILDREN AND YOUTH
GO TO SUMMER CAMPS.**

