

Theresa Williams, Alan Williams,
& Charlie Faires enjoy Easter breakfast.



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From the Pastor...

Thank you for your faithful support of First Baptist Church! I rarely write about giving, because I don't want to be one of those pastors who hounds his people. I do, however, want to be a pastor that expresses my gratitude.

I just walked out of one of the shortest Business Management Team meetings I've ever attended. It only took us twenty minutes to look over things, because our church is in such good shape. At the end of April, our giving was up \$48,368 over last year and our spending was down \$11,635 for the same period.

In other words, because of your generosity we are ahead of where we usually are at this time of year. We were still slightly behind our goal (\$6,684 or about 1%), but in a very good place overall. Our giving did decrease for the first two weeks of May, but I trust we will catch up with that as well.

As we continue to celebrate 150 years of ministry, I wanted to take time to celebrate the faithfulness of God's people through all these years. It is your support that enables us to do the wonderful ministry of our church. Like all congregations, our church has had its ups and downs; but you always come through.

Thank you again for your sacrificial tithes and offerings. You are making a difference! We have a strong heritage and a bright future. As we continue to live out God's calling in the present, I want you to know how grateful I am for you all!

Schedule

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 22

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, May 25

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 28

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 29

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet



Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Spiritual Statistics

	5/4	5/11
In Person	177	185
Live Stream	18	21
Sunday School	80	88

Financial Statistics

	May	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	83,084.00	618,478.00
Budget Receipts	24,740.00	593,739.00
Goals Not Met	(58,344.00)	(21,952.00)
Alms	3,143.00	8,787.00
Designated	1,571.00	68,367.00

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



He is Risen



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*Greater love has no one than
this: to lay down one's life
for one's friends.*

John 15:13

Announcements

Mission Work Completed by Those in Our Congregation

We are collecting places those in our congregation have served on mission. Whether it is with our church, another church, by yourself, or a nonprofit and you have completed mission work, please email me at esb7432@gmail.com with the location city and state, or country.

Operation Inasmuch Date Set

We are excited to share we have an Operation Inasmuch day for the fall. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 23.

We may have some different projects due to our 150th Anniversary Celebration, so please come and work with us as we serve our community during this wonderful day.

If you have wonderful ideas, please share with me.

Many thoughts and prayers.
Elizabeth Kilby



Save the Date!
Saturday, August 23