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First Baptist Church Newsletter

April 26, 2023

Between Easter and Pentecost

Between Easter and Pentecost there is a span of 50 days. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus gets a ton of attention, which is important. But believing in Jesus and trusting His death, burial, and resurrection only forms the doorway into kingdom life.

We sometimes forget Jesus stuck around for another 40 days after walking out of that borrowed tomb. Apparently, he had more to say and do. Then there were those 10 days after His ascension when His disciples prayed, reflected, watched, and did a lot of waiting.

Why am I now engaged in a series of sermons on the reign of Jesus? Christ's message in the 40 days after resurrection continued to be about the Kingdom of God. The Lord's kingdom focus continued (compare Luke 4:43 and Acts 1:3). This clear emphasis on the Kingdom of God forces us to ask at least three essential questions.

1. What is the difference between the gospel of salvation and the gospel of the kingdom?
2. What will the Kingdom of God look like in our individual lives and our lives together as followers of Jesus?
3. Who is the Holy Spirit and why is His empowerment and guidance vital in our advancing the kingdom of God?

So far, we have seen that Jesus reigns **as our Lord** and **over our past**. This Sunday we will add that Jesus reigns **over our present**. I hope to see you all this Sunday.

Together with you,

Les

Prayer List

Dave & Bev Clouser - praising God their granddaughter is walking on her own without assistance. She had previously been in a wheelchair.

Jan Abrams - is getting around the house better, and will have thyroid surgery on May 8.

Ruby Davis - is now using a cane instead of a walker in her knee rehabilitation process.

Holly Zoll - continue to pray for her healing from anxiety.

Jeckier Julmisse - pray for his wife and son to be able to leave Haiti and join him.

Ted Shady - Hospitalized this week for neck and back pain along with some confusion. Will head to a rehab center on his discharge from the hospital.

Please continue to pray for healing from cancer for those listed below:

Denise Downs - continues to experience the Lord's peace while undergoing treatment.

Karyn Gilly - scheduled to have a biopsy on a lymph node this week.

Don Reeves - scheduled to begin radiation treatments this week.

Abby (Les's niece) - working to heal a bowel obstruction so she can return home. Chemo is put on hold for now due to low platlets. Cancer has spread.

Thursday, May 4, 2023



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Take some time to pray for our nation. Pray for the things in the physical realm like our leaders, the military, and schools. Especially pray for the spiritual health of our people and nation. Here is a list of possibilities:

- Salvation in Christ for the lost
- Return to Christ for those who have strayed from God
- Renewal among believers
- Churches to thrive and honor God
- Raise up spiritual leaders in the next generations
- Encouragement of ministers and missionaries
- For every believer to be in the place and job to best utilize their gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Teachers - Sunday, April 30

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe
Chris McFarren

LOL

Debbie Cantrell



MAY



5th Kobi Isch
 15th Karen West
 19th Linda Isch
 22nd Jackson Collins
 Logan Zoll

24th Betty Bynum
 26th Judy Wanner
 27th Ciera Hiester

May 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	4 National Day of Prayer Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	5	6
7	8	9	10 Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	11 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	12	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15 Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17 Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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