



# THE MATCH

## FUND

comfortable building. **BLAZING BELIEVERS**

### UPDATE

People "on fire" for Jesus still enjoy a comfortable building. FBC has raised about \$9,000 of the \$35,000.00 needed for our complete heating and cooling upgrade. The AC system is already installed and ready to go. Our new blower was on during the worship service this past Sunday and was whisper quiet.

Please prayerfully consider again contributing toward **The Match Fund**, over and above regular giving. Special envelopes for this campaign are still available in the church foyer. Make checks out to First Baptist Church and place them or your cash in the special envelope. Write your name and/or giving number on the outside of **The Match Fund** envelope.



## Graduate Reception Date Change

The reception for our graduates will be different than originally planned. Please note that it will be right after the worship service on Sunday, June 9. Right now, we have two graduates to honor: Mason Heller graduating from Bluffton High School and Jacob Tonner graduating from Southern Wells High School. If you know of others, please write them on your welcome card or email the church office at [firstbaptist@adamswells.com](mailto:firstbaptist@adamswells.com).



## Becomers Class Reading

The Becomers Sunday School Class is encouraging anyone that wants to attend to read a short passage each week. Try to read it daily throughout the week, using several translations and take notes as you read. Here are the passages for the rest of the Sundays in May: May 12 read Luke 1:26-38, May 19 read Luke 1:39-56, and May 26 read Luke 1:57-80.



## Les & Debbie Away

Les and Debbie will be gone from May 9-21. Please pray for their safety as they travel. FBC will be honored to have Tony Garton preach on May 12, and Kent Ringger preach on May 19. The church office will be closed during this time. There will not be a Link newsletter the week of May 15 or 22. If you need pastoral care while Les is gone, please contact one of our deacons.

### Teachers for May

#### **Nursery**

May 12 Davis Family  
May 19 Helen Steffen / Ciera Hiester  
May 26 Angie Bynum / Jessica Bynum

#### **Kids' Time**

May 12 Holly Zoll / Angie Bynum  
May 19 Ruth Ann Monroe / Chris McFarren  
May 26 Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

#### **LOL**

May 12 Traci Heller  
May 19 Michelle Tonner  
May 26 Remain in service

### Stewardship Report

May 5, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	3,304.00
Missions	315.00
Building/Maint Fund	190.00
Deacons	15.00
Mykayla Rodenbeck	100.00
Match fund	620.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,544.00</b>

# Vise Grip Believers

Proverbs 3:3 – “Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.”

Vise grips are a really handy tool to have in your toolbox. I discovered that they also serve as a valuable illustration for being a solid godly leader.

**Kindness** – Be Flexible (seen in the adjustment screw of the vice grips).

We all know the importance of being a servant. But serving people entails time and sacrifice. Consider the Good Samaritan. He had a schedule and objectives, but was willing to adjust in order to help out. The previous guys who passed by were unwilling to help the hurting man because they were too rigid in their schedules or thoughts.

It's important that we be flexible as we walk through our days. Maybe your child or grandchild will need a bike tire fixed. A few minutes of your time can mean everything to them. Be an approachable and available person.

**Truth** – Hold Tight (seen in the clamping mechanism of the vice grips).

Television, movies, and the internet are increasingly explicit and violent. As followers of Jesus we have to be very intentional in order to hold tightly to our moral values of purity and integrity. Be willing to do what is right even when no one is watching.

Proverbs 3:4 gives the reasons why we uphold kindness and truth: “So you will find favor and have a good reputation in the sight of God and man.”

Be flexible with your schedule. Hold tightly to your moral values. This balance leads to being a strong leader in your church and community.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

Les





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**Are You Baptized?**

## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

Phyllis Shady – Room 254

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

### Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

## Help People Follow Jesus

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### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service