





## FIRST THOUGHTS

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Now that we've officially entered the summer months, I want to let you know about some important details and happenings that will take place in the weeks ahead.

#### Proverbs: Wisdom for a Godly Walk

Jesus concluded the Sermon on the Mount with these words: *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears the words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who build his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."* (Matthew 7:24-25). Jesus' message is very simple. Live according to God's wisdom and be blessed. Live according to the world's wisdom and be cursed. It's really that simple. However, where do we find God's wisdom for a faithful life? It wouldn't be wrong to say the entire Bible. But within the Bible, the most concentrated collection of God's wisdom is found in the book of Proverbs. In this Old Testament book, we find specific wisdom for decision-making, marriage, raising children, finances, work and career, speech, resisting temptation, and so much more. Throughout the summer we will be covering these topics on Sundays in a new message series called Proverbs: Wisdom for a Godly Walk.

#### Vacation Bible School

VBS is easily the most exciting and beneficial week of children's ministry all year. Pastor Joe and his team have done an exceptional job of planning and preparing. However, there are two ways you can make this the best VBS ever. First, be sure to pray each day for God to move in the hearts of our children as they hear the gospel. Also pray for our leaders and volunteers, for safety, for good weather, and for all the families involved. Second, invite all the children you

know to attend VBS. We want as many children as possible to hear the good news about Jesus. VBS is June 8-12.

#### Summer Retreats

One of the best ways to help our students and children keep their eyes on Jesus this summer is by going on a ministry retreat. Pastor Trey will be leading our students at Beach Week, May 31-June 5, and Pastor Joe will be leading our children at Crossings Camp, June 20-23. Please pray for these retreats, including those attending, the leaders and staff, the facilities, safe travel, and most of all, for God's blessings.

#### Vacation

One of the great privileges of summer is the ability to leave town for a few days (or longer) on vacation. But regardless of where we go, let's remember that we are never on vacation from the Lord. So, while you're away on vacation, consider beginning a new Christian book, seek a local church to worship with on Sundays, ask God to connect you with people who need to hear the gospel, etc. There are many ways to keep our eyes on Jesus while we're on vacation.

Join me in praying and staying active and focused on the Lord this summer!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Justin

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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As we move into the summer months, I want to take a moment to thank our church family for the incredible spirit of worship that has filled our services recently. Week after week, it has been such an encouragement to see hearts fully engaged in praising the Lord—through singing, serving, praying, and worshipping together as one body. There is something truly special happening in our congregation, and I believe God is continuing to deepen within us a passion for authentic worship that flows from grateful hearts and transformed lives. Thank you for the energy, faithfulness, and encouragement you bring each Sunday as we lift up the name of Christ together.

At the same time, this summer is shaping up to be one of our busiest and most exciting seasons yet! Throughout the next month, we will be taking a short break from Wednesday evening activities to allow our teams time to

rest, refresh, and prepare for the many ministry opportunities ahead this fall. But don't worry—the same meaningful, Christ-centered worship will continue each week in our services. Behind the scenes, our musicians, singers, and volunteers will be hard at work growing not only in musical excellence, but also spiritually and relationally as a ministry family.

As always, we would greatly appreciate your prayers for everyone serving throughout the summer months. And if you have been looking for a place to get connected and involved, this is a wonderful season to jump in and become part of what God is doing through our worship ministry. We are excited with anticipation for all that the Lord has in store in the days ahead!

Pastor Joel

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Sean, Madison, &  
Shepherd Howell  
5/3/2026



Travis Woodall  
5/10/2026



Trey, Amanda, Emma,  
Levi & Carter Meek  
5/17/2026



Ashton Byrd  
5/24/2026



Eli Poole  
5/24/2026



Charles & Lisa Smith  
5/24/2026

# STUDENT MINISTRY



Join us in welcoming (again) Dr. Trey Meek as he is now serving full-time as our Pastor of Students and Families.

Originally from East Tennessee, Pastor Trey has served in various ministry roles for almost twenty years. He has pastoral experience with children, students and adults, along with missions and church administration. However, while recently serving as a Bible Teacher at Lakeway Christian Academy, God has renewed his passion for reaching students and their families with the gospel. Pastor Trey's desire is to continue a strong disciple-making culture, minister to parents, and lead students to embrace intergenerational involvement in the life of the church. Welcome, Pastor Trey, Amanda, Emma, Levi, and Carter!

## JUNE SCHEDULE

May 31-June 4

Beach Week

June 3

VBS Decorating

June 10

VBS Week - no evening activities

June 17 & 24

FBCD Students, 6 PM,

No Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



“... we will tell  
the next  
generation the  
praiseworthy  
deeds of the  
Lord...”  
Psalm 78:4b

## Good News: A Special Opportunity this Summer

Would you like to experience the blessings of reaching unchurched children in our county this summer with the Good News of Jesus? We will be conducting a 5-week Good News Club program this June & July on Wednesday mornings at Dandridge Elementary. For meeting dates and important details, please contact Amy Tjoa at 417-844-2418.



## Summer Breakout - 6pm, June 17th and 24th

These two nights are going to be excellent midweek breaks for your kids to come, grow in Christ, and have a blast with their friends! Food will be provided, so come have good clean summer fun at the church!

## Crossings Camp - June 20th-23rd

Please be in prayer for our kids (and chaperones!) as we spend these days together studying God's Word, having fun, and making memories. Pray for our health and safety, for good weather, for the other churches involved, and most importantly for God to move in the lives of our kids!

# JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May - 31	Jun - 1	Jun - 2	Jun - 3	Jun - 4	Jun - 5	Jun - 6
	<b>OFFSITE</b> <b>ALL DAY</b> FBCD Students Beach Week 7a - 8a AMOS Meals - Breakfast 9a - 10a Staff Meeting 5p - 7p AMOS Meals - Dinner	<b>OFFSITE</b> <b>ALL DAY</b> FBCD Students Beach Week 7a - 8a AMOS Meals - Breakfast 5p - 7p AMOS Meals - Dinner	<b>OFFSITE</b> <b>ALL DAY</b> FBCD Students Beach Week 7a - 8a AMOS Meals - Breakfast <b>OFFSITE</b> 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park	<b>OFFSITE</b> <b>ALL DAY</b> FBCD Students Beach Week 7a - 8a AMOS Meals - Breakfast 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group 5p - 7p AMOS Meals - Dinner	<b>OFFSITE</b> <b>ALL DAY</b> FBCD Students Beach Week	
Jun - 7	Jun - 8	Jun - 9	Jun - 10	Jun - 11	Jun - 12	Jun - 13
9:15a - 10:15a VBS Prayer Walk 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:45p Deacon Meeting	9a - 12p VBS	9a - 12p VBS	9a - 12p VBS	9a - 12p VBS	9a - 12p VBS 5:30p - 7:30p VBS Family Fun Night	
Jun - 14	Jun - 15	Jun - 16	Jun - 17	Jun - 18	Jun - 19	Jun - 20
9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 5p - 6p Dive! Ladies Bible Study	9a - 10a Staff Meeting		<b>OFFSITE</b> 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:15p FBCD Students	10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group 5:30p - 7:30p Secret Sisters	<b>OFFSITE</b> 5:30p - 7:30p Golf Scramble at Dandridge Golf & Country Club	<b>OFFSITE</b> <b>ALL DAY</b> Crossings Camp
Jun - 21	Jun - 22	Jun - 23	Jun - 24	Jun - 25	Jun - 26	Jun - 27
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Jun - 28	Jun - 29	Jun - 30	Jul - 1	Jul - 2	Jul - 3	Jul - 4
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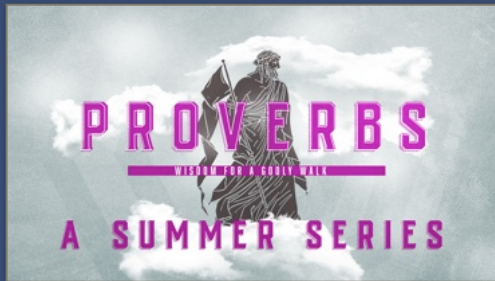
# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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# FBC DANDRIDGE HAPPENINGS

## Wednesday Night June Schedule

- **June 3** - VBS Setup & Decorating - **NO** Regular Wednesday Night Activities
- **June 10** - Vacation Bible School - **NO** Regular Wednesday Night Activities
- **June 17** - 6:00 PM - FirstKids, FBCD Students, and Adult Bible Study  
\***NO Adult Choir Rehearsal**
- **June 24** - 6:00 PM - FirstKids, FBCD Students, and Adult Bible Study  
\***NO Adult Choir Rehearsal**



Join us Sunday **June 14** as we kick off our summer sermon series, *Proverbs: Wisdom for a Godly Walk*.

Do you wish you could make better decisions in life? Would you like to make godly choices that result in blessings rather than foolish choices that result in failure? Join us for a new message series in the book of Proverbs as we discover God's wisdom for everyday life. In this series we will explore practical, biblical truth for relationships, decisions, work, speech, parenting, finances, and more. Come learn how God's Word leads us to live faithfully for Christ in every area of life.

## NO Wednesday Night Dinners - June & July

Our kitchen volunteers have been working diligently and will be taking the months of June & July off, so there will be NO Wednesday night dinners for these two months.

## Mission House Pantry Pounding

Let's join together to bless those who faithfully serve the Lord through our Mission House Pantry Pounding! Our Mission House provides temporary housing for missionaries while they are on stateside assignment, and we have the privilege of helping make their stay a little more comfortable and welcoming. We are collecting pantry staples, non-perishable food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, and household essentials to help stock the Mission House for the missionaries and families who will call it home for a season. Please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a card of an item needed, purchase the item and return it to the Welcome Center by Sunday, June 21.

## FINAL SESSION | DIVE! WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | JUNE 14 | 5:00 PM

We've journeyed from the Garden... and now we behold the coming Glory. Join us for our final session of From Garden to Glory by Courtney Doctor as we celebrate the grand story of redemption—from creation to Christ to the restoration of all things.

- ✦ Reflect on God's faithfulness
- ✦ Rejoice in the hope of eternity
- ✦ Be encouraged and strengthened in the gospel  
"Behold, I am making all things new." – Revelation 21:5
- 📖 Chapters 9-10
- 📅 Sunday, June 14
- 🕒 5:00 pm
- 📍 Room 216



Whether you've attended every week or are joining us for the first time, we would love to welcome you.

## Golf Scramble | June 19 | 5:30 PM

Join us on Friday, **June 19** at 5:30 PM at Dandridge Golf & Country Club for our Glorify, Grow & Go Golf Scramble. Signup at the Welcome Center Desk.

## Quilting Group - FAITH Fellowship | June 26 | 9:00 AM

The Quilting Group will meet at 9:00 AM on **June 26** in Room 216. Contact Debbie Murphy for more info at 863-838-2827.

## Save the Date! | August 28-29

### 2026 Behold Women's Conference Carson Springs Conference Center, Newport, TN

The Behold Women's Conference provides women the opportunity to focus intently on the beauty of the Lord in the fellowship of other believers. Join us this year as we fix our eyes on the One who gave Himself for us by reflecting on the glory, sufficiency, and hope found in the cross. Additional details and registration information will be available soon. We hope that you will prayerfully plan to attend. Registration is NOW OPEN!





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**Bible Fellowship Report**  
**Average Attendance**

	<u>April 2026</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Preschool	24	22
Children	27	27
Youth	29	30
Adult	213	215
Offsite	0	0
Overall average	293	294

Worship Attendance Average for  
April – TBD

**Financial Report**

	<u>April 2026</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget Fund Goal	\$124,300.68	\$528,277.89
Budget Receipts	\$151,469.49	\$502,587.03
Building Fund Receipts	6,645.00	19,110.00
Designated Receipts	<u>25,864.89</u>	<u>111,450.17</u>
Total Receipts	\$183,979.38	\$633,147.20

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