





# FIRST THOUGHTS

## Preparing for the Spirit to Act

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Corrie Ten Boom, who survived a German concentration camp and went on to reach millions with the gospel, once said, *"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you."* The New Testament reminds us again and again that the Holy Spirit's presence and power is essential for the spiritual life, growth, and ministries of the church. Jesus made this truth clear when He told the disciples that their mission could not begin until they were *"clothed with the power from on high"* (Luke 24:49) - and the same is true for the church today.

However, according to Acts 1, the Spirit's arrival didn't take place the moment Jesus ascended to heaven. In fact, the disciples would have to wait ten days to receive him at Pentecost. Some have wondered why there was such a delay. Wouldn't it have been better for the Spirit to come immediately? While there are historical and theological reasons for the Holy Spirit's arrival on the day of Pentecost, I think we can learn something from Israel's past about the need for this delay.

If we look back to the Old Testament, the Israelites had to wait four days before crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Why? God called them to spend this time consecrating their hearts before the Lord (Joshua 3:5). In a similar way, God made the earliest followers of Jesus wait ten days in the Upper Room before sending the Holy Spirit and beginning the gospel ministry. Why? The Lord wanted them to prepare their hearts for another incredible movement of God. So, what were they doing during those ten days to prepare? What can we learn about preparing for a movement of the Holy Spirit today? Acts 1:12-26 shows us at least four important elements that we need to remember.

- **The Church was Unified:** Acts 1:12-14 tells us that the Upper Room was packed with 120 people, including the eleven disciples, Mary the mother of Jesus, and a host of other followers. However, it should be noted that they were gathered *"with one accord"* (1:14), meaning that they were all in harmony and agreement with one another. If the church of any age wants to experience revival and a powerful movement of God, we must prepare by being in unity with one another.

- **The Church was Persistent in Prayer:** What were these 120 believers doing while they waited? It says in Acts 1:14 that they were *"devoting themselves to prayer."* The verb "devoting" indicates a continual, on-going act of prayer. These people were praying the way Jesus taught them, with a kingdom focus. If the church wants to experience the blessings of God, it must spend adequate time in prayer - praying for spiritual growth, protection, guidance, and awakening.
- **The Church was Directed by Scripture:** With Judas no longer with the disciples, Peter had to lead the group in what to do next. How did he lead them? He opened the Scriptures to see what God had said. The Psalms taught that someone must replace Judas so the full number would be twelve. We must not overlook that while the people of God were waiting for the Spirit, they were making sure that they were following Scripture. If a church wants to see God work in powerful ways, it is essential that we follow every detail of Scripture.
- **The Church Established Godly Leaders:** After following Scripture, the church selected Matthias to replace Judas. He was a man who followed Christ and witnessed the resurrection, and most importantly, he was called by God. All churches today must be led by people who are following Christ, who have a heart for ministry, and who love God's people. John Maxwell once said, *"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."*

Join me as we continue to pray for God to bless our church and ministry. Let's be unified today, under the direction of Scripture, following those who lead us in the direction of God's will. Let's prepare for the Spirit to Act.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Justin

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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I'm so excited to tell you about our upcoming Palm Sunday service at First Baptist Dandridge! This year, we've put together something truly special—a worship experience called "**Hosanna to Hallelujah**" that will take us on a journey through the events of Holy Week, from Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to His resurrection.

Our choir and orchestra will lead us in this powerful retelling of the Gospel through music and narration. It's a time for us to reflect on the incredible love, sacrifice, and victory of Christ, and the importance of the Easter season. We'll be reminded of the hope we have because of Jesus' resurrection and the new life He offers each of us.

But here's the best part: it's not too late to get involved! If you've been thinking about joining the choir, we'd love to have you! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just have a heart for worship, there's still time to participate in this program.

Please join us for Choir Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room!

We're also looking for instrumentalists to join our orchestra. From strings to brass—and everything in between—there's a place for you to use your gifts and be part of this meaningful worship experience. If you're interested in joining the choir or playing an instrument, reach out and I would love to get you connected.

I'd love for you to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us. Let's celebrate this Easter season together with hearts full of joy and gratitude for the hope we have in Christ!

Blessings,

Joel

## INDIANAPOLIS CHURCH PLANT

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Exciting news! We have prayerfully decided to partner with a church in Indianapolis to help plant a Providence Church in the small town of Speedway, IN.

**Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting: March 23rd after Sunday Worship.**



# STUDENT MINISTRY



**GET TO THE BEACH!**

**REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!**

This summer we are going back to the beach for summer camp! We believe this will be an incredible week filled with sand, waves, worship, Bible study, fellowship, late night events and more. The cost is \$275 with a \$50 deposit due at registration. Register by scanning the code or going to [fbcdandrige.org/students](http://fbcdandrige.org/students).



## Jump into a Life Group

### Hinchey Life Group

Tuesdays at 6pm | Hinchey Home

Study: "Why Not Now"

### Ogle Life Group

Sundays at 6pm | Ogle Home

Study: "How to Read Your Bible"

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Crossings Camp - June 21st - 24th

It's already time to start thinking about camp! We're going to have an awesome time at Carson Springs playing games, eating good food, studying God's Word, and making memories! This camp is for children going into grades 3-6 (currently 2nd-5th). The cost of the camp is \$175 with a \$50 deposit due at registration. Registration is open.



## Magnified! - June 9th - 13th

### Save the Date!

Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!

## Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 13th

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt right after church, with tons of eggs to find and surprises to enjoy! There'll be a free lunch, so bring your friends, and make it a celebration to remember!

## Firstkids Memory Verse

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

# MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb - 23	Feb - 24	Feb - 25	Feb - 26	Feb - 27	Feb - 28	Mar - 1
<b>Mar - 2</b>	<b>Mar - 3</b>	<b>Mar - 4</b>	<b>Mar - 5</b>	<b>Mar - 6</b>	<b>Mar - 7</b>	<b>Mar - 8</b>
9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:45p Deacon Meeting 4p - 5p Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting 4p - 6p Grief Share <b>OFFSITE</b> 6p - 8p Ogle Life Group	9a - 10a Staff Meeting	<b>OFFSITE</b> 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group	<b>OFFSITE</b> 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group		11:30a - 2:30p Women's Celebration
<b>Mar - 9</b>	<b>Mar - 10</b>	<b>Mar - 11</b>	<b>Mar - 12</b>	<b>Mar - 13</b>	<b>Mar - 14</b>	<b>Mar - 15</b>
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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

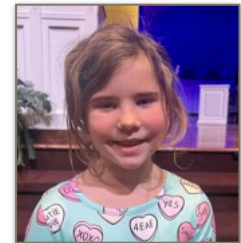
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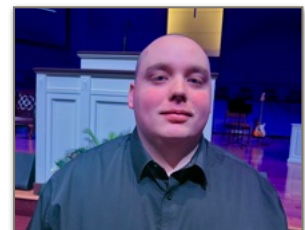
David & Candy Boney  
2/2/2025



Cindy Lemmons  
2/2/2025



Brooklynn Ogle  
2/2/2025



Brian Bahner  
2/9/2025



Shaun & Cavan Alford  
2/23/25

# FBC DANDRIDGE HAPPENINGS

## Women's Celebration - Save the Date

Saturday, March 8, 2025

FBC Dandridge Fellowship Hall

Check-in for all is located in main church lobby Welcome Center at 11:30 AM - use Main Tower Entrance

Lunch/Program 11:50 AM - 2:30 PM

Inspirational Speaker:

Mrs. Janet Hooten, retired

IMB missionary

Worship Leaders: Michelle Johnson & Jama Coker

Join us for lunch, worship, inspiration, prayer time, testimonies, tablescapes, fellowship and door prizes!

Cost is \$15. Please pay in advance (preferred) or at the door. Visit <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/Women2025> or scan the QR code to make your reservations.

**All reservations must be made by Sunday, March 2.**



Please indicate dietary restrictions or child care needs at time of registration.



## 50 in 50 Outreach

Our next outreach will be on Sunday, **March 23**. Meet in Room 216 at 4:00 PM. After a time of prayer and instructions, we will go out in groups of two or more and try to reach 50 homes in 50 minutes with gospel-centered conversations. For more info, contact Pastor Cory at [cory@fbcdandridge.org](mailto:cory@fbcdandridge.org) or call the Church Office.

## Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting

Our next monthly teacher meeting will be Sunday, **March 2** at 4:00 PM in Room 228. Contact Pastor Cory for more information.

## Ladies' Dive! Bible Study

Ladies, please dive into the treasure-filled ocean of Scripture with us! Each monthly session stands alone, so you can jump in at any time. In our next session, we will look at 1 Peter 5:7 and discuss truth when we're anxious. If you are reading along, please read Chapter 6 of *Dwell Differently*. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, **March 9**, at 5pm in Room 216! Check out the Dive! Women's Ministry Resource page where you can access study notes and session recordings from our monthly studies at <https://www.fbcdandridge.org/dive>.



## Prayer Group and Women on Mission

These groups will meet on **March 16** in the Fellowship Hall beginning with the Prayer Group at 4:00 PM followed by Women on Mission at 5:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Courtney Robertson, IMB missionary serving in Guatemala. Bring a finger food to share and invite a friend!

## GriefShare

Looking for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one? At GriefShare you'll find understanding, guidance, relief and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. GriefShare meets weekly on Sundays at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room through March 30. Contact Trula Rosa at [trularosa@gmail.com](mailto:trularosa@gmail.com) for more information.

## Quilting Ministry Interest Meeting

There will be a Quilting Ministry interest meeting on Sunday, **March 16** immediately following the worship service in the Library. Contact Debbie Murphy for more information at 863-838-2827.



## Behold 2025 - Save the Date!

Ladies, please save the date and join us for our 2025 Behold Women's Conference at Carson Springs Conference Center August 22-23. More details soon!



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**Bible Fellowship Report**

**Average Attendance**

	<u>January 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Preschool	14	14
Children	20	20
Youth	29	29
Adult	207	207
Offsite	0	0
Overall average	270	270

Worship Attendance Average for  
January – TBD

**Financial Report**

	<u>January 2025</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget Fund Goal	\$119,267.84	\$119,267.84
Budget Receipts	\$83,230.18	\$83,230.18
Building Fund Receipts	2,525.00	2,525.00
Designated Receipts	<u>25,455.98</u>	<u>25,455.98</u>
Total Receipts	\$111,211.16	\$111,211.16

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