

# First Light

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**Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 PM**

**ATTENTION**



**Seniors!**

**Calling All Graduating Seniors!** Do you have a graduating senior in your family? Now is your chance to share that news with your First Baptist Church Family. Simply email any information about your graduate to the church at [fbcoffice@fbcoakridge.org](mailto:fbcoffice@fbcoakridge.org) or call the church office at (865) 483-4615. Please include the student's full name, his/her connection to First Baptist, and when and from what school he/she is graduating. We will publish the graduates' names in the June 9th First Light newsletter. Graduate information needs to be turned in no later than Wednesday, June 3rd.

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## Before His Presence with Singing

*"Let sinful pride, like Easter's stone, by God be rolled away."*

I'm thinking of stone walls – Manmade, consisting of rocks from the surrounding landscape stretching as far as the eye can see across open fields. Plentiful in places like Vermont and New Hampshire, Ireland and England. From a distance, they look like curvy, gray lines that've always been there. But, up close, one sees individual stones. If you get really close, you find that each and every stone is unique in size, shape, color, and markings. And, each one plays a vital roll in sustaining the wall's structure and gives it character.

1 Peter 2:5 says: *"like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

From a distance, the church stretches across life's landscape. In a town flyover, the steeple is part of the skyscape. In fact, in most any town, there are several steeples dotting the skyline. But, up close, these churches are made of "living stones."

Each of us is one of those stones. Each of us is vital in sustaining the church and giving it character. As your devotion for today, look at yourself and your church friends as stones, vital components of the church.

Our God has built with living stones  
a church that lives as well;  
in solid and in certain tones  
to pray, and sing, and tell.

God's Son, our Rock, our Cornerstone  
on which we stones must build;  
foundation that is Christ alone,  
each stone in Christ fulfilled.

Then should a seeker see the stones  
and ask what these rocks mean,  
"They are the church which our God owns  
And through which Christ is seen!"

Let sinful pride, like Easter's stone,  
by God be rolled away.  
Then through our lives let it be known  
Christ lives and leads today.

In Christ, *Tim*

## Stewardship Corner

What a blessing it is to see God moving at First Baptist Church! Looking back on our journey since July 1, we are deeply grateful for the thriving ministries, dedicated staff, and impactful mission work fueling the Gospel in our community.

To keep this momentum going, we invite you to pray over our shared stewardship. While we are thankful for designated funds (like AGAPE and Memorial) that support special projects, our General Fund—which powers our daily operations and vital ministries—is currently behind.

We ask you to prayerfully consider how you might support our shared mission, ensuring we remain strong in both faithful giving and service. Our goal is to meet the anticipated needs for the coming months and ensure our ministries can continue without interruption. Thank you for being a church that gives so generously to the Kingdom!

## Prayer Requests

**IMMEDIATE:** Darlene Moran. Julie Keeth & Rory Naeve. Mark & Debra Belvin's friends, Pat & Mary Ann. Dave Bunton's friend, Jane. Norval Ziegler. Jim Gibson. Greg Helton. Jennifer Merkel (John & Eva Leone's daughter). Nancy Denton. Ray Seiber (Diana Giles' father). Susan Alderson (friend of Mickey Moss). Junell Brock (Peggy Geldmeier's niece). Jan Stoutland. Pat Row. Beth Ingle. Ellin Ward. Harold Matelski (Lee Howell's father-in-law). Mark Bunton (Linda & Dave Bunton's son). Ronnie Scates (Julie Keeth's friend). Gigi Naeve. Karen McCall. Jason Byrd & Anna King. Dayton King (Diane Williams' brother). Callie Walls Foster (Jim Walls' granddaughter). Carol O'Shaughnessy. Becky Seiber (Diana Giles' mother). Katie Emmerson (Ellin Ward's daughter). Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother). Larry Carter. Debbie Pulliam (Carol O'Shaughnessy's sister). Heidi Rose Harris. Bruce Marshall. Adrian Flory.

**LONG TERM:** Leon Cole (Melody Turner's brother-in-law). Dave Bunton. Jo Ann Tunstall. Ulrika Leander (Charlotte Bounds' friend). Vicki Heidle. Andrew Bobbett (son of Diane Ray's friend, Nan). Sherry Bath (Gigi Naeve's friend). Jim Walls. Stoney Lowell (friend of Jodie Johnson). Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law). Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin). Megan Elliott (friend of the Turners). Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt). Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew). Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson). Virginia Griffith (Lisa Bowers' mother). Larry Fields. Rick Nation. Theresa Bowers.



## Meetings: Council & Committee

### FINANCE MEETING

Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m., RM. 105.

### TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m., RM. 105.

## MAY FBCFBC

On Monday, May 4, our book club will be discussing *Ain't Nobody's Fool: The Life and Times of Dolly Parton*. In this recently published biography, author Martha Ackmann chronicles the life of Dolly Parton. From an impoverished childhood in the Smoky Mountains to international stardom as a singer, songwriter, actress, businesswoman, and philanthropist, Dolly has exceeded everyone's expectations except her own! Join us at noon in the church library as Linda Williamson leads the book discussion.



The next Fellowship Table is Friday, May 8, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$5 each. Come as early as 11:30 a.m. and enjoy fellowship around hors d'oeuvres, although serving of the meal will not begin until 12 Noon.



## Discussion Group

**Movie:** Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939) starring Jimmy Stewart.

**Viewing:** Streaming on many platforms for - \$4, and on TUBI for free.

**Time & Place:** Friday, May 15, 6:30 pm at Joy Reedy's home.

**Questions:** Contact Mike Crowell, Brandon Weaver, or Joy Reedy.

## CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday Volunteers

#### SUNDAY, May 3

11am Nursery ..... Bev Burgan & Jodie Johnson  
Children's Church ..... Debbie Johnson & Polly Smith

#### SUNDAY, May 10

11am Nursery ..... Mitzi Thomas & Jackie Laney  
Children's Church ..... First Christian & Hannah Simic

#### SUNDAY, May 17

11am Nursery ..... Tedi Newman & Angie Walls  
Children's Church ..... Linda Bunton & Lela Moore

#### SUNDAY, May 24

11am Nursery ..... Susan Williams & Karry Garcia  
Children's Church ..... Jackie Laney & Hannah Simic

#### SUNDAY, May 31

11am Nursery ..... Bev Burgan & Jodie Johnson  
Children's Church ..... Debbie Johnson & Polly Smith

## ECUMENICAL STOREHOUSE PICKUP

Volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 16th for pickup of donated items. Questions: contact Jim or Linda Williamson.



## Oak Ridge Philharmonia Spring Concert

Sunday, May 17, 4:00 PM

at First Baptist Church Oak Ridge



Join us for a fun afternoon of Bunco! Whether you're a pro or have never played, everyone is welcome. We play every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1-4PM, RM. 105. Our first game day is Tuesday, May 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Davidson at (865) 274-8119 or Joy Arehart at (865) 805-5346.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00 AM -11:00 AM [Pickleball/gym]	2 10:00 AM -12:00 PM [Adult Basketball] 12:00 PM -4:00 PM [Simic B-Day Party/Youth & gym]
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