

# FMBC News



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*Sunday, May 12*

## VERTICAL CHURCH

Pastor James MacDonald has written *Vertical Church* to explain and promote our churches to be first and foremost looking up (vertical) and pointing upward to God in all His glory.

We are studying the first church in the book of Acts, and we are working through Church Renewal during our seven weeks of prayer. In Acts 2, the church of Jesus Christ began on the Day of Pentecost. Those who were in attendance heard the worshipers speak of the wonderful glory and works of God. The main topic at this church was the wonderful "Vertical God" whose glory is best seen in the saving work of His Son, Jesus Christ, as His believers met together (horizontally). May our attention always be drawn upward to Him!

Think with me: when was the last time you were gripped by the greatness and glory of God? Romans 11:36 says, "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to Whom be glory forever. Amen." God as glorious – that is the main message! God has glorious love. God has glorious wisdom, power, authority, and actions.

At Foreman we want to do our best in organizing, preaching, teaching, singing, praying, fellowshiping, and evangelizing – Amen! And we must first and always worship God as the Glorious Father He is. Worship in His Spirit and in His Truth – for His glory. Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory IN THE CHURCH by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Pray for your church to be filled with God's glory as the ocean is covered with water. And let's all make it a priority to assemble together more and more as we see that final day approaching.

Brother Richard

The 2024 **Baby Bottle Campaign** kicks off at FMBC on Mother's Day, May 12, and ends on Father's Day, June 16. You may pick up a bottle to fill with change, or write a check to FMBC with "Baby Bottle" on the memo line (envelopes will also be available). All donations go to support the Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center located behind McDonald's at Whiskey Road & Pine Log Road in Aiken. Thank you for supporting their mission to save families and children with the help of our contributions and the power of God.



## WEDNESDAYS 6-7 PM, AGES 5-12

The children and leaders, Susan Hall and Kay McKinney, are now meeting in the former Staff House, 211 Pine Street (Across Pine Street from the Church building).

The children enjoy Bible Study, Crafts, Refreshments and Fun! Each month has a different study topic and the topic for May is **Mother's Day—Mothers in the Bible.**



The "Staff House" new location

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## SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Our new leaders for the Shoebox Ministry, Linda Reeves and Susan Hall, began our monthly collection plan in April, and there will be different items listed every month. Big THANK YOU to those who brought items in for April.

The items suggested for May are pencils, pens, erasers & pencil sharpeners.

There will be a designated collection basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary in which to place your donations. Feel free to bring items not specified for May, but on the gift list from Samaritan's Purse (copies on the vestibule table), and be sure it will fit in a shoebox.

For more information: [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box)

## BIBLE READING PLAN MAY 2024

- 1. Genesis 41:1-13
- 2. Genesis 41:14-24
- 3. Genesis 41:25-36
- 4. Genesis 41:37-46
- 5. Genesis 41:47-57
- 6. Genesis 42:1-9
- 7. Genesis 42:10-17
- 8. Genesis 42:18-26
- 9. Genesis 42:27-38
- 10. Genesis 43:1-14
- 11. Genesis 43:15-22
- 12. Genesis 43:23-34
- 13. Genesis 44:1-9
- 14. Genesis 44:10-17
- 15. Genesis 44:18-34
- 16. Genesis 45:1-15
- 17. Genesis 45:16-28
- 18. Genesis 46:1-7
- 19. Genesis 46:8-27
- 20. Genesis 46:28-34
- 21. Genesis 47:1-12
- 22. Genesis 47:13-22
- 23. Genesis 47:23-31
- 24. Genesis 48:1-12
- 25. Genesis 48:13-22
- 26. Genesis 49:1-12
- 27. Genesis 49:13-21
- 28. Genesis 49:22-33
- 29. Genesis 50:1-14
- 30. Genesis 50:15-21
- 31. Genesis 50:22-26

# Spring Bulletin Board

## **Membership Meetings with Steve Simpson & Pastor Richard**

All members are encouraged to attend one of the meetings on Sunday, **April 28 at 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm, or Thursday, May 2 at 11:15 am.**

The meetings provide an opportunity to discuss our church & individual story, and our dreams. This plan for growth was approved by the church at a special business meeting on March 24, 2023, following the evening service. The hope is that we can tap into the power of prayer and exercising simple faith in God.

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## **VBS, June 24-28, 2024**

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already signed up to help with VBS this summer. If you did not get to sign up, but wish to help, you can still help by contacting Amy Bryant, or by signing up on the list in the church vestibule.

**Two floaters** are still needed. A floater may not be needed every day, but would be available to fill in if anyone was needed to fill a spot.

VBS is for all children, ages 4K-Grade 6. It will begin at 8:45 each morning and dismiss at 12 noon each day. There will be a VBS Parent Night on Friday, June 28 at 6 PM.

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## **Adults on Mission**

Adults on Mission will meet Monday, May 13 at 10:00 AM in the Golden Circle Classroom (next to the sanctuary) Everyone welcome to come to learn about mission work and spend time in prayer.

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## **Thank You**

Dear Pastor Barnard (and congregation),

Thank you for the faithful support of your congregation for Life Choices. Your monthly gifts enable us to impact babies—born and unborn and mothers in our community. You all are a blessing to us.

In His Grip,  
Kathryn (Wade)

## **YouthZone** **Every Wednesday at 6 pm**

All children ages 13-18 are invited and YouthZone is led by Matt and Lorraine Webb. They meet in the Fellowship Hall in the East building (next to the gym/Christian Life Center).

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## **Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies:** **Every Thursday at 10 AM**

**All ladies** are invited to attend a Bible study every Thursday morning at 10:00 in the East Building next to the Fellowship Hall. The class is led by Mrs. Karen Barnard and all you need is to bring your favorite Bible.

**All men** are also welcome to join Pastor Richard as he leads a Men's Bible Study in the classroom at the front of the East Building at 10:00 am on Thursday.

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## **Sunday Bible Study Classes**

**All** are invited to attend FMBC's Bible Studies at 9:45 AM Sunday mornings. The following classes meet every Sunday:

**Berea Pals** (Men) taught by John McKinney  
Front of East Building

**Golden Circle** (Senior Ladies) taught by Geraldine Bradham, West side of Sanctuary

**SALT** (Co-ed Adults) taught by Mark Pope & David Bryant, room next to Fellowship Hall, East Bldg.

**Friends** (Ladies) taught by Wendy Grigsby  
East side of Sanctuary

**Older Children** (Grades 2-6) taught by Kay McKinney, East Building, Center

**Younger Children** (Age 4-Grade 1) taught by Karen Hutson, East Building, Center

**Nursery** (Birth-Age 3) taught by Stacy Gagne  
East Building, Center/Nursery

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members' Health Concerns

Chris Beam  
Tommy Braswell  
June Cofer  
Phyllis Hutto  
Bobbie Kendrick  
Kay & John McKinney  
Rex Nordeen  
Louise Parrish  
Bunny & Steve Raper  
Richard & Linda Reeves  
Gloria Shaw  
Wanda Tucker

## All Seniors & Caregivers

Our Friends & Family  
(see website for details)

## Other Requests

Our Visitors & Families  
Our Community & Other Area Churches  
New Ellenton Christ Central  
Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center  
Aiken Baptist Association  
Aiken Schools – Dr. Corey Murphy  
Our Country, State & Local Leaders  
Grant Ensley (Jennifer Watkins' son)

## Bereaved

Diane Miller, 4/9/2024  
Linda Reeves' sister (Summerville SC)  
Bernice Grigsby, 4/15/2024  
Robert Grigsby's aunt (Lexington SC)

## Church Leaders/Ministries

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
YouthZone  
King's Kids Club  
VBS 2024, June 24-28, Amy Bryant/Leaders  
Children  
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders  
Saturday Men's Prayer Time  
Pastor Richard & Karen Barnard  
Music Ministry & Choir  
Thursday Bible Studies  
Deacons, Trustees, Ministry Asst.  
All FMBC Committees  
Adults on Mission  
Church Renewal

For more details, please go to our Website at [www.foremanbaptist.com](http://www.foremanbaptist.com) and click the Prayer List link.

## FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2024

TITHES & OFFERINGS - \$11,634.36 (THRU 4/21)      ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING (FINAL): \$2,617.00

EAST BUILDING FUND - \$4,106.40 (THRU 4/21); **GOAL: \$30,000.00**

## THE FISH FRY – APRIL 13, 2024

If you knew James Parrish, you knew how much he loved both fishing, and frying them up with his friends. We recall how he was always wanting to (and many times managed to) have a fish fry. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for serving us, and to all the Parrish family fishermen, and cooks. Special thanks to James Parrish for his inspiration on fish and many other things; and Mrs. Louise and the Parrish family for helping us continue the fish-fry tradition Mr. James so loved.



Some of the Fish Fry cooks: Robert Grigsby, Chris Beam, Richard Reeves, Dwight Hall & Jeffrey Williamson



Pastor Richard Barnard, James & Louise's son-in-law, Darryl Smoldt; their son, Stanley Parrish; and their grandson, Wesley Parrish.



## ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

**Thank you** for reading the FMBC News! We covet your prayers and support. Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who wishes to **subscribe** — the subscription is free. We always welcome and encourage new subscribers! To **unsubscribe** please either:

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New Ellenton SC 29809
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[fmbc.church@outlook.com](mailto:fmbc.church@outlook.com)
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- Call the church office at 803-652-2242 and leave a message.

Thank you!  
Wendy Grigsby, Editor





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**SUNDAYS:** 9:45 AM Bible Study Classes ♦ 11 AM Worship Service ♦ 5 PM Worship Service ♦ 6 PM Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAYS:** 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study; YouthZone Grades 6-12; King's Kids Grades K-5

**THURSDAYS:** 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study and Men's Bible Study

**SATURDAYS:** 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>April 28</u> 9:45 – Sun. School 11 – Worship 3 – Membership Mtg. 4 – Membership Mtg. 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	<u>April 29</u>	<u>April 30</u>	1 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	2 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 11:15 am <b>Membership Meeting</b>	3	4 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
5 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship 4 – Finance Comm. 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	6 6:00 PM <b>Buildings &amp;            Grounds            Meeting</b>	7	8 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	9 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	10	11 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:45 – Sun School 11 – Worship 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	13 10:00 AM <b>Adults on            Mission</b>	14	15 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	16 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> <i>Men's Bible Study</i>  <i>Aiken Singers Concert</i> <i>7 pm at St. John's UMC</i>	17	18 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
19 9:45 – Sun School 11 – Worship 12 – Church Mtg. 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	20	21	22 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	23 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	24	25 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
26 9:45 – Sun School 11 – Worship & 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	27  <i>Office Closed</i>	28 Church Office Open 9-4	29	30	31	<b>VBS</b> <b>Monday-Friday</b> <b>June 24-28, 2024</b> 8:45 am - 12:00 each day

Regular Church Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm; closed for lunch 1-2 pm. When a change is necessary (for bank holidays), the change only is noted on this calendar.

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