

FMBC News



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Saturday
April 13, 2024
Cooking at 5
Meal at 6

In Loving Memory
of
Mr. James Parrish

Sign up by April 7
All Welcome!!

As Christians, we have God's unlimited grace and unlimited access to Him as our Father. Here is a prayer you can use or share with a loved one to use at any private moment with God.

Thank You for This Very Moment

Dear Father,

Right now, at this very moment, You are my God.

You are here with me. You hear me and know me – right now.

You are thinking of me – good merciful thoughts, so sweet.

Right now, You are smiling to know that You have adopted me as Your child.

Even as I awaken in the middle of the night, You are eternally alert!

At this very moment You are loving me with the love You have eternally had for Your Son.

I am weak and may even fall back asleep quickly, but You are God – my God!

You, at this very moment, have beyond-my-understanding good plans for me.

Your plans include right now, and eternity. I love this grace wherein I stand.

At this very moment, You welcome me to praise You, thank You, and ask You for anything in Your will.

At this very moment, You are Present. You are Personal. You are Purposeful.

You are Good. You are here with me. And I love You, Father - through Your Son, my Savior and my Hope, Jesus.

I am eternally grateful – even at this very moment. Amen.

May you have daily this-very-moment times of prayer with your Lord.

Brother Richard



SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Our new leaders of the Shoebox Ministry collection, Linda Reeves and Susan Hall, are beginning their monthly collection plan starting with April, and there will be different items listed every month.

The items suggested for April are **crayons and coloring books**.

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 April, but on the gift list from Samaritan's Purse (copies on the vestibule table), and be sure it will fit in a shoebox.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. *(Copied from their website.)*

HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX

- 1 – **Find a Shoebox** *(we have them at church).*
- 2 – **Get Your Label.** Decide Boy or Girl; Ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.
- 3 – **Fill with Gifts** (or bring selected items monthly as designated).
- 4 – **Pray.** Most importantly, “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.
- 5 – **Donate \$10 Per Shoebox.**
- 6 – **Drop Off** *(Shoebox Leaders will do this; just brings yours to church).* National Collection Week is Nov. 18-25, 2024.

For more information:

www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box

BIBLE READING PLAN APRIL 2024

- 1. Genesis 30:25-34
- 2. Genesis 30:35-43
- 3. Genesis 31:1-9
- 4. Genesis 31:10-21
- 5. Genesis 31:22-35
- 6. Genesis 31:36-44
- 7. Genesis 31:45-55
- 8. Genesis 32:1-12
- 9. Genesis 32:13-23
- 10. Genesis 32:24-32
- 11. Genesis 33:1-11
- 12. Genesis 33:12-20
- 13. Genesis 34:1-12
- 14. Genesis 34:13-23
- 15. Genesis 34:24-31
- 16. Genesis 35:1-7
- 17. Genesis 35:8-15
- 18. Genesis 35:16-29
- 19. Genesis 36:1-19
- 20. Genesis 36:20-43
- 21. Genesis 37:1-11
- 22. Genesis 37:12-23
- 23. Genesis 37:24-36
- 24. Genesis 38:1-11
- 25. Genesis 38:12-19
- 26. Genesis 38:20-30
- 27. Genesis 39:1-9
- 28. Genesis 39:10-23
- 29. Genesis 40:1-11
- 30. Genesis 40:12-23

Spring Bulletin Board

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.

Volunteers still needed are 3-4 more workers including

- Grades 4-6 leader
- sub. for 4-yr-olds on Tues., June 25
- 2 floaters

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.

Church Wide Fish Fry April 13

Everyone is invited to a Fish Fry on Saturday, April 13. Cooking begins at 5:00 PM, and meal is planned to begin at 6:00 PM. We are honoring Mr. James Parrish as we have this fish fry since he loved having those and sharing his catch with his friends. If you plan to attend please let us know by signing up on the list in the back of the sanctuary, or calling the church office (803-652-2242) by Sunday, April 7.



James Parrish, Jeffrey Williamson, Rex Nordeen, Robert Grigsby & David Bryant at the 2021 Fish Fry

Adults on Mission

Adults on Mission will meet Monday, April 8 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.

King's Kids & YouthZone

Every Wednesday at 6 pm

All children ages 5K through Grade 12 are invited and groups meet in the Fellowship Hall and other rooms in the same (East) building.

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.

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 Geraldyn 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

Phyllis Hutto
Bobbie Kendrick
John McKinney
Rex Nordeen
Louise Parrish
Bunny & Steve Raper
Richard & Linda Reeves
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

Charlie Bryant, 3/11/2024
Kendrick Family

Church Leaders/Ministries

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
YouthZone & King's Kids Club
Fish Fry, April 13
VBS 2024, June 24-28, Amy Bryant
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders
Saturday Men's Prayer Time
Pastor Richard & Karen Barnard
Music Ministry & Choir
Ladies' & Men's Thursday Bible Studies
Deacons, Trustees, Ministry Asst.
All FMBC Committees
Adults on Mission
Process for the Future

For more details, please go to our Website at www.foremanbaptist.com and click the Prayer List link.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2024

TITHES & OFFERINGS - \$13,644.01

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING: \$1,246.20

EAST BUILDING FUND - \$2,699.40 (GOAL: \$30,000)

NEW ELLENTON CHRIST CENTRAL UPDATE!

Our local Christ Central had issued a plea to its supporters in the form of a letter with the subject: "Funding Request for Homeless Shelter." During March, this happened! God is so good! Thank you UMOJA Village!



Donna Moore-Wesby and Deborah Creech hold the grant check for \$5,000 from UMOJA Village.

UMOJA VILLAGE AWARDS \$30,000 IN GRANTS: Umoja Village is pleased to announce recipients of its 2024 Round 1 Umoja Village Funding Allocation grants, which total \$30,000.00 -- bringing the grand total of over \$65,000.00 since beginning the funding process in 2021:

- * Aiken County NAACP Youth Council, \$3,000.00
- * Carolina Snipers AAU Athletic Program, \$2,500.00
- * **Christ Central Ministry, Inc. (New Ellenton), \$5,000.00**

The list continues, but we rejoice with Christ Central for receiving the amount needed!

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:

- Mail a request to
207 Smith Avenue,
New Ellenton SC 29809
- Send email to:
fmbc.church@outlook.com
- Personal Message on Facebook
- Call the church office at 803-652-2242 and leave a message.

Thank you!
Wendy Grigsby, Editor



APRIL

2024

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
31 Easter 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship <i>No Evening Activities</i>	1 6:00 PM Buildings & Grounds	2	3 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	4 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> 10:00 am <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	5	6 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
<i>First Spring Break Week, Aiken County Schools</i>						
7 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	8 10:00 AM Adults on Mission	9	10 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	11 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> 10:00 am <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	12	13 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">5:00 PM Fish Fry</div>
<i>Last Spring Break Week, Aiken County Schools & Masters Week</i>						
14 9:45 – Sun School 11 – Worship 4 – Finance Comm. 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	15	16	17 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	18 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> 10:00 am <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	19	20 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
21 9:45 – Sun School 11 – Worship 12 – Church Mtg. 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	22	23	24 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	25 10:00 am <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> 10:00 am <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	26	27 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
28 9:45 – Sun School 11 – Worship & 5 – Worship 6 – Choir Reh.	29	30	 <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <p>fish fry</p> </div>			
<p>Be sure to sign up for the Fish Fry on Saturday, April 13 at 5:00 PM!</p> <p>Leave a message at 803-652-2242 or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule by April 7.</p>						

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.