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**April Birthdays**

- 3 – Suzette Endris
- 4 – Ainsleigh Withers
- 5 – Mark Skinner
- 7 – Bonnie Hicks
- 9 – Anden Wilson
- 10- James Lewandowski  
Oscar Peterson
- 11- Robbie Bailes  
Autumn Meins
- 14- Cade Moore
- 17- Loretta Poe  
Brandon Nolen  
William Peckett
- 19- Brycen Dowden
- 20- Cameron Endris
- 21- LaVean Marze
- 23- Karen Robertson
- 27- Diane Barney  
Leslie Moore  
Baylor Dillon
- 30- Esther Stephens  
Kenzie Cryer



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**Staff**

Darin Worthington, Pastor  
Rodney Blackwell, Youth Minister  
Kiersten Nolen, Children Minister  
Elizabeth Cyr, Choir Director

**Deacon on Call**

April 7-13, 2024  
Randall Smith  
337 423 1950

April 14-20, 2024  
Alan Loris  
202 577 1437

April 21-27, 2024  
Charles Bealer  
337 353 3661

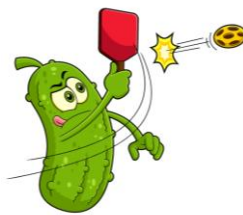
April 28-May 4, 2024  
Roger Rolon  
337 208 7124

**FBC State of Affairs**

2024 Monthly Budget Required \$35,418.00  
Total for March 2024 \$43,495.14

**Sunday School Report**

	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
Members Present	88	75	84	62	-
Visitors	13	14	7	9	-
Worship Attendance	196	183	177	198	348



Pickleball in the FBC  
Gym  
Tuesday and Thursday  
1-5 pm & Friday 10-12  
Noon

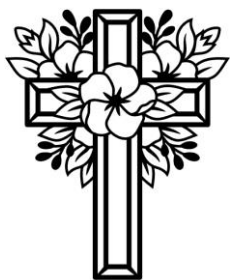
**Memorials**

**In Memory Of:**

Jill Dowden  
Shirley Grimes Parker  
Charles Underwood  
Mac Waldrop  
James Williamson  
Laura Lorraine Richardson  
Louise Welch  
Billie Nell Hicks  
Betty Chance  
John Brand, Jr.  
Otis Ferguson  
Jack Causey  
Audrey Griffin  
John Brand  
John Brand

**Given By:**

Leesville High School Class of 64  
Betty Westerchil  
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Robbie Endris  
Bruce & Alice Westmoreland  
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Betty Westerchil  
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Betty Westerchil  
Macel Howard



Love and condolences to Pat Totten and her daughter, Stacy and family in the death of Pat's brother, John Brand, Jr.



Watching intently learning how to cook



Leigh Ann those meat balls are looking good!

Thanks ladies for sharing your favorite recipes with us. We really enjoyed the demo AND eating the delicious food. If you are not involved in Tapestry, this is your invitation to join us in the CLC the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm.



Janet, making those pies just can't be that easy! They are too good!



Renee making her delicious dumplings for us to enjoy!



Women on Mission is a missions discipleship group designed to equip adult women to become active disciples of Christ as they live on mission for Him.

Through Women on Mission, women: Learn about missions around the world and North America, pray for the nations to hear of God's love and for the missionaries who serve Him. They give to mission offerings and through the Cooperative Program, and do missions by sharing Christ with others.

If you are interested in doing any kind of mission work, please join this group the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM.



**Youth**

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” I Timothy 4:12

Thank you, Rodney & Tammy Blackwell for all you do for the youth. You are appreciated.

### Word From Pastor Darin

I trust everyone had a great Easter. FBC Leesville had a great Easter, we had over 200 for our breakfast and a total of 348 for Easter. As I looked around on Sunday, I saw several new faces and saw the Lord move mightily in our service. After the service I spoke with 2 individuals that are ready to get saved. Please pray for me as I meet with these individuals. Easter is a great time to evaluate where we are in our walk with Christ, so I want to encourage each of you to spend some time with the Father so He can speak to you.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this weekend a huge success. The playground looked great and a big thank you to Ed Brady, Randall Smith, and Robert Pynes for their hard work. Also, thank you to all that helped Kiersten with the easter egg festival, it was a huge success. And lastly, thank you to all of the help in the kitchen for our community breakfast. These efforts are so helpful to people coming to Christ and please know your pastor sees and is so grateful.

This next week my message will be keeping Easter with you. We will be looking into what happen after the resurrection with Peter. I look forward to seeing each of you Sunday as our children's choir presents their program.

See you Sunday  
Pastor D

### FIRST YOUTH NEWS

Hello FBC Leesville Family,

Our youth group numbers are remaining steady, and our faithful students continue to invite their friends. If you have not had a chance to see what has taken place in the youth room, I believe you will be pleasantly surprised. It is ninety-plus complete, and you are invited to come take a look. We will be formally dedicating it in the very near future. Our first fundraiser of 2024 is the Chili Cook-Off Youth Fundraiser on Sunday, 25 February. Be looking for more in the days to come.

The last two sermons on Revelation reminded me that being busy in doing good and doing good when it is easy is not necessarily holiness. We all need reminders and encouragement as adults, youth, and children to be people of the Word and to regularly attend church and church activities. In Matthew 18:20 Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." But we also must be reminded that there needs to be a primary faith influencer in the home. This may be the father, mother, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, or someone who is concerned for the spiritual wellbeing of the family. Have a fabulous February everyone!

In His service, Rodney Blackwell

### Children's Corner

We are off to a great start of Spring in our Children's Ministry at FBC! Easter is early this year. The kids are very excited about our Easter Festival. Thank you to everyone who has helped with eggs, candy, and inviting people to attend. We are excited to hear our children singing for Easter Sunday and next Sunday for our older children's program as well. Thank you to Mrs. Elizabeth, Mrs. Karan, and Mrs. Shirley for helping in our Children's Choir area this year. Our kids are blessed to have you! We are also gearing up for our Kids Mission Camp which will be July 15th-18th at Clara Springs Baptist Camp. Please be praying about this opportunity for our kids. Camp deposits have been extended to April 7th (\$105). We will be having a bake sale at Market Basket on May 25th. Our GA's will be having their annual lock in on May 17th at 5:30-8:00 the following morning. You may also mark your calendars for our FBC VBS which will be held June 24th-28th. The theme is "Breaker Rock Beach". This will be a big event in our church so please begin praying that many children will come to know Christ that week. More information will be coming about VBS soon. "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."-Isaiah 61:11 Happy Spring! ~ Mrs. Kiersten



### Sunday Morning

Bible study for all ages 9:30 to 10:30 am  
Children's Church Pre-school thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr.  
Worship Service 10:45 – 12:00 Noon

### Sunday night Activities

RA's, GA's & Mission Friends 6-7 pm  
Youth & Adult Bible Study (CLC) 6-7

### Wednesday Night Activities

Youth, Children & Adult Meal CLC 5-6  
Children's Choir 5:35-Awana 6-7:10  
Adult & Youth Bible Study 6-7  
Adult Choir Practice 6:45 –7:45 pm

### April 2024 Wednesday Night Meals

April 3<sup>rd</sup> -Loretta Poe & Crew  
April 10<sup>th</sup> -Adult 3 Men- Teddy Broyles  
April 17<sup>th</sup>-Pot Luck-Bring your favorite dish  
April 24<sup>th</sup>-Loretta Poe & Crew

### NOTICE

There will not be a WMU meeting in the month of April. See you in May!

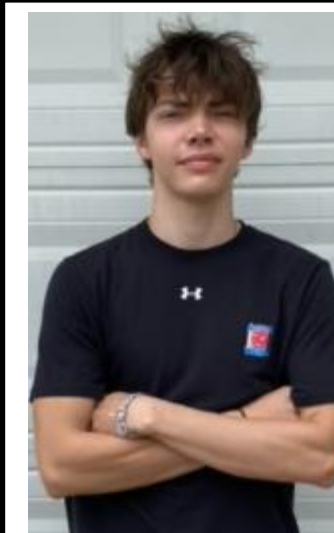
### New Members



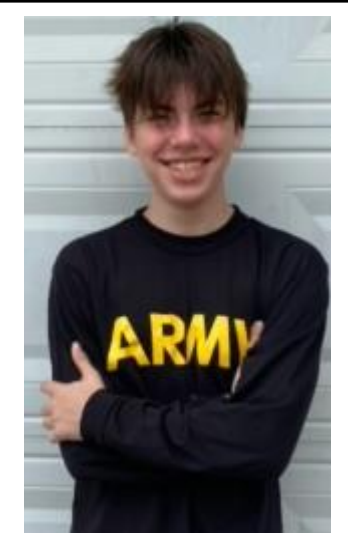
Lorianne Perkin & Ruby



William & Rebecca Peckitt



Antonio Lewandowski



James Lewandowski

Dear Bereavement Committee,  
As southerners, it is what we do when someone is grieving: feed them. My mother does it, and I do it because she ingrained it in me. It has been a while since I was on the receiving end of that comfort, and I truly felt your ministry and love in each bite of that delicious meal. It was a time for our family to relax and visit without any worries of time or responsibility. It was a time to reminisce and laugh with close friends and family. It was a time to reflect on Jesus and the comfort He gives. You were the hands and feet of Jesus, ministering to us in the most comforting way that afternoon after the funeral. Thank you for giving your time and talents for our family.  
Pat Totten & Stacy Castaneda,

 *Music*  
*is the voice of the soul.*

*Thank you, Elizabeth, FBC  
Adult choir and all the people  
working behind the scenes for a very  
meaningful and beautiful Easter  
Music Presentation.*



Hearing the real Easter Story at the FBC Easter Egg Hunt. If your children aren't in church, we would love to have them here!



Good Job Easter Greeters: It means so very much to see a smiling helpful face when you go to a new church, and you ladies so such a great job.