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#### **April Birthday**

- 1 Charlene Crowder
- 3 Suzette Endris
- 4 Ainsleigh Withers James Jones Misty McDonald
- 7 Bonnie Hicks
- 8 Tammy Lewandowski
- 9 Anden Wilson
- 10 -James Lewandowski Oscar Peterson Patches Dixon
- 11 -Robbie Bailes Aidyn Hoffpauir
- 14 -Cade Moore
- 17 -Loretta Poe Brandon Nolen
- 19 -Brycen Dowden
- 21 -LaVean Marze
- 23 Karen Robertson
- 27 Diane Barney Leslie Moore

#### Memorials

Memory of: Doris Werner

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Darin Worthington, Pastor Lanny Turner, Minister of Music Rodney Blackwell, Youth Minister Kiersten Nolen, Children Minister Cherie Turner, Accompanist

Deacon on call	FBC State of Affairs						
April 6, 2025	2025 Monthly Budget Required \$38,992.00						
Randall Smith	Total for March 2025 \$41,065.57						
337 423 1950	Sunday School Report						
		3/2		3/16	3/23	3/30	
April 13, 2025	Members Present	78	90	88	96	96	
Alan Loris	Visitors	13	10	32	10	22	
202 577 1437	Worship						
April 20, 2025	Attendance	163	167	183	181	192	
Charles Bealer 337 353 3661	April Wednesday Night Meals						
April 27, 2025 Roger Rolon 337 208 7124	April 2, 2025	Youth Parents					
	April 9, 2025	Pot Luck					
	April 16, 2025	No Meal					
	April 23, 2025		Pastor Darin &				
			Bro. Lanny				
	April 30, 2025		Pizza Night				
		(Business Meeting)					

#### Children's Corner-April

We are off to a great start of Spring in our Children's Ministry at FBC! Easter morning will be a great day at FBC Leesville. We will have our annual egg hunt right after the morning service at 11:45. We are still in need of more eggs and candy if you are able to donate! We are excited to hear our children singing for Easter Sunday and for Mother's Day as well! Thank you to Mrs. Amy and Ms. Shirley for helping in our Children's Choir area this year. We sure appreciate your dedication! We are also gearing up for our Kids Mission Camp which will be July 14th-17th at Clara Springs Baptist Camp. Please be praying about this opportunity for our kids. Our informational camp meeting will be this Sunday (4/6) immediately following the morning service in the old Children's Church room. The cost of camp is \$205. We will be having a bake sale at Market Basket on April 26th and a Pickleball Tournament in June to help raise funds for camp. If anyone feels led to help sponsor a camper or donate towards camp please let me know. We hope to take about 24 kids this summer. Our GA's will also be having their annual lock in on May 16th at 3:30-8:00 the following morning. You may also mark your calendars for our FBC VBS which will be held June 23rd-27th. The theme is "Magnified". 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. "May the God of HOPE fill you with JOY and PEACE as you trust in him."- Romans 15:13- Happy Spring! ~ Mrs. Kiersten

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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30 AM CLC
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-NO CHILDEN'S CHURCH
WE WILL HAVE NURSERY-BIRTH UP TO 4 YRS

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER MORNING WORSHIP
NO EVENING SERVICE - ENJOY YOUR FAMILY



As we look forward to April, and for the Christian, one of the most holy days of the year, we praise God for His unspeakable gift of his Son dying on the cross for our sins. On the third day, Easter, rising again to walk through this life with us and take us to Heaven at the end.

### Word from Pastor Darin

I trust that each of you well and realize that God loves you and has a plan for you. One of our plans is that Easter Sunday morning we will have a free community breakfast at 8:30, church at 10:00, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids at 11:45. Please invite your neighbors, family, and friends to join you. Our goal is 400 for this Easter. We will not reach this goal unless we all do our part. There are cards in the sanctuary for you to pick up and invite others. Also, we are in need off eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. You can start dropping them off at the church this week. This Easter's theme is That's My King.

I want to say a huge thank you to all that helped make this years wild game dinner a huge success. This event is designed to bring people to our campus and to lift up the name of Jesus, and I would say that definitely happened.

Beginning in May, I will start a new sermon series from the book of Nehemiah.

#### **Music Notes**

#### **DMA News:**

"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

Clearly we DMAers who headed off to Woodville for lunch at the Pickett House certainly had to adopt this cutesy saying: upon arrival in Woodville we discovered that the Pickett House was temporarily closed a couple of days for some needed structural repairs. Oh well, we simple came back to Jasper for lunch at the Cedar Tree. Needless to say, we still enjoyed a delicious meal together, with the added bonus of extra fellowship time!

We certainly have a wonderful time in DMA, and we encourage more of our senior adults to join us regularly, especially those of you who don't think you're old enough!! We need and want you.!!

Here are some DMA dates to put on your calendars:

DMA Dry Creek Fish Fry: Thursday, April 10 (this one is earlier than usual, so be sure to put your name on the list by Tuesday, April 8.

DMA Monthly Luncheon: Thursday, April 24.

Finally, please keep those of us who are attending the Spring Jubilee Conference in Branson in your prayers. We leave after church, March 30 and will return home on Thursday, April 3. It is a long trip and we covet your prayers!

#### Music Notes:

Choir has had some wonderful rehearsals as we prepare specials for the Sundays leading up to Palm Sunday and Easter. Plus we will continue to add new songs each week. Our choir works hard and we thank you for supporting us!!

Let's keep supporting each other as members of this Body of Christ in FBC, LEESVILLE. Our fire grows hotter when we are all here regularly. Lanny

Our "Experiencing God" Bible study has ended. This has been a wonderful time spent in God's Word. Thanks to all the group leaders who stepped up to lead, and a special thanks to Pastor Darin for spearheading the entire program-GOOD JOB!

Sarah SS Class made their quarterly lunch and bingo visit to Sunshine Apartments. Delicious spread and the residents look so forward to their visits. Great Ministry!! Thanks DeLain & Sarah SS class



Youth Garage Sale Fund Raiser will be April 5, 2025 in the CLC. Begin bringing your items March 24<sup>th</sup> and placing them in the gym up against the walls, please. The youth will appreciate it!!!

Tapestry celebrated with St. Patrick's Day decorations, Bro. Lanny gave instructions about growing your own healthy food and staying healthy. Did you know you could grow a garden in a burlap bag?? Thanks you, Bro. Lanny and to Janet Cannon for always doing the work to have inspirational and informative programs each month. Come & join



## Youth News

Hello FBC Leesville Family,

As we get closer to Easter and the celebration of our Risen Lord, may we immerse ourselves in His glory and in the eternal Gift that is Jesus Christ our King. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7 My hope and prayer is that this newsletter finds you well and if not, please let us know how we can be praying for you and any way we can minister to you.

As I'm writing this, some of our dedicated adult workers and I are preparing to take our youth to an LSU Tigers Baseball game in Baton Rouge, on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking 20 or 21 youth with us and I'm so looking forward to going, since I have never been to an LSU Baseball game! The Youth Garage Sale Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any donations, you can drop them off at the gym or let me know or the church office if you need assistance. We will have our Youth Jambalaya Fundraiser on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please purchase one from the youth, youth workers or sign up in the church office and in your Sunday school class in a few weeks.

In His service, Rodney

# Wild Game Dinner Weekend



Delicious wild game food, inspirational speaker, Andy Peterson and the mountain lion, Carson Peters and Iron Mountain Band. A big thank you to Steven and Victoria Gaston and Bill Tyree for the use of their wildlife displays. Thanks to all who participated in any way-too many to name, but you are appreciated.

# The Daycare at FBC needs to hire a cook.

If you are interested in the job, contact Marie Thornton, Daycare Director, at 337 353 1339 or come by the day care office located at 1400 Nolen Trace, Leesville, LA.

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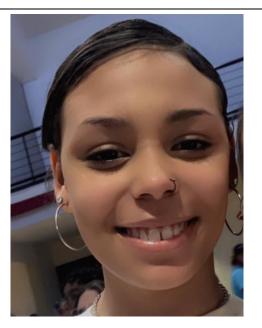
Tresday, April 8
6por in CC
at Tapestry

Youth Ofirls are invited.

No evening services during the month of April, 2025
There will still be Youth, GA's & RA's on Sunday evenings during April.



## New Members



Laíkyn Stagner



Wyatt Price



Raídyn Príce

Thank you, youth for working and doing clean up chores for the senior citizens of our church to earn money for camp. Doing a really good job!



Linda Militello

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