



First Baptist Church of Woodbury April 23rd, 2026 Edition

Sharing the Word, Loving the People, Living for the King



During the years I worked in Downtown Nashville, I had a daily routine at lunchtime: after grabbing something to eat I walked down Church Street to a bookstore. It was a nice walk and I could see if anything new had arrived since the day before. One day I got close to the bookstore and saw that there were crowds of people and excitement, and then I remembered—it was the day an author was appearing to sign copies of his new book. The new author was the head football coach at a large, well-known state university. Some people had gone to great effort to see this man and were beside themselves with excitement. Other people were not excited; in fact, they were aggravated. One of them was heard to declare, “I would not go out and see this man if he were signing books on my front porch! (I actually said it a little louder than I meant to.) Besides the excited and the aggravated, there was one more group present—the indifferent. They were mildly interested to see what the stir was about, and when they found out they didn’t much care one way or another and went about their business. In Luke 14, Jesus performs a miracle, but how people respond to Him is the focus of the story. The message is this: when it comes to Jesus, you are either with Him, or against Him. When you respond to Jesus, there is no such thing as being neutral or indifferent—you are either with Him, or against Him. You?

This Sunday morning we come to Hebrews 4: 14 – 16. The great theme of Hebrews is the supremacy of Jesus, and in these verses the author of Hebrews gives us at least three more reasons why we should hold fast—hold tight—to Christ. In the evening service we’ll turn to James 5: 1 – 6, where James warns us against selfishly misusing the money that God has entrusted to us. If money talks, what will yours say on Judgment Day? Don’t let lesser things get in the way of worship this week!

Claiming God's Word

Walking in Victory

Let us be reminded, as we strive to "walk in victory", we must be strong in the Lord. Let's focus on several crucial scriptures in Ephesians Chapter 6 over the next 2 weeks that are critical in our "life's journey".

Ephesians 6:10-13 KJV (10) Finally, my brethern, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Reminders for Sunday, April 26th

Deacon of the Week — M. Odom

Offering: M. Odom **Ushers:** J. Nichols, B. Haley

3T Nursery —A. Baird, A. Weaver, K. Rogers

Children's Message — Mary Ellen Smith

Security — J. Matthews, D. Jessup, B. Davenport

Scripture Readers — A. Wies,



AWANA

Leadership Appreciation
Sunday, April 26th 5:30 pm

"Because Kids Matter to God!"

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WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

Sunday May 31st - Thursday June 4



For more information contact
Morgan Bostedt

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Graduation Sunday May 3rd

If you have a graduate in your family in Highschool, College, or Beyond please fill out the flap and put it in the offering plate or let the office know as soon as possible!
615.563.2474

Graduate's Name _____

Phone Number _____

School _____

Degree _____

Family _____

Be the change you wish to see in the world!



NEXT WED. NIGHT MEAL

Wednesday, May 6th

5:00 PM

Mexican Menu

ARK ENCOUNTER: A deposit of \$50.00 for families going on the trip can be given to the church office with the final amount due May 24.

GOOD OLE DAYS SIGN UPS to outreach at the church booth passing out water and pamphlets for VBS will be in the hallways or contact Courtney Odom.

JOY is contagious! Is that your calling card?

First Baptist Food Pantry



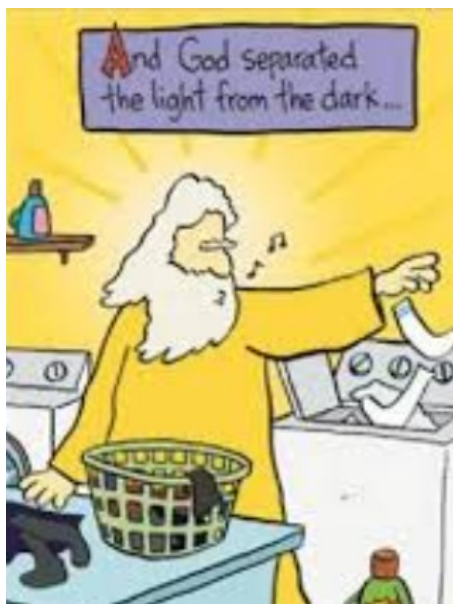
Operation Christmas Child



NEEDS FOR APRIL:

Boys and Girls Socks
Pencils and Erasers
Boys Underwear in ALL sizes
Bibles (See Phil Purvis to order)

******* Church Funnies *******



Respectful American Flag Disposal

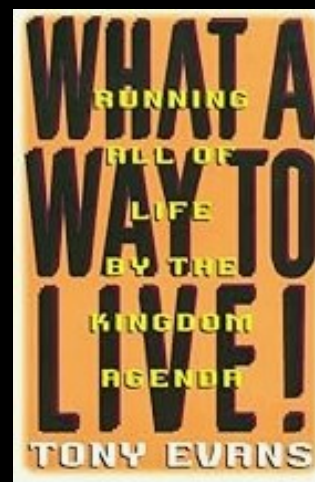


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Church Library Resource of the Week

Too many of us keep God on the fringes of our lives, accessible if we have a need, but far enough away that he doesn't interfere with our own private agendas. The result is segmented, compartmentalized lives with a narrow focus only on our own fulfillment. Evans shows in practical terms how God provides the authority and dynamics to make the most of every area of your life, and shows how the kingdom agenda can apply to the troubling social problems of justice, economics, racism, and education.



Reading Through The Bible in 2026

- 24. OT - II Sam. 19, 20; NT - Luke 18:1-23
- 25. OT - II Sam. 21, 22; NT - Luke 18:24-43
- 26. OT - II Sam. 23, 24; NT - Luke 19:1-27
- 27. OT - I Kings 1, 2; NT - Luke 19:28-48
- 28. OT - I Kings 3, 4, 5; NT - Luke 20:1-26
- 29. OT - I Kings 6, 7; NT - Luke 20:27-47
- 30. OT - I Kings 8, 9; NT - Luke 21:1-19

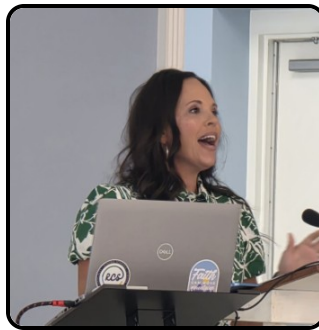
NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,
Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).

Women's Breakfast Saturday, April 18 "Time in His Presence"





Thank you, Ann Haley, and all who helped make it a beautiful morning!





ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES

The Asia-Pacific Rim is home to 2.3 billion people with an estimated 100 million followers of Christ. However, 95% of the people are spiritually lost. Roughly two-thirds of the area is inaccessible to IMB missionaries due to geopolitical realities, but 100% is accessible to national partners. The harvest force is ready to harvest! Across our affinity, believers are being mobilized to go into the world to reach "the every and the all."

A Filipino heart finds purpose in South Asia

Leah grew up in the Philippines with parents who practiced Taoism and Roman Catholicism. She didn't want anything to do with religion or Christians. As a young adult, Leah had everything the world said she should have. And yet, she questioned what her purpose was, feeling unsatisfied, and every morning she woke up with a heaviness in her soul that she could not explain.

Attempting to find comfort, she searched the internet for positive quotes, thinking that could be the solution to her pain. Instead, the first thing she came across was Proverbs 3:5-6. Despite her previous hesitations, she couldn't deny the hope she felt while reading the Bible. That was the moment when her hunger for God's Word—and the desire to share it with others—began. It was there that she gave her life to Christ. Over time, as her new church family disciplined her, she began to long to be used in whatever way the Lord would lead her. When she learned about God's mission for believers, she was moved to dedicate her life to missions.



Leah has followed God's leading to "go into all the world" and is now serving Him in another part of the world.

A few years later, Leah is now serving long-term in South Asia, an area not easily accessible to IMB missionaries. She has learned the language, and the Lord has led her to many people who are eager to hear the truth. She has also found local partners of her own who are willing to share the good news despite cultural and political risks. The Lord is using Leah to draw people to Himself in a region that desperately needs Him.

MAY 2026

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Romans 10:15

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year's focus was islands of the South Pacific. We have been praying for more workers, and God has answered. Rachel received her visa to go to New Zealand and work with the student ministry there, she arrived in January. Clara will arrive in March.

1 PHILIPPINES. Romans 10:13 says, "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." We are asked, "How can they be saved if no one tells them the message of salvation?" Pray for Christians in the Philippines to have boldness to share the gospel to a lost and dying world around them.

2 PHILIPPINES. We need Filipinos willing to be missionaries to their own people. They often know the language and culture. They are willing to go but are waiting for God to provide the opportunity and the financial assistance needed. We are praying for God's timing and provision.

3 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. God is doing an amazing work within the Asia-Pacific Rim. National believers burdened with the lostness around them are being sent out. Pray for their every need to be met. May their lives be a living testimony to churches and their obedience spur others to heed the call.

4 LAOS. In Laos, a group of young pastors and leaders have begun meeting to exchange ideas and strategies for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. As they prayed and talked together, they coined a slogan, "Christ in every village!" Pray their vision will be realized.

5 INDONESIA. National believers juggle family life and ministry. Pray for these men and women as they raise their families amid discouragement, hardship, and persecution. Ask the Lord for clarity of purpose, joy in trials, and for many to come to faith through their witness.

6 JAPAN. There is an urgent need in the church in Japan for biblical teaching about God's desire for His church to reach out to the whole world. Pray, as Japanese churches engage in God's global mission, they will bless many nations and strengthen the churches in Japan.

7 SOUTH KOREA. Please pray God will work miraculously in the hearts of Korean believers and churches so they will be burdened to obey the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) by sharing the gospel with unreached people groups, both in South Korea and around the world.

8 SOUTHEAST ASIA. People are spending hours a day on a device. Digital engagement is being utilized to redeem some of those hours and to have access to people who are difficult to reach. Pray many would encounter God's Word and have an opportunity to respond!

9 TAIWAN. Pray Taiwanese believers will form friendships with their Buddhist neighbors, ministering to them, meeting needs in Christ's name, and sharing the gospel. Ask God to burden the hearts of believers and open the hearts of those who do not know Him.

10 THAILAND. Noot and Beam are planting a church in an area of Thailand known for moonshine and alcoholism. Pastor Noot tearfully thanked IMB missionaries for their encouragement, saying, "This is hard. But we don't feel alone anymore." Pray for local church planters laboring in tough areas.

11 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. As national believers leave home to take the good news to the nations, they often don't have the prayer support that IMB missionaries have. Please join in praying for these hard-working, God-loving missionaries to be steadfast and to feel God's presence daily.

12 JAPAN. Japan has sent missionaries abroad for well over a generation, especially to countries where agricultural expertise is welcomed. Pray the skills Japanese farmers have honed over the years will be learned and reproduced and lead to abundant spiritual harvests as well.

13 SOUTH KOREA. Please pray for ministries in the southeast region of South Korea that are reaching Asian migrants from areas that consist of unreached people groups (UPGs) and unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs). Scott*, a new baptized believer, is one such migrant. Please pray for him.

14 PHILIPPINES. In some religious families, parents make their young adult children promise to not change their religion when they move away from home for college or work. Please pray for boldness and courage as they fear their family's reaction if they become of a follower of Christ.

15 SOUTHEAST ASIA. As IMB missionaries look to push into places with no healthy church presence to plant new churches, resistance from the evil one is strong. Pray for perseverance in hard soil, persistence to lead, and healthy churches will be planted this next year.

16 CHINESE IN PARIS. In Paris's Chinatown, a team is launching a café meetup partnering with Michael, a local believer who

owns a restaurant. The team is seeking to reach the community and bless Michael, inspiring him toward involvement in local ministry. Pray for the team in this new ministry.

17 THAILAND. Cho goes out weekly to share Jesus' salvation. Recently, she encouraged a struggling woman, saying, "I once searched everywhere for truth. Now, it's come to your house—you don't have to look anymore!" Pray for Cho and others like her to remain bold in their witness.

18 INDONESIA. Flores is home to approximately 2 million people. Although you can find Catholicism, Protestantism, and Islam, the majority worldview is steeped in animistic belief and practice. Please pray for national believers as they bring the gospel to the "every and the all" there.

19 VIETNAM. In Vietnam, Tan* is a seminary student with a heart to make disciples for Christ. He formed a discipleship group that has now become a church. Please pray for him and the believers as they grow in their faith and take the gospel to their community and families.

20 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Praise God that throughout the Asia-Pacific Rim there are called-out ones who are willing to go to the hard places. As they go to remote islands or antagonistic communities, please pray for God to continue to be their strength, their hope, and their joy.

21 SOUTH KOREA. Please pray Korean global missionary partners (GMPs) being sent out from the Asia-Pacific Rim region will be able to live, work, and minister in areas where IMB

personnel cannot go due to entry or visa issues. Praise God for those who are already serving in these areas.

22 PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH PACIFIC. People in these areas are becoming more prosperous. Thus, they don't feel a need for a personal relationship with God. Pray with us for a renewed desire to know God and a dependence on Him, realizing He is the true source of life.

23 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM. Strategies are being implemented to continue to share the gospel with "the every and the all." The largest UPG (unreached people group) in one region remains strongly resistant. Pray the veil covering spiritual eyes will be removed and pray many would be called out of darkness into His marvelous light.

24 SOUTHEAST ASIA. IMB missionaries train local believers to sell simple, solar-powered lights to gain access to restricted slum areas. Last year, they led over 230 Bible studies in homes! Pray for this team and others using creative access strategies to enter closed areas with the gospel.

25 INDONESIA. National partners live among locals, praying and sharing the gospel as they go. From cities to villages in eastern Indonesia, they seek people of peace, share the good news, follow up, and disciple new believers. Pray they continue to rely fully on God's strength.

26 CAMBODIA. Darong and Sela are a married couple who are the founders of a Christian private school. On their school property, they have also planted a church to reach their community for Christ. Pray the Holy Spirit would continue to empower and encourage them.

27 SOUTH KOREA. Please pray for a successful endeavor in the southeast region of South Korea. The partnership is between an Asian training team from an unreached people group (UPG) who will equip Korean leadership for discipleship and church planting among migrant workers of the same UPG.

28 PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH PACIFIC. Please pray for the many job openings in this region. IMB missionaries are asking the Lord to call out the right people for each position. We know God has given them a unique set of skills and a teachable heart, may they open their hearts to the possibilities with excitement.

29 JAPAN. A Japan Baptist Convention missionary and his family of five were permitted to enter the villages near the Killing Fields of Cambodia because they offered to minister to children. Pray their ministry, "Living Fields," will result in many transformed lives for Jesus.

30 EAST ASIA. A worker shared that though they had been in Buddhist temples before, the oppression in this temple was like no other. Pray for national believers to see Buddhists with compassion, pray, and boldly share. Ask the Holy Spirit to tear down the spiritual strongholds.

31 SOUTH KOREA. Please pray for a great spiritual harvest among Korean young people. Pray they will become steadfast believers who will willingly respond to God's call to be missionaries among unreached people groups (UPGs) or unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs) of the world.

Missionaries equip Korean leaders to reach migrant workers

The southeast region of South Korea has a growing number of migrant workers from around the world.

Many are from areas in Asia that consist of unreached people groups (UPGs) and unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs). While a few churches are ministering to these migrants, missionaries and local partners want to help local leadership get training in discipleship and church planting as they minister to the migrants. Recently, by God's providence, a vital connection was made with a training center in an area where many of these migrants are from. Missionaries are working to link this training center with the local partners so that a team can come to the southeast region and equip leaders to effectively reach the migrants. Please pray for this.

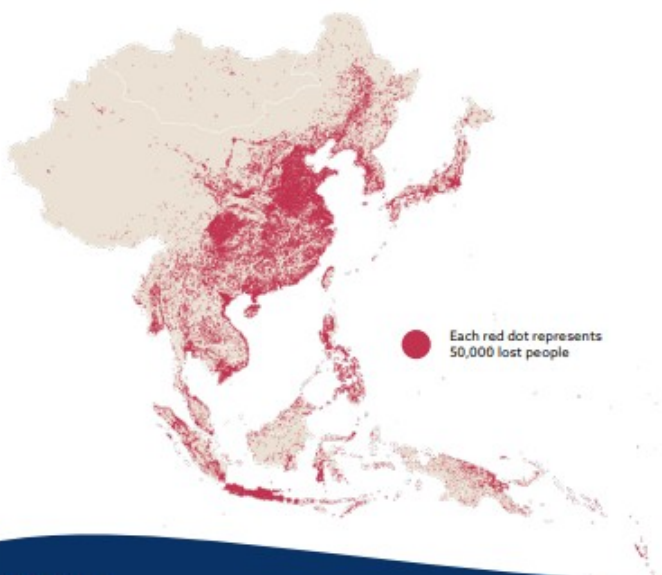


Koreans ministering to international migrant workers lead a worship service and pray for their requests, this is after teaching them the Korean language.

Mobilizing Korean Christians to be sent out

Hannah, a Korean student missionary, serves in a predominantly Muslim area. She is teaching Korean at a language institute, and God is giving her opportunities to share the gospel. Public evangelism is legally restricted, so Hannah prays for God's perfect timing to speak with someone. God miraculously worked out such an opportunity when Hannah shared with Amy not long ago.

Before meeting together, Hannah prayed earnestly for Amy's heart to receive the good news. While meeting in a home, Amy listened carefully and heard a full presentation of the gospel in her native tongue. Her heart was moved. They prayed together, and Amy received Christ as her Savior. Please pray for Amy because it will not be easy. She is one of few Christians in that area.



FAST FACTS

Asian Pacific Rim Peoples

POPULATION OF

2.3

BILLION

3,389

PEOPLE GROUPS

47,859

SOULS ENTER A CHRISTLESS ETERNITY EVERY DAY

468

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THE NATIONS,
TOGETHER.**

Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Melissa Burnett

Patrick, Karie Cecil

Bobby Davenport

Dot Duggin
Darrell, Lou Goins
Cecil Gregory
Ashlyn Hare
Drunell Higgins
Randal Holt
Richie Hunter
Andy McCrary
David, Charlene Odom
Benton Parker
Brandon Schwartz
MaryWells Smith

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Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)
Cara Anderson (Dean Anderson)
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Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)
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Roy Brigman (Marilyn Ault)
AnnaHaillie Brown (MaryWells Smith)
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Marcella Byers (Randall Byers)
Buck Campbell (Tony Burnett)
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Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)
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Linda Freeman (Hannah Herron)
Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)
Mary Headley (Mike Parks)

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Hellman (Morgan Bostedt)
Brenda Hinderliter (Penny DiGiacomo)
Joe Mike Hodge (Kaylee Rogers)
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Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
Betty King (Cindy Anderson)
Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)
Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
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Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
David, Pat Tomlinson (Carlene Thomlinson)
Kim Van Atta (Tony Burnett)
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Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Joyce Wilburn (Anna Farris)
Bill Wilson (Tony Burnett)
Betty Womack (Lydia Womack)
Daniel Woodin & family (Lela Woodin)

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson, Drunell Higgins

Homebound:

Martha Burke, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

Missionaries:

Phil/Laura Metcalf, Angela Dawson, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

Church Staff:

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

Military:

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Kevin Walkup Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

College Students:

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Active Deacons:

Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies, Douglas Jennings, Jason McGee

Church Matters:

Mission trip and Nunez Church in Buenos Aires, MissionLab group; WMU; Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; nation & leaders; Gideons; the lost

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be
gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

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