



FBC eBlast

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Very few activities encourage Christian growth and virtue like reading. That begins with the Bible, of course; Bible reading and prayer are the breath of the Christian life. After the Bible there are a world of Christian books, as well as literature, biography, and history, that will help guide your Christian walk and enrich your life. Karen Swallow Prior says the very act of reading helps to develop virtues like patience, prudence, and temperance. C. S. Lewis says that reading well and reading widely helps

us spot and avoid the blind spots, false assumptions, and nonsense of our own day and place; a person who uses books to “live in many places is not likely to be deceived by the errors of his own village.” Even more, Lewis says, reading enables you to see through the eyes of others and extend your own life, that through reading he had “become a thousand men” and yet remained himself. Some of the greatest blessings I’ve experienced have come through key books the Lord brought along at the right time in my life, and I’m convinced that the most neglected resource in the church is the Church Library. St. Augustine was converted to the Christian faith when he heard a voice say, “Take up and read,” and he grabbed a Bible. If you haven’t, find out what happens when you “take up and read”—the Bible and more.

In Romans 1 – 4 over the last few Sunday mornings, we’ve seen how faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to be delivered from the sin, guilt, and judgment we’re all trapped in. What happens when you do put faith in Christ? Be here and find out, Sunday morning in Romans 5: 1 – 11. On Sunday night we’ll turn to Mark 6: 14 – 29, and from King Herod learn some important lessons about which voices we should listen to in life, and which we should not. There is no better use of your time than worship with the church—use yours wisely this Sunday!

Bro. Dean



Coming Soon

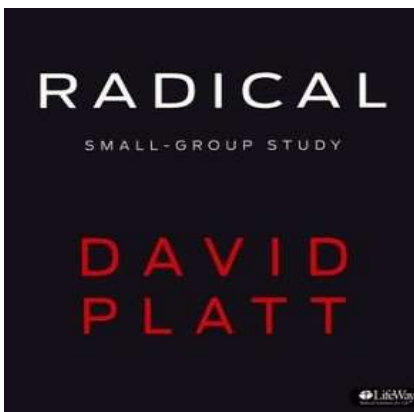
- This Sunday, May 15: The Preschool Choir Sings in AM Service*
- Sunday, May 22: AWANA Awards in PM Service*
- Sunday, May 29: Graduate Recognition in AM Service*



VBS: June 5 - 9

Ages 3 through adult; 6:00 - 8:30 nightly

If you'd like to serve, see Director Libby Sledge. Invite your friends and neighbors not only to bring their kids, but to come themselves—classes provided for ages 3 through adults, with supper served each evening. Pray that the Lord will bless and use this year's VBS to reach children and families!



This Year's Adult VBS:

RADICAL

When Jesus called His disciples, they left everything and followed Him. He expects no less of His followers today. Jesus is calling you and your church out of comfortable Christianity to take up your cross and follow Him. To embrace Him as your richest treasure. To feed the poor and reach the lost. To live for the glory of God. *That's radical.*



Graduate Recognition, May 29

In the morning service on May 29, we will recognize those in the church family who are graduating from high School, college, and beyond. *Please notify us of anyone who should be included!*



AWANA News

- May 15: AWANA Store & Pizza Night
 - Coming May 22: Awards Night, in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 - 7:00 Sunday Evening
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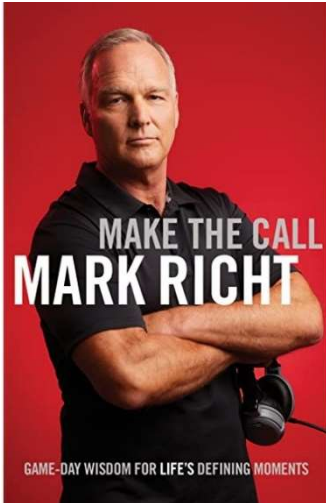


OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Suggested items for May: small coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, markers, pens, erasers, glue sticks, notepads, and pencils. Donations can be left on the display table at the entrance behind the Sanctuary.



The Salem Baptist Association consists of the Southern Baptist churches in our area, primarily Cannon and DeKalb Counties. This week we called Bro. Jonas Taylor of Lebanon to serve as our new Associational Missions Strategist (the position formerly known as Director of Missions).



Church Library Resource of the Week

There are moments in life when it comes down to your decision. Whatever you're facing, you know that no one else can bail you out. You have to make the call. Mark Richt, former head football coach at the University of Georgia and the University of Miami and long-time assistant coach at Florida State University, knows a thing or two about making the call. In this book, he shares some of those crucial moments—from his time as a player, through his years as an assistant coach and head coach—thirty-five years in all on some of the biggest stages of college football. You'll love being along for the ride with Mark as he shares his experiences both on and off the field, gives wisdom for life and leadership, and encourages you to make the most important call of all. In your Church Library, 200 RIC!

Reading & Praying through God's Word in 2022

“The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible, but to know God.”

—James Merritt

May 12: OT—II Kings 15, 16; NT—John 3: 1 - 18
May 13: OT—II Kings 17, 18; NT—John 3: 19 - 36
May 14: OT—II Kings 19, 20, 21; NT—John 4: 1 - 30
May 15: OT—II Kings 22, 23; NT—John 4: 31 - 54
May 16: OT—II Kings 24, 25; NT—John 5: 1 - 24
May 17: OT—I Chron 1, 2, 3; NT—John 5: 25 - 47
May 18: OT—I Chron 4, 5, 6; NT—John 6: 1 - 21
May 19: OT—I Chron 7, 8, 9; NT—John 6: 22 - 44

Memory Verses

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” John 1: 1 - 4



Sunday, May 8:

Nursery: Katie McGee, Emma Crabtree

Children's Message: Rhett Brewer

Deacon of the Week: Bob Walls

NORMAL SERVICE TIMES

<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
Sunday School – 9:30 AM Morning Worship – 10:30 AM Discipleship Training – 5:30 PM Evening Worship – 6:30 PM	GA's, RA's, Mission Friends – 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting – 6:00 PM High School Student Group—6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal—7:00 PM
<i>Nursery Provided During Each Service</i> <i>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).</i>	

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

From Baptist Press this week—one of the IMB Missionaries we support through the Coopeartive Program, Lottie Moon, and our prayers:

IMB worker perseveres while waiting on a harvest

By [Myriah Snyder](#), posted [May 9, 2022](#)



She has traveled a lot of rough roads. She has dealt with spiritual warfare. She has persevered through years of sowing with lean harvest – one of the most discouraging things for a missionary to write home about.

Yet she is trusting God to bring about His harvest in His time. And that trust is slowly paying off for Molly Petry, an IMB worker among an Unreached People Group (UPG) in a hard-to-access valley in Central Asia. She and her team of national partners who serve among this group are partnering with Send Relief, the

joint compassion ministry of the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board, to bring clean water to the area.

“God really got my attention when I was studying in college about how He has created us as physical, emotional and spiritual beings,” Petry said. “Oftentimes we separate those things out. But He desires to transform all those areas of our life.”

Petry said she loves that the focus of the ministry among her UPG is also multifaceted. Her team brings clean water to those who need it most due to a plethora of lethal waterborne illnesses. They also bring “the Living Water because, without Him, they will die for eternity.”

A bonus for Petry is getting to share this physical water and Living Water alongside national partners. “They have insights and understandings and are able to communicate in ways that I am not able to,” she said.

As her team goes to this remote UPG, like they’ve been doing for the last five years, they’re working closely with one believing family and have seen one new believer, Sally, who lives in the capital city, come to faith.

Sally’s people group numbers 28,000 souls. Many, like Sally, have left their remote mountain valley to find work in larger cities. But they still consider this valley their home. Due to weather, the valley is inaccessible for months of the year. Petry’s team must travel six hours from the capital, going as far as the road will take them. In what Petry describes as “tough physical conditions,” they travel on foot to the villages to bring help and hope.

A few months back, Sally’s extended family, the only believing one that Petry’s team is aware of in the remote valley, was celebrating a wedding. Sally traveled home with Petry’s team. Petry joked that Sally was a “captive audience” of sorts, and during travel, the team shared the love of Christ with her. By the end of the trip, Sally made a profession of faith. Now, going back to the capital city after the wedding, she can plug in to a church and be discipled.

While celebrating this victory, Petry’s team of national believers also was experiencing relational conflict that Petry recognized as spiritual warfare. Petry said she was discouraged, to put it mildly.

“Anytime someone comes to faith, it’s a miracle to see the work of God in their life,” she said. “But to be able to be part of that, as our team was going through this relational conflict, was a gift from Him.”

“We were reminded that He’s at work in faraway places and using His Church and His body to make a difference and to bring His kingdom to come.”

Sally’s story was a reminder to Petry that sometimes a missionary can labor for years before seeing people respond to the Gospel. It reinforced in her that her team is in the planting years. But soon enough, whether it be months or years from now, God is going to bring about a great harvest.

Lydia Pettus, who lived with Petry in Central Asia, shared that often she’d see Petry sitting “at her desk, writing out and practicing the best way to share the Gospel in the local language, so that she can communicate in a way that her people can understand.

“Molly’s perseverance is seen in her razor-sharp focus on getting the Gospel to the dark places at the cost of her preferences or strength. She lives a rhythm of life that relies on the Holy Spirit’s power to help her to do what she cannot do.”

Some names may have been changed for security reasons.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Myriah Snyder is senior writer/editor for the IMB.

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baptistpress.com.*

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

Marilyn Ault
Wallace Burke
Don, Sandra Burt
Patrick, Karie Cecil
Mark, Lesa Davis
Mance Davis
Dot Duggin
Cecil Gregory
Drunell Higgins
Doris Markum
Benton Parker
Branden Schwartz
Windol Tate
Gayland Watson
Betty Wilder

Jerrold Don Petigo (Douglas Jennings)
Shawn Petro (Lesla Davis)
Olivia Poff (Betty Smithson)
Bruce Rector (Dean Anderson)
Lois Rich (Wanda Walls)
Debra Robinson (Julie Powers)
Caroline Rowden (Brad Garrett)
Ruth Anne Semlinger (Sandy Bogle)
Robert Singleton (Jan Purvis)
Charlotte Sissom (Doxie Sissom)
Jack Smith (Lesla Davis)
Rita Smitty (Betty Horsley)
Don, Eunice Stevenson (Jeff Stevenson)
Brenda Tate (Tonya Davenport)
Ruby Valesco (Bruce Haley)
Mike Walls (Bob Walls)
Eric Ward (Rebecca Bucher)
Joyce Wilburn (Anna Farris)
Michelle Wilkerson (Jeff, Jeanette Todd)

Friends & Family-submitted by the person listed

Ron Abner (Dean Anderson)
Daphnea Anderson (Theresa Stevenson)
Lynn Baskin (Glenda Hunter)
Elijah Bell (Julie Powers)
David Brannan (Bob Davenport)
Burke's great-grandson (Martha Burke)
Ralph Coley (Regina Coley)
Terry Conley (Jeanette Todd)
Virginia Corr (Wanda Walls)
Donald Cowan (Matt Cowan)
Pat Curran (Jeff Stevenson)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)
Nancy Davenport (Shirley Parker)
Mary Dittmer (Katie McGee)
Augusta Donnell (Shirley Parker)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)
Michael Grubbs (Lesla Davis)
Norma Hancock (Martha Burke)
Melvin Hayes (Shirley Reed)
Phyllis Judkins (Lesla Davis)
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Lisbeth McGonegal (Lydia Womack)
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Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Loretta Wilkinson,
Edith Northcutt, Barbara Melton, Mamie Powers, Don
Barker

Missionaries: Buck/Annie Barton, Lee/Sophia Ford,
Marcus/Sara McBee, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela
Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Phil/Laura Metcalf, PJ
Scott, Chris/Rebecca Abner

Church Staff: Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Tony
Burnett, Tammy Wies, Julie Powers

Military: Caleb Daniel, Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris,
Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Parker Woodworth, Taylor
Woodworth, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup

College Students: Brady Bryson, Drew Bucher, Melissa
Burnett, Lytton Haley, Bradi Mason, Addison Melton,
Laura Beth Nichols, Ashlyn Nokes, Julianna Schau, Etta
Gaines, Chandler Todd

Active Deacons: Mark Matheny, Jeff Stevenson, Bob
Walls, Bill Sharp, Phil Purvis, Darrell Goins, Douglas
Jennings, Jason McGee, Matt Powers

Church Matters: VBS; Bro. Tony & Student Ministry;
Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB
Missionaries; persecuted Christians worldwide; nation &
leaders; Gideons; Jail Ministry, the lost