

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

MAY 5 IN BOTH SERVICES

BS 2024



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

FOR KIDS AGE 3 THROUGH 6TH GRADE

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A word from your Pastor...

LEARNING TO LAUGH AGAIN

Proverbs 17:22 states, "A cheerful heart is good medicine." I really enjoyed laughing with so many of you a couple of weeks ago when we hosted "Laugh All Night" at our church. Since then, I have been thinking about how Christians ought to be a people who are known for laughing, smiling, joy, and happiness. Where did anyone ever get the idea that being saved meant not having a good time or enjoying life? Obviously, life has its share of difficulties and hardships, but it also gives us ample opportunities to smile. Someone once told me that to grow in faith, we must take God seriously but not take ourselves too seriously. We must learn to laugh at ourselves. The everyday incidences of life provide the best comedy around. I have noticed that my best days are often those that I have laughed the most.

While the average child laughs 150 times a day, say researchers at the University of Michigan, the average adult laughs only 15 times. Where did the laughter go? My guess is that it erodes over time. We need to remember how to laugh again. Dr. Michael Miller of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, says laughter releases chemicals into the blood stream that relax the blood vessels. In addition, hearty laughter reduces blood pressure and heart rate. He further stated that individuals with heart problems were 40 percent less likely to respond with laughter in typical day to day situations than those without heart issues. An intriguing UC Berkeley 30-year longitudinal study examined the smiles of students in an old yearbook, and measured their well-being and success throughout their lives. By measuring the smiles in the photographs, the researchers were able to predict: how fulfilling and long lasting their marriages would be, how highly they would score on standardized tests of wellbeing and general happiness, and how inspiring they would be to others. The widest smilers consistently ranked highest in all of the above. Even more surprising was a 2010 Wayne State University research project that examined the baseball cards photos of Major League players in 1952. The study found that the span of a player's smile could actually predict the span of his life! Players who didn't smile in their pictures lived an average of only 72.9 years, while players with beaming smiles lived an average of 79.9 years. Research even shows that laughter aids in digestion. So, who knows, being in a better mood might also come with the added benefit of weight loss!

I recently read of a man who definitely got the last laugh. Before his death he made a recording and asked the funeral director to play it at his funeral. When they closed the casket, the mourners were shocked to hear his voice screaming, "Let me out! It's dark in here!" I hope that gave you at least one laugh to add to your daily total!

Have a great week! Love y'all!

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3/24 - 756	N 12 SUN HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Scripture Memorization	
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MAY 12 1 JOHN 5:11	
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Leading Everyday People to Love Jesus and Make Him Known.

Nelcome New Members





Stone & Eden Case Transfer of Letter



Kim Case Transfer of Letter



Reggie Martin Transfer of Letter



Maci Wilson Profession of Faith



Andrew Alexander Profession of Faith



Preston Britt Profession of Faith



Brandon & Brittney Meyers Skyler & Avery Transfer of Letter



Shirley Thompson

Transfer of Letter

Chris & Marcy Lynn Cox Transfer of Letter

Praise the Lord for 99 decisions since September 1, 2023!

Adutt Ministry News



Iron Men Breakfast Tuesday, May 7 Q 7:00 am *Last one until September* SMCC Student Union Building Upstairs Room

Breakfast Buffet - \$6

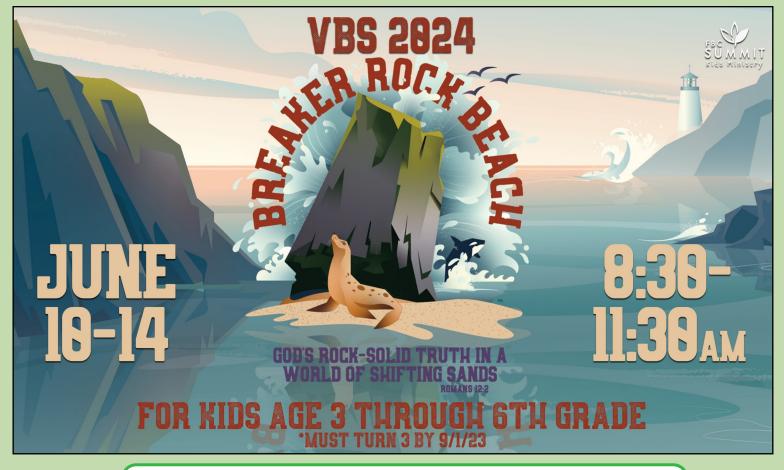
Hemories with Mong. May 12 For families with narsery through high school-aged children Anne- bring your family outside to the nest side of the Music Suilding to have a family photo taken for Mother's Day! You'll be able to download a digital file to print and keep. An photographer will be taking pictures from 8:45-9:15 and 10:15-10:45!





Hey Kids!





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STUDENT MINISTRY



Fridays at 7:20 Transportation to school not provided











FBC Summit Life



2024	BUDGET OFFERINGS		MISC OFFERINGS			
	Weekly*	YTD 2024	YTD Needs	Designated	Building Fund	
3/03	\$106,273	\$597,695	\$605,336	\$2,023	\$2,245	
3/10	\$42,219	\$639,914	\$672,628	\$2,035	\$1,736	
3/17	\$58,838	\$698,752	\$739,890	\$4,440	\$1,425	
3/24	\$97,246	\$795,998	\$807,152	\$5,143	\$1,785	
3/31	\$35,296	\$831,294	\$874,414	\$15,611	\$1,580	
Balance on Building Fund: \$389,699.57						
*Weekly Goal: \$67,262						
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