



THE MESSENGER

May 2026



Kingdom Kids Children's Ministry & Illumination Youth

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Upcoming Schedule Sundays

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Graceful Praise Rehearsal*
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts*
- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Illumination Student Ministry

* Does not meet each week; see leaders for details

Wednesdays

- 2:30 p.m. Afterschool Program
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
- Children's Choirs
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer/Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Special Events

- May 3 Youth Sunday
- May 9 Muffins with Moms
- May 10 Parent-Child Dedication
- May 13 Last Wednesday Night Supper
- May 14 Holly Seniors Community Lunch
- May 17 Graduate Sunday

MOMENTS THAT MATTER

From birth to graduation, and every moment in between, we believe in partnering with families as they nurture their children in their faith. It takes a village, and you are a part of that village. We celebrate our children and teenagers during these special milestone events, each a reflection of God's faithfulness through every stage of life.

We invite you to join us on Youth Sunday as the teenagers present "Eyewitness: The Story of a Promise Kept," following the disciples and citizens after the death of Jesus, and the hope that comes after the grave. The youth choir will join with the adult choir to sing "Draw the Circle", a reminder that the circle widens for each of us to find our place at His table.

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Share in a sweet morning on Saturday, May 9th, as children and teenagers celebrate the special ladies in their lives. Rejoice in children being dedicated to God by their parents on Mother's Day and families committing to raising their children to know God. Celebrate graduates from preschool to postgraduate degrees on May 17th, and all they have accomplished.

Each of these moments matters in the life of a child or a teenager. We are honored to be a part of them.



A VIEW FROM MAIN STREET

by Jeff Allen
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My life has always moved with the rhythm of the school year. I grew up as the son of a teacher, watching my mom prepare her classroom each August and breathe deep relief at the end of May. Then I married a teacher, so the rhythm only continued. Now we have two children – one in high school, one in middle school – and the school calendar still shapes our weeks, our meals, even the way the light falls across our dinner table. Like the turning of the seasons themselves, there is a rhythm to life, and if we are not careful, the most meaningful moments can pass by as quietly without our knowledge.

**“Just as creation marks its seasons,
God gives us moments to pause
and remember His goodness.”**

The last weeks of the school year are full of these moments. Just as we enjoy the beauty of a flower, we pause to see the beautiful growth that God is doing around us...



Unstoppable Kingdom

AN EASTER SERIES

Youth Sunday, when our young people lead us in worship. Mother's Day, when we honor the women whose love has shaped us like steady rain shapes the soil. Parent-Child Dedication, when families stand before God to ask for help raising the little ones entrusted to them. Graduate Sunday, when we send our graduates out with our blessing.

These are the markers God gives us, woven into the rhythm of the year so we will not forget how good He has been. So this month, let us not miss the moments that matter – for these are seasons of grace, and they will not come again quite the same way.

SAVE THE DATE


Donuts with Dads



Saturday, June 20th
From 9:30-10:30 am

Ministry Spotlight
Bereavement Ministry Team

In days of grief, few gifts mean more than a shared meal – a ministry our **Bereavement Ministry Team** faithfully provides.



"We work together to provide a meal for the grieving family," shares team leader Lancy Rhyne. "The most meaningful part as a team is we care about each other."

On the day of the service, the team serves at the church or in the home. "The families are so appreciative," Lancy reflects. "They can gather, share a meal, and share time together to grieve. Large or small, they have a time to share in a private setting."

To the team: Thank you for stepping into some of the hardest moments our church family faces. The tables you set are a reflection of the love of Christ.

To the congregation: Thank a team member when you see them. If you feel called to join this ministry, please contact Lancy or any team member.



TELLING STORIES

by Tori Freeman
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We spend most of our lives hurrying from one thing to the next, often leaving little time to breathe. Those with children may find themselves even busier as they drive them to various activities. We live in a constant state of hurry. When do we stop? No one has time to smell the roses anymore because that could interrupt the flow of chaos that we find ourselves in far too often.

How many moments are we missing out on? How often are we able to appreciate what is happening in front of us? Instead of enjoying the moment, we rush through it to get to the next moment so we can get to the one after that.

The moments that matter are often missed or hurried because our schedules do not allow for breaks. What if we slowed down? What if we took the time to enjoy each of the milestones that happen in our lives?

I have a feeling that we would cherish those moments. We would be able to find the time to take a breather. We believe that discipleship begins at birth, and that each moment that matters should be celebrated, never rushed. I offer the challenge this month that we find time to slow down, soak in the moments whatever they may be because, they matter.

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VBS Volunteers Needed

July 6th-9th
9:00am-Noon

Email me if you are interested!

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
Colossians 3:23-25*



MUSIC NOTES

by Cole Freeman
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Have you ever read a book or an article and gotten to the end and thought "that could have been condensed into a single sentence"? I have certainly had that thought about pieces of music before. Most pop tunes written in the last few decades are based off of 3 or 4 chords, which means once you've heard the first few seconds, you've heard the whole song, from a musical standpoint. On the other hand, there are many great works of literature and art that have so much depth that they take multiple experiences and sometimes many hours to fully comprehend. What is it that differentiates these two categories? Ultimately, it is the intentionality of the creator.

Sometimes when we step back and look at our lives objectively, it seems like a lot of boring routine, punctuated by moments of excitement. It can be easy to feel like we are stuck in a rut of the same-old, or worse, that our life doesn't even matter. It is in these times that we must remember that we can glorify Christ in all things. Paul reminds us all in 1 Corinthians 16:14 to do all things in love. Perhaps even in the routine of life, the moments that seem inconsequential to us, we can find ways to show love to those we encounter. At the end of the day, it is our choice as to how meaningful we make our lives. Will we settle for an average existence that passes quietly by or will we choose to glorify God and serve Him in all things?

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



May OCC Item

SMALL NEW ITEMS*
for Toddlers 2-4
Goal: 150 for Boys & 150 for Girls
*Sippy Cups *Bibs *Small balls
*Thin coloring books *Crayons

Kay MacIntosh: 980-253-7180
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Holly Seniors Community Lunch

Thursday, May 14 - 11:30 AM at FBCMH

Guest Speaker: Michelle Nichols MHPD
"Senior Citizen Welfare Check Program"
Register for this free event by May 7

Email Randy McLean at
isaiah41@duck.com



May Softball Schedule

Monday, May 4 @ 8:30 PM
Thursday, May 14 @ 7:30 PM
Monday, May 18 @ 7:30 PM
Thursday, May 28 @ 6:30 PM

All games played at FBC Stanley

In Sympathy

Our condolences go out to:

- Dickie Thomas and family on the death of his wife, Luann.
- Joe Hester and family on the death of his wife, Nancy.

New Member

We would like to welcome our newest member to FBCMH, Joe Hester, who joined on Sunday, April 19.

March Finances Update

March Receipts	\$40,405
March Expenses	\$64,364
Receipts YTD	\$161,522
Actual Expenses YTD	\$142,236
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$134,475
Annual Budget	\$537,901

Donations

In memory of Luann Thomas by:

- Aubrey & Brenda Horton to the Operating Budget
- Beverly Caldwell to the Children's Ministry
- Mary Jane Hinkle to the Library Fund
- Mary Lou Davis to the Children's Ministry
- Tom Abernethy to the Children's Ministry
- Sue Lahr to the Operating Budget
- Linda Cope to the Operating Budget
- Mary Jane Hinkle to the Library Fund
- Becky Causby to the Operating Budget
- Lancy Rhyne & Lanny Ray to the Operating Budget

- Belmont Savings Bank to the Operating Budget
- Jane Rhodes to the Operating Budget

In memory of Annette Cantrell, Page Medlin's Mother, by:

- Aubrey & Brenda Horton to the Youth Ministry

In memory of Linda Mullis by:

- Verna Jo Ellis to the Holly Seniors Ministry
- Danny & Barbara Rice to the Operating Budget
- Millie Hunsucker to the Landscaping Fund

In memory of John Elting by:

- Greg & Sarah Springs to the Operating Budget



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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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