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First Baptist Church Newsletter

*May 15, 2024*

## Fun Series

Summer vacations are a wonderful American institution of going new places and doing new things. The UK refers to such planned breaks as taking "a holiday." Summer adventures to unique destinations are fun and valuable. Everyone needs to get away occasionally from their normal routine in order to unwind and relax.

In my opening video this past Sunday, some travelers sent the Lord a postcard that says, "Wish you were here, God." To which the Lord replies, "I am." Followers of Jesus view vacations as a time to get away WITH the Lord, not as a time to get away FROM the Lord.

My messages so far have focused on the beauty and benefit of "the mountains" and "the wilderness." Lord willing, this Sunday we will briefly consider lakes and rivers before we head downstairs to enjoy our carry-in meal together. I hope to see you all in worship this coming Sunday... unless you've already headed out on an adventure.

Together with you,

Les



# ALL-CHURCH LUNCH

## THIS SUNDAY, MAY 19



Provided:  
Chipotle & Ham Pasta  
Lasagna  
Chicken Alfredo  
Baked Spaghetti  
Fruit Tray  
Kraft Mac & Cheese  
Hot Dogs  
Coffee, Lemonade  
Table Service

And

To Honor the Graduates:  
Sheet Cake and Punch



## This Sunday, May 19

### Congratulate our Graduates!

Ciera Hiester - Norwell High School  
Grace Nicholson - Oak Ridge Military Academy  
Noah Zoll - Bluffton High School

Right after the service, there will be cake to honor the graduates. You are also encouraged to stay for the meal!



**Kids' Time**  
Joyce Evans

**Teachers for Sunday**  
May 19, 2024

**LOL**  
Darcy Isch

# PRAYER list

Don Reeves - pray for continued healing and strength as he continues treatments for cancer

Denise Downs - pray for peace and healing as she recovers from surgery in Cincinnati

Haiti - Continue to pray for peace and stability in Haiti and also for our Haitian brothers and sisters here to be blessed.

Students - pray for our students to end the school year strong and to have a safe and fun summer. Pray especially for our graduates as they start a new season of life.

## This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost in Scripture was the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and other people attracted to Christ. It is considered the birthday of Christianity as many placed their faith in Jesus of Nazareth that day and afterward followed Him by being baptized, establishing the body of the church.

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”*

*Acts 1:8*

### Ossian Healthcare

Ted Shady  
Rose McCormick  
Jill Miller



*Remember Our  
Homebound Friends*

### Christian Care

Bob Hiester

### River Terrace

Karen West  
Carolyn McBride

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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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