

May/June 2022

# Grove's First Baptist Church

Train up a child in the way he  
should go,  
Even when he grows older he  
will not abandon it.  
Proverbs 22:6

## Sundays in May

- May 1 - WMO Spaghetti Dinner, Pie Auction, & Silent Auction - 5pm
- May 8 - Mother's Day & Graduate Recognition
- May 15 & 22 - Membership Matters Lunch with the Pastor
- May 22 - God's Not Dead "We the People" Movie Night - 6pm
- May 29 - Youth Sunday during Morning Worship
- May 29 - Memorial Day Picnic at GLBA - 4pm

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## A Word From Our Pastor

Several years ago, we had a man in our church by the name of Hubert Mustain. Hubert lived to be 97 years of age before he went to be with the Lord. After becoming pastor of this church, Hubert lost both of his sons in death. They were both in their 60s. He shared with me that he sometimes did not understand why God allowed him to live longer than his sons. The pain of losing two children was tough on him, but God granted Hubert a favor. Hubert went to sleep one night here on earth and when he awoke, he found himself in heaven with Jesus.

My mom when she died back in March was able to experience something like Hubert Mustain. She went to bed one night on this earth. When she awoke, she found herself with Jesus in heaven. I share these two stories because as we get older, we start thinking more about heaven. When we think about heaven, John 14 comes to mind. We have been going through the Gospel of John on Sundays and we are about ready to get to one of my favorite passages in Scripture. John 14:1-6 has brought great comfort to believers and their families over the years.

I see the lost people hanging on to the things and the philosophies of this world because they have no hope of heaven apart from Christ. John 14 tells us that heaven is a place. It is not a figment of our imagination. It is not somewhere on this earth. No, Jesus tells us that heaven is a place. It is real. He also tells us that heaven is a prepared place. Jesus says in John 14 that "He is going to prepare a place for us." Heaven is so beautiful and wonderful that we cannot comprehend it. And Jesus is preparing a mansion or dwelling place for His saved followers. That is why heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. Jesus says in Vs. 6 of John 14 that He is the way, the truth, and the life. If we will accept Christ and His salvation, we will be prepared to meet Him when He returns or when we breathe our last breath.

I cannot guarantee that saved people will be as fortunate as Hubert Mustain or my mom, but you can know for sure that heaven is ready and waiting for the saved and the redeemed. Make sure you are ready to meet the Lord when He comes or when death knocks on your heart's door. The key to knowing is Vs. 1 in John 14. "You believe in God, believe also in Me" are the words of our Savior. The word for believe is the verb form of the word "faith." We must faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you put your faith and trust in Jesus? Do so before it is too late. Get ready for a change of address one day, Christian. Heaven is real!

Bro. Jim





Dear Church family, thank you so much for loving me through dad's passing, with all your prayers, words of encouragement, love and hugs. Your strength has helped me through this time.

Love Cindy Harju

We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness during our greatest sadness when our dad passed. We appreciate it more than words can express, and it will always be remembered.

Josh West and family

I want to thank each and everyone of you, my family in Christ, for all the prayers, calls, food and cards during my surgery and recovery. They all helped so very much.

Love in Christ,

Sue Bowen

Thank you to all of you for attending our 40th Wedding Anniversary celebration. We so appreciated you spending our Special Day with us celebrating. Also, thank you for all your gifts, cards, phone calls, texts, and prayers. Most of all, we are so thankful for our dear Christian friends who mean so much to us! We love you all!

Blaine & Denise Smyth

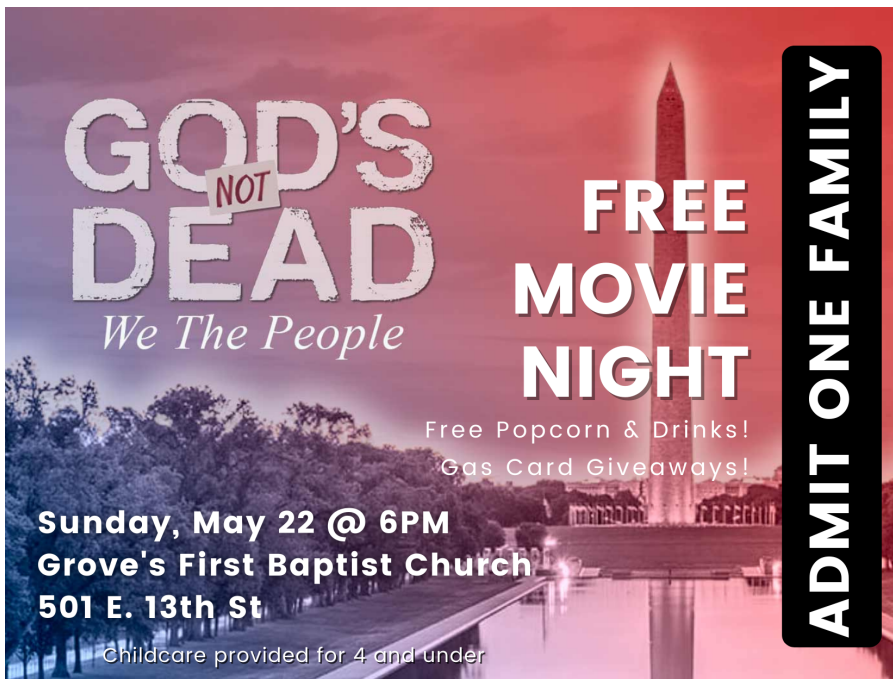
Happy Birthday

May

Janie Hopkins	4
Amanda Johnson	6
Greg Spicer	6
Whitney Fowler	6
Tiffany Rowe	9
Gary Dominguez	10
Wyatt Kerns	11
Claudene Hill	12
Jeannie Wallace	12
Jordan Humphrey	14
Matt Von Lintel	16
Mark Rasor	19
Michael McNichols	19
Jim Paslay	20
Matt Neighbors	20
Dennis Gelonek	21
Gary Wilkie	21
Sharon Bridges	24
Vivian Harris	24
May Baker	26
Bowen Fry	28
Helen Bolton	29

June

James Humphrey	1
Deana Thoma	2
Emma Roberts	2
Jesse Carper	2
Teresa Wormington	4
Thomas Nelson	4
Bill Francisco	5
Alan Bruns	6
Brylee Brock	8
Joyce Irving	9
Shannon Berry	9
Clyde Hill	11
John Williams	11
Kimberly Walton	12
Jimmy Heard	13
Sue Burson	13
Elizabeth Henry	14
Carol Hicks	17
Janette Taber	17
Jimmie Roberts	18
David Turvaville	20
Andrea Dominguez	24
Sylvia Drews	24
Jaxon Harris	25
Judy Shaffer	25
Tiffknee Wilson	25
Payton Hill	27
Tony Zini	28



**GOD'S NOT DEAD**  
*We the People*

**FREE MOVIE NIGHT**

Free Popcorn & Drinks!  
Gas Card Giveaways!

**Sunday, May 22 @ 6PM**  
**Grove's First Baptist Church**  
**501 E. 13th St**

Childcare provided for 4 and under

**ADMIT ONE FAMILY**

# Community Outreach Teams

We are putting together teams for our outreach events this summer. Our first event will be a gas give a way at a local gas station. We will be doing a few smaller outreach events over the summer and another big event for Back to School. If you are able to help with one or more outreach events this summer please contact Terri in the church office. Thank you!



## Falls Creek and GLBA Camps!

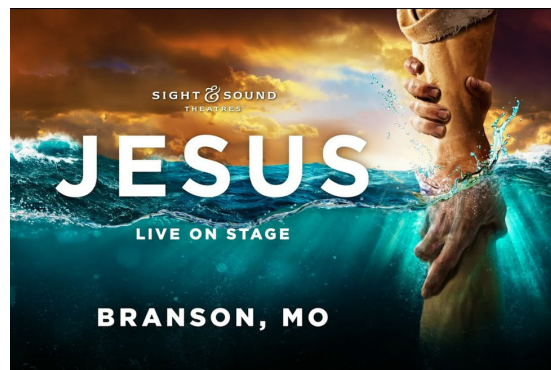
Summer Camps will be here before you know it! Register today!

- Kid's Camp - Finished K-3rd grade  
June 3, 830-4pm (deadline May 25)
- GLBA Youth Camp - Completed 6th - 12 grade  
June 6-10
- GLBA Children's Camp - Completed 3rd - 6th grade - June 21-24
- Falls Creek - Completed 7th - 12 grade  
July 4-9



## Sight and Sound Branson Trip

We are taking a group to see the Jesus production on Saturday, June 4. This day trip will be open to everyone. We will have discounts for families. Space is limited to the first 44 paid. We will have more information in the next couple weeks.



## Memorial Day Picnic

**Sunday, May 29**

Don't miss our annual picnic out at our cabin at GLBA. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's. Swimming and lawn games start at 4pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm. Fireworks at dark





## THE MISSIONARY TASK (M-TASK)

Dear Church,

Last Proclaimer, we introduced you to what our organization, the IMB, calls the Missionary Task (M-task) and what we believe the Bible calls ALL Christians to be a part of. Last article, we focused on the reality in Scripture that **The Father's Heart is for His glory**. This article's focus is on the way the **Father** spreads his glory across the world through bringing people to Himself.



Figure 1 The Father's Heart is for His glory



Figure 2 The Father spreads His glory by bringing people to Himself

Since God loves the whole world (John 3:16), he desires to save the lost and he has given his church the great commission (Matt 28:18-20) for the purpose of bring the world to Christ. **God spreads his glory across the world through the local church** (symbolized by an African looking church building in the middle). The plan of God to bring the world to himself is through local churches who are planting other churches. **God does work through individuals**, but those individuals should always be connected to, and a part of a local church. Sometimes those churches plant other churches in their own "Jerusalem" and "Judea" and sometimes those churches send "sent out ones" (missionaries) to go and plant other churches that will plant more churches in "Samaria" and the "ends of the earth." Do you see that these individuals have certain characteristics? You can see that they are people who **pray** (symbolized by the person on their knees), they are people who **abide in Christ** (symbolized by the person with a big heart), and they are people who **go to their neighbors** with the gospel (symbolized by the arrow at the door). Those church members are on mission in their day to day lives bringing people to Christ, and they are focused on planting more churches.

As churches fulfill the great commission and take the gospel to the world (symbolized by the curved arrows) then God's glory is manifested in the world as well. God's heart is for his glory, and He glorifies himself by reaching the world through the church and "filling the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord." This process is vital and happens on the local level as a church goes to the next village over to start another church, and it happens on a global level as churches come together to send missionaries to unreached places to share the gospel of Jesus and start new churches. This is the ultimate plan and purpose of God.

In the next Proclaimer article, we will look at the detailed process by which these churches are planted and reproduce themselves. We refer to this process of reproduction as **The Field**.

For more information on ways you can continue to **pray, give, send, and go** to the nations, visit <https://www.imb.org>. We also have our own personal giving page on the IMB website to which you can give directly to our ministry and work in Malawi. You can visit: <https://www.imb.org/give/project/malawi-team/>.

For God's glory,  
Chris & Jamie Schilt  
Your IMB Missionaries in Malawi

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## May at First Baptist

1 Sun - WOM dinner & Pie Auction, 5pm  
4 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm  
8 Sun - Mothers Day and Graduate Recognition, 1030am  
9 Mon - Budget & Finance Mtg, 330pm  
11 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm  
15 Sun - New Members Lunch  
15 Sun - Deacon's Meeting, 430pm  
17 Tue - Young @ Heart Luncheon, 1130  
18 Wed - Adults, Youth, Kids 6pm  
19 Thu - WOM, 130pm  
19 Thu - Properties Mtg, 500pm  
20 Sun - New Members Lunch  
20 Sun - God's Not Dead IV Movie, 6pm  
23 Wed - Adults, Youth, Kids, 6pm  
29 Sun - Youth Led Sunday Morning  
29 Sun - Memorial Day Picnic at GLBA  
30 Mon - Memorial Day, Church Office closed



## June at First Baptist

1 Wed - Adults, Youth, Kids @ Splashpad, 6pm  
3 Fri - Kid's Camp at GLBA  
4 Sat - Branson Sight & Sound Day Trip  
6-10 - GLBA Youth Camp  
8 Wed - Adults & Youth 6pm  
11 Sat - Women's Ministry Blueberry Pickin'  
13-17 - Youth Super Summer  
13 Mon - Budget & Finance Mtg, 330pm  
15 Wed - Adults, Youth, Kids @ Splashpad, 6pm  
16 Thu - WMU, 130pm  
16 Thu - Properties Mtg, 530pm  
17 Sun - Father's Day  
21-24 - GLBA Children's Camp  
21 Tue - Young at Heart Luncheon, 1130am  
22 Wed - Adults & Youth, 6pm  
22 Wed - Adults, Youth, Kids @ Splashpad, 6pm

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 24-28 5:30-8pm**

If you are interested in working this year, please contact the church office.