

Love God, Love Louisburg, Serve the World

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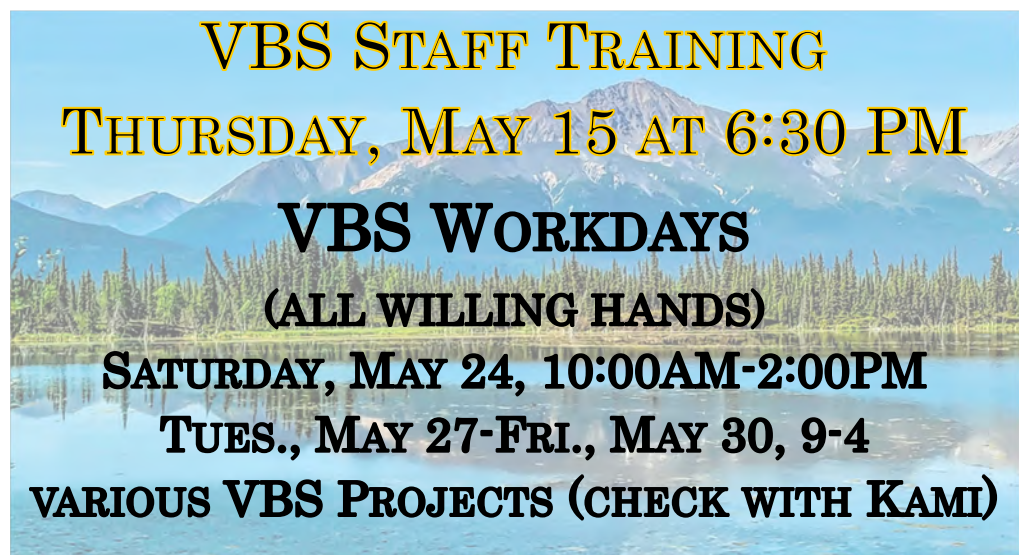
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A promotional banner for VBS featuring a scenic background of a lake, forest, and mountains. In the top left corner is a logo for 'TRUE NORTH' with a bear silhouette and the tagline 'Trusting Jesus in a Wild World'. The text 'VBS' is in large white letters, followed by 'June 9-13' and 'Louisburg First Baptist' in white. A QR code is positioned in the center-right. At the bottom left, it says 'Register at myvbs.org/louisburgfirstbaptist'.

**TRUE NORTH**  
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

**VBS**  
**June 9-13**  
**Louisburg First Baptist**

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A banner with a scenic background of a lake, forest, and mountains. The text is centered and reads: 'VBS STAFF TRAINING' in yellow, 'THURSDAY, MAY 15 AT 6:30 PM' in yellow, 'VBS WORKDAYS' in black, '(ALL WILLING HANDS)' in black, 'SATURDAY, MAY 24, 10:00AM-2:00PM' in black, 'TUES., MAY 27-FRI., MAY 30, 9-4' in black, and 'VARIOUS VBS PROJECTS (CHECK WITH KAMI)' in black.

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# CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

## On-Going Calendar Events

**M-W-F—3:00 PM-4:00 PM—Hundred Acre Woods Walkers**

**Every Monday—AA Meeting—7:00 PM**

**Every Wednesday thru 5/14—LHS Cats For Christ—7:50 AM**

**Every Wednesday (except 5/14) - Youth Group—6-7:30 PM**

**Every Wednesday—1st Service Praise Team—7:00 PM**

**Every Saturday—Women's United Prayer Group—  
various times and locations**

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

7:00 PM—NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—LMS AUDITORIUM

### SATURDAY, MAY 3

8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC

4:00 PM—Louisburg Community Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, MAY 4

#### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—

**8:15 AM—WORSHIP**

**9:45 AM—SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES  
(YOUTH & ADULT ELECTIVES)**

**11:00 AM—WORSHIP & KIDS' KONNECTION**

12:15 PM—Deaconess Meeting

3:00 PM-5:00 PM—90th birthday celebration for  
Dale Malaise at 1023 S 11th St

4:00 PM—Sounds of Spring Concert—  
Louisburg Community Choir at FBC

### MONDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM-5:00 PM—Crafter's Corner—FLC

6:00 PM—LaLayne Harwood Celebration of Life at  
Life Mission Church, Olathe

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

9:00 AM—LMA Pastors' Prayer

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

6:30 PM—FINAL AWANA—Awards Ceremony

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

#### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—(see May 4)

9:30 AM—Reception honoring Women & Graduates

### MONDAY, MAY 12

6:30 PM—Deacon Meeting

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

12:00 PM—Women's Bookworm Café—Youth Room  
(*A Million Little Choices*—Alexander)

7:00 PM—Christian Ed & Trustee Meetings

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7:00 PM—LHS Baccalaureate at LHS Auditorium

### THURSDAY, MAY 15

6:30 PM—VBS Staff Training

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

4:00 PM—Vest Family—FLC

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

10:00 AM—LHS Graduation

12:00 PM-3:00 PM—Graduation Celebration for  
Layne Vest—FLC

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

#### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see May 4)

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

*DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER*

11:30 AM—Koinonia Cluster Pastors' Prayer

6:15 PM—Finance Committee

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

10:00 AM-2:00 PM—VBS Workday

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

#### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see May 4)

### MONDAY, MAY 26—MEMORIAL DAY

*CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED*

TUES, 5/27 THRU FRI, 5/30

9AM-4PM

check with Kami to see where you can help with  
various VBS projects

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

10:00 AM-2:00 PM—VBS Workday

As we move into the heart of May, a month that brings life and new beginnings, we pause as a church family to honor the beautiful, often hidden strength of mothers.

We honor the ones who carried us —  
first in their bodies,  
then in their arms,  
and always in their hearts.

We see the late nights, the whispered prayers,  
the sacrifices made without applause,  
the dreams quietly planted in the soil of everyday life.

You chose love over comfort.  
Faith over fear.  
Hope over despair.

When the world didn't notice, God did.  
He saw the long days, the tired hands,  
the patient answers, the fierce prayers.  
He sees you still.

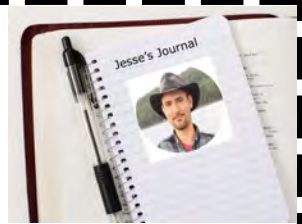
To the mothers nurturing little ones at home,  
to the mothers whose children are now grown and walking their own paths,  
to the women who have mothered through love rather than blood,  
to every grandmother, aunt, mentor, and friend who has stood in the gap —  
we rise together this month and call you blessed.

Your love built homes.  
Your faith shaped futures.  
Your kindness planted gardens that will bloom long after today.

You are the heart of hope.  
The keeper of stories.  
The builder of dreams.

This May, as we celebrate new life all around us,  
we remember and rejoice in the life you have given —  
the life you have nurtured, the faith you have sown,  
the love you have poured out again and again.

You are deeply loved —  
not just on Mother's Day,  
but always.



Jesse

Happy May everyone! For most of you, May means finishing up at school and the last meetings of clubs and activities for the year. Me, too! But I'm also gearing up for this summer's amazing adventures! And I hope you plan to come along!



First, all the ladies of the church are invited to attend the ABW Conference June 6-7 in Herington, Kansas! You won't want to miss the fun, fellowship, inspirational speakers, and all-around great time as we girls gather together! Best part... you can attend for FREE this year! Register today! Let me know if you need any further information!

Next up: June 9-13, our church will be FULL of adventurers trekking through the Alaskan wilderness as True North VBS welcomes kids and adults to "Trust Jesus in a wild world." Get ready for the ultimate week of games, songs, snacks, crafts, and Bible discovery! And YOU can be a part!

To join the VBS fun, just go to [louisburgfirstbaptist.org](http://louisburgfirstbaptist.org) and click on the VBS registration button. This is our biggest outreach of the year, so everyone is needed! There are jobs to be done before, during, and after VBS, so regardless of your schedule, we can use YOU! Staff training is May 15, so I hope to have a full staff by then. Watch for workdays as well as set up and tear down schedules, too. Even an hour of help makes a HUGE difference!

Every Wednesday from June 4-August 6, I will be at Youthfront camp. The theme this year is Christmas, and I will be presenting to the campers about the best gift of all - Jesus! Keep this special time in your prayers as we look past "presents" and focus on God's "presence!"

July means more time at camp! Middle School and High School camp will be held at White Memorial July 14-25! Our theme is "Epic Fail," so we will learn lessons from those who God used mightily even though they failed in a mighty way! We have several of our adults, kids and youth who will be a part of these impactful weeks, so please pray that we are all changed by an encounter with the living Christ who NEVER fails!

What a summer! I can hardly wait! Make your plans now to be a part of what God is doing here at First Baptist!

Kami

2025—Our Bible Reading Plan will again be coming from *The One Year® Bible* published by Tyndale.

*The One Year® Bible* daily reading plan consists of passages from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. This arrangement of Scripture brings variety and a fresh approach to each day's 15-minute reading, while providing a clear understanding of the Bible's larger message. No other "through the bible" plan presents the entire bible in such a user-friendly format.

Purchase your own copy of *The One Year® Bible* or just follow along in your own Bible.

## MAY

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
□ 01	Judges 13:1-14:20	John 1:29-51	Psalms 102:1-28	Proverbs 14:15-16
□ 02	Judges 15:1-16:31	John 2:1-25	Psalms 103:1-22	Proverbs 14:17-19
□ 03	Judges 17:1-18:31	John 3:1-21	Psalms 104:1-24	Proverbs 14:20-21
□ 04	Judges 19:1-20:48	John 3:22-4:3	Psalms 104:24-35	Proverbs 14:22-24
□ 05	Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22	John 4:4-42	Psalms 105:1-15	Proverbs 14:25
□ 06	Ruth 2:1-4:22	John 4:43-54	Psalms 105:16-36	Proverbs 14:26-27
□ 07	1 Samuel 1:1-2:21	John 5:1-23	Psalms 105:37-45	Proverbs 14:28-29
□ 08	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	John 5:24-47	Psalms 106:1-12	Proverbs 14:30-31
□ 09	1 Samuel 5:1-7:17	John 6:1-21	Psalms 106:13-31	Proverbs 14:32-33
□ 10	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27	John 6:22-42	Psalms 106:32-48	Proverbs 14:34-35
□ 11	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15	John 6:43-71	Psalms 107:1-43	Proverbs 15:1-3
□ 12	1 Samuel 12:1-13:23	John 7:1-30	Psalms 108:1-13	Proverbs 15:4
□ 13	1 Samuel 14:1-52	John 7:31-53	Psalms 109:1-31	Proverbs 15:5-7
□ 14	1 Samuel 15:1-16:23	John 8:1-20	Psalms 110:1-7	Proverbs 15:8-10
□ 15	1 Samuel 17:1-18:4	John 8:21-30	Psalms 111:1-10	Proverbs 15:11
□ 16	1 Samuel 18:5-19:24	John 8:31-59	Psalms 112:1-10	Proverbs 15:12-14
□ 17	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15	John 9:1-41	Ps. 113:1-114:8	Proverbs 15:15-17
□ 18	1 Samuel 22:1-23:29	John 10:1-21	Psalms 115:1-18	Proverbs 15:18-19
□ 19	1 Samuel 24:1-25:44	John 10:22-42	Psalms 116:1-19	Proverbs 15:20-21
□ 20	1 Samuel 26:1-28:25	John 11:1-54	Psalms 117:1-2	Proverbs 15:22-23
□ 21	1 Samuel 29:1-31:13	John 11:55-12:19	Psalms 118:1-18	Proverbs 15:24-26
□ 22	2 Samuel 1:1-2:11	John 12:20-50	Psalms 118:19-29	Proverbs 15:27-28
□ 23	2 Samuel 2:12-3:39	John 13:1-30	Psalms 119:1-16	Proverbs 15:29-30
□ 24	2 Samuel 4:1-6:23	John 13:31-14:14	Psalms 119:17-32	Proverbs 15:31-32
□ 25	2 Samuel 7:1-8:18	John 14:15-31	Psalms 119:33-48	Proverbs 15:33
□ 26	2 Samuel 9:1-11:27	John 15:1-27	Psalms 119:49-64	Proverbs 16:1-3
□ 27	2 Samuel 12:1-31	John 16:1-33	Psalms 119:65-80	Proverbs 16:4-5
□ 28	2 Samuel 13:1-39	John 17:1-26	Psalms 119:81-96	Proverbs 16:6-7
□ 29	2 Samuel 14:1-15:22	John 18:1-24	Psalms 119:97-112	Proverbs 16:8-9
□ 30	2 Samuel 15:23-16:23	John 18:25-19:22	Psalms 119:113-128	Proverbs 16:10-11
□ 31	2 Samuel 17:1-29	John 19:23-42	Psalms 119:129-152	Proverbs 16:12-13



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION is OPEN.**

"TRUE NORTH" Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 9-13, 2025. You will find registration forms for Volunteers as well as Child Registration at [myvbs.org/louisburgfirstbaptist](http://myvbs.org/louisburgfirstbaptist) (or use button on midweek or website or QR code.) The registration form for volunteers lists many options for before, during, and after VBS, so volunteer forms are especially important! Sign up NOW!



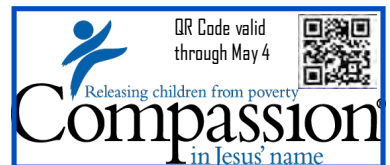
Lots of decorations are needed to turn our church into an Alaskan wilderness for the week of VBS. **VBS WORKDAYS** are scheduled for Saturdays, May 24 & 31, 10am-2pm with additional projects throughout the week of May 27-30. If you can use scissors, glue, or a paintbrush, we can find a task for you!

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**COMMUNITY WORK DAY** on Saturday, April 5 was a successful outreach to help spruce up our city parks as well as serve several individuals in need of a helping hand. Thanks to all who "Loved Louisburg" so well!

**COMPASSION SUNDAY - APRIL 27, 2025**—Area churches (Louisburg Ministerial Alliance) promoted the work of Compassion International by encouraging sponsorship of children enrolled in Compassion Projects throughout 29 countries across Africa, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean, and South America. By sponsoring a child, (churches were given info packets for children needing sponsors with a QR code, valid through May 4, specific to the local sponsorship drive) you give them the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and have a thriving future. As you offer encouragement and support in Jesus' name, your love will ignite a lifetime of hope. Check out more details of the Compassion Program by going to their website—  
[HTTPS://WWW.COMPASSION.COM/ABOUT/ABOUT-US.HTM](https://www.compassion.com/about/about-us.htm)



In partnership with Compassion International, you are invited to A DAY OF GIVING, SHARING AND HOPE presented by the Louisburg Ministerial Alliance on Saturday, May 3, from 11:00 AM–Noon at Faith Chapel (840 N Metcalf). Come receive no-cost goods—miscellaneous cleaning supplies, hygiene items, food items and more—shared with love, open to all.



**THURSDAY, MAY 1  
7:00 PM**

**LOUISBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**



**MONDAY, MAY 5  
12:00 -5:00 PM  
CRAFTER'S CORNER**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Scrapbooking and all other crafting welcome (or just come and chat).

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**SUNDAY, MAY 11  
9:30 AM**

**COME AND GO  
RECEPTION HONORING  
GRADS AND  
CELEBRATING ALL WOMEN**  
(Sunday School classes will begin around 10 am)



**TUESDAY,  
MAY 13  
12:00 PM**

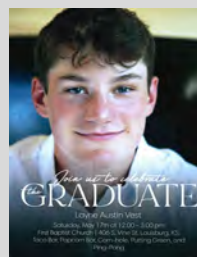
**WOMEN'S BOOKWORM CAFÉ  
YOUTH ROOM**

Book to be reviewed:  
*A Million Little Choices*  
by Tamera Alexander



**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 14  
7:00 PM  
AT LHS AUDITORIUM  
BACCALAUREATE  
SERVICE**

Let's all come out and support our LHS seniors and show appreciation as one of the few public events promoting our Christian faith is allowed and encouraged.



All are invited to join the Vest family as they celebrate their graduate, Layne. **Saturday, May 17, 12-3 pm at First Baptist.**

# Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)      6 11 —  
 NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)      — — — — 14 —  
 RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)      18 — — 3 — — —  
 KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)      16 — — — — 5 —  
 EHLA (Genesis 30:14)      — — — 1 — —  
 CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)      7 — — — — 12 —  
 MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)      — — — 10 17 13 —  
 RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)      8 — — — — —  
 AMYR (Matthew 2:11)      2 — — — — —  
 ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)      — — — 9 15 — — — — 4 —

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
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Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth:  
 A mother's love is a gift from God!



**SUNDAYS**  
**(SECOND SERVICE ONLY)**  
**KIDS' KONNECTION**  
**KIDS K THRU 5TH GRADE**



**YOUTH GROUP**  
**(GRADES 6-12)**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

Don't miss food, friends and fun  
 as we explore what the Bible  
 has to say to us today.



**VBS**  
**JUNE 9-13**  
**8:45AM-12:15 PM**  
**KIDS AGE 4 THRU 4TH GRADE**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!**  
 Check with Pastor Kami to see  
 where you can help 816-916-  
**KAMI (5264).**



## FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it in to the church office. Thanks.

### ASPARAGUS APPETIZER

from the kitchen of Dorothy Gardner

This recipe is a favorite at our spring family gatherings.

12 slices white bread  
8 slices bacon, fried, drained and crumbled  
2 packages(8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened  
12 asparagus spears, cooked and cooled  
Melted butter

Trim the crusts from the bread and roll with a rolling pin to flatten slightly. Blend bacon bits with cream cheese and spread the mixture on the bread slices. Lay a cold, cooked asparagus spear on each slice of bread and roll up. Place on a baking sheet, seam side down. Brush with the melted butter and toast in a broiler or oven until lightly browned. Serves 12.



## ABW Bible Book of the Month Malachi

Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament and one of the twelve minor prophets. It is a short prophetic book consisting of four chapters, written around the 5th century BC.

### Synopsis:

The Book of Malachi is a series of prophetic messages delivered by the prophet Malachi, addressing the spiritual and moral decline of Israel after the return from Babylonian exile. The book is structured as a dialogue between God and the people, featuring a series of disputes where God makes a statement, the people question it, and God responds with evidence.

### Key Themes:

- **God's Love and Israel's Ingratitude:** The book opens with God declaring His love for Israel, contrasting it with the rejection of Edom.
- **Corrupt Priesthood:** Malachi criticizes the priests for offering blemished sacrifices and for not honoring God properly, calling for reform and faithfulness.
- **Faithlessness of the People:** The people are accused of social injustice, infidelity (especially in marriage), and withholding tithes and offerings.
- **Coming Day of the Lord:** The book ends with a promise of judgment and purification. It foretells the coming of a messenger (seen by Christians as a prophecy of John the Baptist) who will prepare the way for the Lord.

### Closing Prophecy:

Malachi concludes with a warning about the "great and dreadful day of the Lord" and a promise that the prophet Elijah will return to turn hearts and bring reconciliation.





## Amanda & Jon Good - ABC Global Servants in Italy

April 3, 2025

Have you ever tried salted coffee? Last week, our friend Roberto did. It was during our weekly church dinner which is usually pasta and dessert. After the cake was passed around I (Amanda) grabbed the coffee, sugar, and little spoons. I smiled and greeted people as I poured rich espresso into their tiny paper cups. I had already poured about 10 cups when I heard a commotion behind me. Sandra was laughing loudly. She patted me on the back as she embraced me and after catching her breath let me know that I had been serving the coffee with salt instead of sugar. Poor Roberto had swallowed a big gulp then he spat it out. It was not the positive impact that I wanted.



Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth," because we should positively impact the world. This is our heart for mission here in Italy. Even as we focus on learning the Italian language, we can see God at work. He is building a community that strives to share the hope of Jesus. People are welcomed into the church every week and the gift of hospitality is shared. We are thankful that Christ is present and active even through our weaknesses!

We are so thankful for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for our ongoing language learning, for our residence permits to be processed quickly and successfully, for the hope of Jesus to be shared with people who don't know Him in Italy and for our family in the midst of transition.

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*Church Offices Closed on Monday, May 26*

# MAY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 1 Laura Bergman  
Toby Cummings

May 2 Connie Bond

May 4 Brad Sarver

May 5 Dale Malaise

May 11 Cherish Nowak

May 14 John Kelly

May 18 Valentyna Semenova

May 22 Connie Dodson

May 25 Carolyn Rush

May 27 Julian Margrave

May 28 Cooper Caldwell

*Kim & Dwight Manson - May 1*

*Carmel & Dale Smith - May 9*

*Connie & Bill Dodson - May 10*

*Dottie & Ron Cook - May 19*

*Jean & Dennis Pierce - May 21*

*Jo & Bill Roush - May 23*

*Lisa & Larry Bunce - May 23*

*Melissa & Francis Busch - May 25*

*Suellen & Chuck Golladay - May 28*

*Jackie & Brian Mack - May 29*

*Laura & Mike Bergman - May 31*

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.

### And Our 2025 Graduates are...

#### High School Graduates

Lacy Burton  
Layne Vest

Louisburg High School  
Louisburg High School



*All are invited to attend the  
Louisburg High school Baccalaureate Service  
on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.  
at Louisburg High School Auditorium.*

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES**

May 20—Deadline for June Newsletter

in person

## ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Apr. 6	68	59
Apr. 13	63	69
Apr. 20	90	72
Apr. 27	55	63



**SUNDAY, MAY 4**  
12:15 PM—Deaconesses

**MONDAY, MAY 12**  
6:30 PM—Deacons

**TUESDAY, MAY 13**  
7:00 PM—Christian Education &  
Trustee Boards

**TUESDAY, MAY 20**  
6:15 PM—Building Committee

### WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

Wouldn't it be great to keep the Operation Christmas Child spirit going all year long? We can! It's simple. It's convenient, and it's relatively painless! All you do is set your mind up to build online boxes each month all year long! They only cost \$25 (the price of one meal out or a few treats at the movie) and you don't even have to shop or pack the box!

Think about it. Would you truly miss \$25 each month? I know I spend that much on silly things, things that don't last, all the time. The impact of these boxes is eternal.

So, I challenge you to join me this year in sending at least one box each month. Use this QR code or the link on the church website to get started. ~KAMI

(As of 4/28, as a church we have done 26 boxes towards the 2025 goal of 100 boxes; can we do even more?)



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