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A Monthly Newsletter of Salisbury First Baptist Church

# Hands & Feet

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**Special this month >>>**

*4/6-4/7 Youth to SDC*  
*4/12-4/13 Freely Given*  
*4/13 Call to Prayer*  
*4/19-4/21 Favored Woman in Branson*  
*4/28 Quarterly Business Meeting*

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday:**

*Sunday School 9:30 am*  
*Worship 10:30 am*  
*Celebrate Recovery 6:00 pm*

**Wednesday:**

*Club 2:52 After School – 5:00 pm*  
*Youth Group 7:00 pm*

**Thursday:**

*Women's Bible Study 9:30 am*

## Now what?



**“16** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”” Matthew 28:16-20

We have just celebrated Easter, now what? What does the Christian life look like after the resurrection of Christ?

I think we must answer this question not in what we are but rather in what we have been called to.

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The Christian is called into a life of sacrifice and service to the King of Kings. We are called to a life that desires to reflect Christ in all that we are and do, so that others may come to know Christ.

Jesus has called us to a life on the go for the Kingdom. Just as soldiers who marched in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and all the others, who marched with a purpose and represented our country as they waged war against the enemy, we too have been called to a battle field.

As an Ambassador of Christ we too have been called to serve him in the mission field of our neighborhood and all across the globe. Our mission? To share Christ with all who will hear.

We do mission work in our community in ways such as Club 252, Sunday Schools, Small Groups, outreach events, and assisting those in need.

In our nation we give to the North American Mission Board as they advance the gospel in our state and across North America. We go on short term mission trips and sponsor those who are going.

All across the world we find our missionaries through the International Mission Board serving in remote places and big cities all supported by your cooperative dollars. We go to places as a church like Poland and send money to assist Ukrainian Refugees. We do all of this because Christ has called us to go.

We all must ask ourselves, "Where do I fit in?". Where and how is God calling me to the mission field? I think this is a legitimate question and as Christians, one that we must answer.

Serving Christ Together,  
Pastor Kurtis

## Wednesdays



### BIG GROUP SUNDAY

Big Group Sunday went great! Thank you to The Bistro & Coffee for making us a great lunch! We had over 60 people participate. We look forward to our next one to get to know each other even better! If you didn't get to join us we hope you will the next time!

# Special Events Recap from March

On **Sunday, March 10th**, we had the honor of welcoming **Sgt. Derick Hurt**, a retired U.S. Army soldier, along with his beautiful wife, **Stefanie**, and their children, **Bella** and **Wyatt**.

Sgt. Derick Hurt's life took a dramatic turn when he lost both legs due to injuries sustained in Iraq. But amidst the tragedy, something extraordinary happened: Derick and Stefanie encountered Jesus. Their faith became an anchor, allowing them to navigate the stormy seas of adversity. Rather than succumbing to despair, they chose to **glorify God** through their pain and loss.

During Sunday evening's gathering, the men enjoyed a **Beast Feast**, a time of fellowship. It was there that Derick shared the harrowing details of that fateful day in Iraq—the day that altered the course of his life forever. But woven through the darkness was a thread of hope: God's unwavering presence and transformative grace.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Derick and Stefanie for sharing their remarkable journey with us. And a special thank you goes to **The Brummel House**, a local bed and breakfast, for generously hosting them without charge. Their hospitality allowed Derick and Stefanie to rest and recover in a beautiful setting—a small but significant gesture of kindness.

May their story continue to inspire and remind us that even in the face of unimaginable challenges, God's love and purpose prevail.



## Ladies Retreat



On **Saturday, March 23rd**, we hosted a remarkable Ladies Retreat, welcoming over **75 ladies** from various churches in the area. Our special guest speaker was **Rachel Wojo**, an accomplished author, podcaster, wife, mom, and inspirational speaker. Rachel shared her heart with us, recounting how **God has moved** in her life. Her message resonated deeply, emphasizing the power of prayer in every situation. She reminded us that our **Heavenly Father is always present**, and sometimes, we need to put action behind our prayers. By seeking the Father, we open our eyes to witness how **God is actively at work**.

During our time together, **Jessica Wallace** led us in worship through our voices—a beautiful opportunity to express our love to our Father. Then, **Diane Cooper** guided us in worship through movement, demonstrating that even our breath can be an act of worship. She drew from **Psalm 121**, reassuring us that our help truly comes from the Lord.

Our next leader, **Abigail Gebhardt**, encouraged us to worship through journaling. She shared various techniques for diving deeper into scripture and how we can express our devotion through art. It was a day filled with spiritual growth, connection, and a shared love for our Creator.





### Post from Rachel Wojo

“What an absolute joy to be on the leadership team for the prayer retreat at FBC Salisbury, MO

💖 The fearless leader of this endeavor, Robin, goes above and beyond to lead people to the feet of Jesus.

💖 Her devotion and organizational skills made this event stellar indeed.

🙏 Thank you to this wonderful church, pastor, and congregation. It was such an honor to meet you and spend time with you today!

😊 Special thanks to my husband, Matthew, for blessing this church with your wonderful voice, for supporting me in speaking for God’s glory, and for driving the 18 hours needed for us to be a part of this incredible prayer and worship gathering.”



# Easter

*Jesus is Alive!!*

*“Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead,” Matthew 28:5-6a*

### Easter Egg Hunt

We are so thankful for all that helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a success! We had so many people help it went so smooth and really believe God was glorified!! Thank you for being a light in our community!







## Easter Sunday

**Alleluia!** What a joyous occasion to gather for Easter Breakfast! The fellowship the shared meal was wonderful. The Deacons' efforts in preparing and serving the meal are truly appreciated.

As we celebrate our **Risen Savior**, let us reflect on the hope and renewal that Easter brings. The empty tomb, the promise of eternal life, and the triumph over darkness.

May the spirit of Easter continue to resonate in our hearts. Let us carry the joy and love into the days ahead. **He is risen indeed!**



# Coming Soon

Spring Cleaning time!

“**FREELY GIVEN**” will be held in the Joshua House Friday, April 12, 8:00 a.m. -5 p.m. and Saturday, April 13, 7:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. Remember, this is where everything is shared with anyone in the community free of charge. It's like a big, free garage sale. We will begin setting up Thursday morning, April 11. You may start bringing your clothes, household items, etc. to the Joshua House in the open space by the bathrooms beginning Monday, April 8. Please be sure they are clean and usable. If you need someone to pick up your items for you or if you have any questions, please contact one of the following: Shari Barron - 660-388-6730 Call or text 573-808-4326 Kim Reynolds- call or text 660-651-8809 Church office 660-388-5784 We will need volunteers to come at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at the conclusion of the event to tear down and take all left-over items to sheltered workshop. Please let us know if you are willing to help with this. All are welcome to be present at the "sale" to visit and greet people as they come in. This is one way we can show Jesus' love to those who come.



## FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR LADIES

Saturday, June 15 we're going to the SOUND OF MUSIC play at Maples Repertory Theatre. Showtime is 2:00 PM. Normally tickets are \$45 each but we pay \$30 per ticket by purchasing group tickets.

Usually, the Thursday Bible study ladies get 12-15 tickets and have a fun event on a weekday. Past activities include traveling in the church van, shopping, and eating out before the play. This year, we're going on a weekend to accommodate more ladies. The Bible study group is still going in the church van, leaving at 10:30, shopping and eating before the play (and we have room for others). However, if not part of that group you can purchase your tickets from Liz Arnsperger for \$30 each and make your own plans. Simply join us at the performance at 1:45 that day to pick up your tickets. There are currently 10 seats available for purchase, first paid gets the ticket.

SOUND OF MUSIC 2:00, June 15

Get your \$30 ticket from Liz Arnsperger.



## April Prayer Needs >>>

- Pray for Pastor Kurtis as he teaches in Poland and for our mission team that is going to Poland in July.
- Pray for the associational mission trip to Iowa this summer. (More information to come.)
- Pray for your NAMB and IMB missionaries as many of them kick-off new mission initiatives in the summer months.



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