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# First Edition

# Mother's Day: Her Children Arise and Call Her Blessed

Mother's Day is a sweet opportunity for Christians to celebrate one of God's most significant means of his common and redeeming grace.

For most, there's some bitter flavor somewhere. We live in a fallen world. All mothers are sinful—even Jesus' own mother knew well her need for a Savior (<u>Luke 1:47</u>). Whether your own mother monumentally failed you, or you're a mother who's all too aware of how you've failed your children, there is goodness and grace to acknowledge and appreciate in almost every situation, even when deeply tarnished by sin.

But for many of us, our hearts soar in thanksgiving when God brings to mind our mothers and grandmothers, or our wife and mother of our children. Among those of us raised in believing homes—in which our parents were faithful in teaching and modeling the faith—we may enjoy, all the more, the priceless privilege of fulfilling <a href="Proverbs">Proverbs</a>
31:28 on Mother's Day: "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

You are invited to participate in the Golf Tournament being held Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9 am at the River Bend Golf Course. There is a four-person scramble, along with one mulligan for \$5, three for \$10. The fee is \$75 per person and includes green fees, a golf cart, and a meal after the tournament. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole for \$100, see Pastor Matt. The proceeds will be used to send Youth to camp and Missions.



# Special Points Of Interest

- > There is a Special Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 4
- > Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8
- The high school and college graduates will be honored Sunday, May 29
- > The office will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day

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## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

For those of you that know me, I have a thing for plants and flowers, vegetable gardens, most everything green. So I am sincerely requesting prayers that the LORD send the showers that will nourish our land. It affects so much more than just my little potted plants. I feel for the cattlemen, ranchers and farmers that rely on this life-giving rain to continue their efforts. PRAY FOR RAIN and for those who suffer from allergy symptoms.

Wishing all mothers a Wonderful, blessed HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

#### **REMINDER:**

"Women of Joy" conference: The discounted ticket deadline is June 22nd. The dates for the conference are September 16-18, 2022, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. Tickets are \$109.00 per person or \$99.00 for groups of 10 or more! If we get a group together, we can take advantage of the lower rate and possibly arrange transportation. The deadline for the group registration (lower rate of \$99.00) is June 22, 2022. I know those that attended this conference definitely enjoyed it!

#### DATES to REMEMBER:

- Women of Joy September 16-18, 2022 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas
- Ongoing collection of Operation Christmas Child shoebox items (see the bulletin board for ideas)

Please remember to pray for all those on our prayer list and pray for the members of the Pastor Search Committee as they embark on the task of searching for the man God has for us. If you have someone on the church prayer list, please keep the Office updated. If you have any Women's Ministry ideas, please share with Sally Gaertner @ 361.290.1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210.560.9642.

In HIS Service!

### PHILIPPINES MISSIONARIES

Go into all the world and make disciples. Baptize them and teach them all I taught you. That was the challenge Jesus gave the disciples before he left this earth. What's exciting to know is that Jesus' challenge continues to be proclaimed year after year to men and women in countries all around the globe. And so it was also given to the students of Baptist Bible College of Asia during our chapel service a few weeks ago here in Manila.

As our students work towards graduating, they are encouraged to be open to the call God has on their lives. Some will be pastors of existing churches, some will plant churches in the Philippines, and some will be missionaries going to places beyond the Philippines, but all are charged to have a great commission mindset in whatever things God leads them to do.



As you read this, we pray you are encouraged when you consider the part you have in the discipleship of these students. Some graduates of BBCA are currently serving as pastors here in the Philippines and some are serving as missionaries in Thailand, Cambodia, Africa, and other places. You might wonder, if the Philippines is sending out missionaries, why do we in America need to send missionaries to the Philippines. The answer is fairly simple: Although God is moving in the hearts of many young Filipinos, there is still a great need for people to come and disciple them. It is critical for churches and missions to be established by leaders who have a theologically sound, Christ-centered, and gospel-orientated foundation. Without a sure and clear foundation in Christ, the church will not produce fruit for God's glory.

Together, with Sherry and I working here, and you praying and supporting from America, we all have the joy of being vessels God uses to disciple Filipinos who will continue to carry out the charge Jesus gave us 2000 years ago. As those first disciples experienced the joy of knowing and serving Christ, we trust God will fill your heart with the eternal joy of knowing and serving him.

For his glory, and his Kingdom, and the good of others, and by his grace, we all proclaim Christ and continue to go into all the world and make disciples!

# May 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 *Ronald Tipton	2	3	4Special Called Bus Mtg 6:30	5	6	Golf Tour- nament 9 am
8 Happy Mether Day *Bob Whitley	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 *David Arispe	16	17	18	19	20	2 1 Marriage Conference 10 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

\*Ron Bluff





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- 2 Jacob Hill
- 2 Tricia Tipton
- 3 Randy Coston
- 3 Brooklen Pelech
- 4 Thomas Harris
- Kyle Miller 4
- 4 J.R. Rogers
- 5 Cameron Herndon
- Micah Clements
- Bernice Tatum

Steven Boyd

Kelly Hawkins

- 10 Ruth Baker
- 10 Pat Van Dieren
- 13 Marcy Jacobs
- 14 Wesley Kotzur
- 14 Rebekah Street
- 14 Laurie Miller
- 15 Brenda Minard

Ashley Joosepson

- 15 Beth Price
- Denise Trabucco 16
- Lilly Murray
- Michelle Hill
- Bill Perry

- 21 Lois Brown
  - 21 Ray Rogers
  - Alice Goldchuk
  - 22 Chandler Gorzell
  - 22 Bonna Reed
  - 23 Carolyn Nickles
  - 23 Jeannie McCarville
  - 24 Jennifer Miller
  - 25 Vickie Nieto
  - 25 Luis Trabucco
  - 28 Codee Baker
  - 28 Christie Davis
  - 28 Theresa Watson
  - 28 **Ernest Young**
  - 31 Bro. Terry Smith

There will be a special service to honor all college and high school graduates on Sunday morning, May 29, 2022. If you would like to be included in the service, please reach out to Pastor Matt and have your name added. There will be a short slide show where 8-10 pictures of your life will be shared. Be sure to submit those photos digitally (or via flash drive) to Pastor Matt by Sunday, May 15. Be sure to reach out as we want ALL graduates to be recognized.

# Schedule of **Events**

#### <u>Sunday</u>

- 9:15—Bible Study for all
- 10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

#### **Tuesday**

- 5:30 Choir practice
- 6:30—Bible Study Fellow-ship

#### Wednesday

• 6:30—Prayer Meeting/ Youth Bible Study

#### **Weekly Activities**

- Creative Hands— Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
- Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 9:30-10:30 am
- \*Deacon of the Week



8am



Saturday, May 7 KFAST Men's Prayer **Breakfast** 

Get ready for VBS June 6-10! Created in Christ—Designed for God's Purpose





Wednesday, May 4, 2022 6:30 pm

Presentation by the Search Committee Team

#### First Baptist Church

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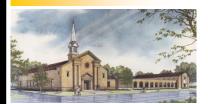
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Penny Smith, Office Manager Christie Davis, Family Ministry Asst Rosa Beltran, Custodian



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#### BUILDING

#### **HIStory**

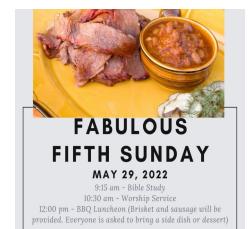
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Current Loan Balance: \$ 34,098.34

heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord." Exodus 35:5a



The office will be closed in celebration of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, 2022. Normal activities will resume May 31.





Our Caring and Sharing workgroup on Tuesday will be suspended for now. When there is a need, a workgroup will be called together. With the addition of the Facebook page... "Floresville FBC - OCC", I see an increase in the interest for the items needed in our boxes. I will be doing a mini packing party soon for the pencil pouches with all the additional items I have been

able to collect. If you are doing a box on your own and you would like one of these filled pencil pouches for your box or boxes, make a donation to help with shipping and you will have a nice addition to your box. Suggestions to keep an eye out for the month of May, the theme is Outside... Jump Ropes, Balls (Soccer, tennis, beach, kick...), Small kites, Sidewalk Chalk, Sand Toys & Shovels, Garden / Work gloves, Garden Shovels, Flashlights w/ Batteries (or Hand Crank). Remember we are always in need of monetary donations for these boxes as each box needs to have \$9 included for shipping. Text or call Sallie Bluff at 830-391-2344 for more information.

Original Loan Amount: \$ 525,000.00

April Loan Payment:

"Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing



# A SANDPAPER

A MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 21, 2022 10am-3pm

> Guest Speaker: Matt Singleton Pastor, FBC Kenedy

Condolences go out to Joe Holcombe and his family. who lost his much loved Sweet Thing, Claryce Holcombe, on April 8, 2022.

with deepest **SYMPATHY** 

Also, condolences go to Judith Smith, who lost her grandson, Skyler Smith, on April 28, 2022.



**Annie Armstrong** donation for April 2022: \$324.00

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
March 2022	\$ 49,812.00	\$ 43,438.49
YTD thru March 2022	\$ 151,398.10	\$ 130,315.47





Online giving is an easy, convenient, and secure alternative to writing a check. Go to the church's web page, www.fbcf.org, or scan the QR code with your smart phone.