



**FELLOWSHIP**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 9325 Fellowship Road  
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**April 2023**

For everything there is a season, and a time  
 for every matter under heaven.  
 Ecclesiastes 3:1

## Schedule and Contact Info:

### SUNDAY

Sunday School — 9:00 AM  
 Morning Worship — 10:00 AM  
 Worship Center / Fellowship Facebook page  
 Nursery and Children's Church available

### WEDNESDAY

Meal—5:45 PM  
 Dining Room  
 AWANA—6:15 PM  
 Children's Building  
 Youth—6:30 PM  
 Upstairs Youth Hall  
 Refresh — 6:30 PM  
 Dining Room

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM  
 Friday 8:00 AM—12:00 PM  
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April Nursery & Children Volunteers		
Sunday		
Date	Children's Church	Nursery
Apr. 2	Hallie Harris	Sandy Temple, Kenzie Harris, Meagan Wilborn, Melissa Dutton
Apr. 9	Landri Riley	Sheila Neal, Mary Alvarado, Ryleigh Turville, Brailynn Lee
Apr. 16	Kim Griffin	Jordan Bucurel, Lynda Warren, LJ Alvarado, Lydia Stewart
Apr. 23	Teresa Cade	Bunnie Tisdale, Ashley Mercado, Emily Guin, Liza Orrell, Jamye Seale
Apr. 30	Michael Dennis	Jimmy & Trisha Harper, Landri Riley, Jada Harris
Wednesday		
Date	Nursery	AWANA Listeners
Apr. 5	Nita Thompson, Landri Riley	Adam Stewart, Danny & Donna Cook, Keller Joyner, Kim Griffin, Sandy Temple, Daniel & Katie Cook
Apr. 12	Donna Cook, Sheri Wall	Tony Ridinger, Adam & Ashley Embrey, Liza Randall, Brooke Hughes, Jeanette Stewart, Teresa Cade
Apr. 19	Becky Brown, Melissa Dutton	Jimmy & Trisha Harper, Amanda Farr, Lynn Martin, Jordan Bucurel, Andrew & Casadi Lee, Landri Riley
Apr. 26	Jeanette Stewart, Ryleigh Turville	Lisa Scarbrough, Camryn Parten, Michelle Schultz, Shelley Hale, Isaiah & Mary Alvarado, April McCary

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

<p><b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT Meal</b>          5:45 PM          \$5 per person/\$20 per family  <b>Reserve a Meal:</b>          Text 601-917-0633          or Call 601-737-8331          by 4:00 pm on Tuesday!</p>	<p><b>REFRESH</b>          WEDNESDAY          6:30 PM          DINING ROOM          1 Peter</p>
<p><b>Awana Clubs</b>          Ages 3–6th Grade  <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>          6:15–7:30 PM          April 26 - Color/Tie Dye Night</p>	<p><b>FELLOWSHIP youth</b>          GRADES 7-12          WEDNESDAYS          6:30 PM          UPSTAIRS YOUTH HALL          Questions?          Contact Pastor Sam 662-889-6004</p>



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**Monthly Manna**

2023 Issue IV



**Reflections**

Pastor Caleb Hughes

**The Hole in Holiness**

Sometimes when watching professional sports, I think to myself, “Man, that guy hit the genetic lottery!” And it’s true. Some people were just incredibly gifted with a tall physique, a natural gift to run fast or jump high, and maybe even a knack for impressive hand-eye coordination. But here’s the reality: there are not many of those. Most athletes (even the athletes who *seem on the surface* to just have it *naturally*) have something that the athletes who never went pro but are built similarly did not have: incredible **discipline** and determined **effort**.

I read a book in seminary called *The Hole in Our Holiness*. It is rare that I can summarize an entire book in one word, but I can with that one: **effort**. You may look at others around you and perceive that they are nearer to God and think, “I wish it was that easy for me to control my speech. I wish it was that easy for me to pray aloud. I wish it was that easy for me to set aside time to be with the Lord.” But the reality is that it is not easy for them either. Holiness is not a matter of natural “talent.” It’s a matter of **discipline** and **effort**. And if those words don’t resonate, try this fruit of the Spirit that encapsulates both: **self-control**.

When sober-minded, we never want to disobey God, we set high goals of holiness, but in the thick of busyness or temptation, we struggle and lose a battle that begins within—we lack self-control.

*“But I **discipline** my body and keep it **under control**, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”*  
1 Corinthians 9:27

What is the hole in your holiness?

CELEBRATE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

# EASTER

*sunday*

APRIL 9

8:00 AM - BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM - WORSHIP

*‘He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.’* Matthew 28:6a

**DEBT RETIREMENT**

Original Loan Amount: \$681,535.57  
Current Loan Balance: \$128,051.18

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

**UNITED**  
CALLED TO BE ONE

CHURCH GOAL: \$2,500  
GIVEN TO DATE: \$1,212.28

Financial Review: March 2023	
Monthly General Offering:	\$37,745.76
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$39,499.00
Yearly General Offering:	\$105,757.96
Monthly Debt Reduction Gifts:	\$3,355.00

## April Ministry Teams

<b>Greeters</b> Mike Jones Tammy Jones	<b>Counters</b> Greg Ball Danny Cook
<b>Deacons</b> Michel Dennis Kevin Thompson	<b>Bus Maintenance</b> Brian McCary

**ADULT** *Sunday School* **SCRIPTURES**

April 2	John 19:16-19, 28-30,38-42	Jesus Died for Me
April 9	John 20:1-2, 11-18	Jesus Rose Again to Give Me Life
April 16	James 1:13-18	The Source of Temptation
April 23	Deuteronomy 8:2-10; Matthew 4:1-4	The Temptation to Rely on Myself Instead of God
April 30	Deuteronomy 6:16-25; Matthew 4:5-7	The Temptation to Test God

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sign up at the Welcome Desk

For more information contact  
Kim Eastman @ 601-604-4722

*Just Older Youth* 50+ **J.O.Y.**

**LET'S DO Lunch**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

**Binke's**  
414 39th Avenue  
Bus departs at 10:30 AM  
Sign up at the Welcome Desk

*Breathe*  
making room for sabbath  
by Priscilla Shirer

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY 5-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

- Begins April 13
- Offered on multiple days/times
- \$17 per person

Sign up at the Welcome Desk  
For more information contact  
Kristi Smith @ 601-701-1929

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

**April 23**