



**FELLOWSHIP**  
 BAPTIST CHURCH  
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**May 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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May Nursery & Children Volunteers		
Sunday		
Date	Children's Church	Nursery
May 7	Michael & Sara Bowden	Becky Brown, LJ Alvarado, Lydia Stewart, Melissa Dutton
May 14	Jeff & Lisa Scarbrough	Ruthe Bayles, Jamye Seale, Cathy Ray, Brailynn Lee, Liza Orrell
May 21	Kristoffer & Jenni Randall	Shari Davis, Lydia Stewart
May 28	Brooke Hughes	Shelley Hale, Liza Orrell
Wednesday		
Date	Nursery	AWANA Listeners
May 3	Brooke Hughes, Kim Garrett	Adam Stewart, Danny & Donna Cook, Keller Joyner, Kim Griffin, Sandy Temple, Daniel & Katie Cook
May 10	Shelley Hale, Chris Jaeger	Tony Ridinger, Adam & Ashley Embrey, Liza Randall, Brooke Hughes, Jeanette Stewart, Teresa Cade
May 17	Shelia Neal	Jimmy & Trisha Harper, Amanda Farr, Lynn Martin, Jordan Bucurel, Andrew & Casadi Lee, Landri Riley
May 24	Jordan Bucurel, Chris Jaeger	Lisa Scarbrough, Camryn Parten, Michelle Schultz, Shelley Hale, Isaiah & Mary Alvarado, April McCary
May 31	Nita Thompson, Maegan Anderson	AWANA Awards

## 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</p>
<p><b>AWANA CLUBS</b>          Ages 3-6th Grade  <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>          6:15-7:30 PM          May 10 - AWANA Store- fun popcorn flavors!          May 17- Crazy Hair Night!          May 31- AWANA Awards 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>



# FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

## Monthly Manna

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### Reflections

Pastor Caleb Hughes

#### The Price of Presence

I'd like to begin differently than in editions past. If you have just a moment, read 2 Chronicles 26:16-21.

We have spent weeks talking on Sunday mornings in Hebrews about the priesthood and the amazing reality that WE can draw near to God through Jesus. This passage in 2 Chronicles is one example as to why it is just so amazing.

King Uzziah was a good king. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. Because he sought after God, feared God, and desired God's instruction, God made him prosper (2 Chron. 26:4-5). He led military victories, innovated industries, and upheld the name of God. His name and fame spread far and wide (2 Chron. 26:6-15). And despite all of that, Uzziah's story has a sad ending. *Uzziah grew proud and it led do his fall.*

As we've discussed in Hebrews, *only priests could go into the temple and perform priestly duties.* Only they could intercede on man's behalf between God and man. Only they could facilitate a worshipful meeting between sinful man and holy God.

Uzziah—a *king, not a priest*—became frustrated and took matters into his own hands, entered into the temple, and in his arrogance and anger, disobeyed God. Despite the priests rebuking his actions, Uzziah's hardened heart prevailed. As a result, he was struck with leprosy for the rest of his life and he died an excluded, lonely, leprous man.

Despite being a mighty king who had the favor of the Lord, Uzziah was barred from entering the presence of the Lord.

My goal in mentioning this narrative is simple: to make much of just how big a blessing it is that 1) Jesus tore down the dividing wall of hostility between sinful you and holy God, and that 2) it is a stunning, *humbling*, amazing, beautiful reality that we can enter into the presence of a holy God now and forever.

Uzziah wanted badly to enter that presence as a worshiper and couldn't. *But you can. Do you want to?*

### May Ministry Teams

<b>Greeters</b> Daniel Cook Katie Cook	<b>Counters</b> Mike Jones Christy Wright
<b>Deacons</b> Paul Lane Tony Ridinger	<b>Bus Maintenance</b> Justin Griffin

### ADULT *Sunday School* SCRIPTURES

May 7	Deuteronomy 6:10-15, Matthew 4:8-11	The Temptation to Place Something Else Before God
May 14	Psalms 32:1-7	Recovering from a Fall into Temptation
May 21	Ephesians 6:10-18	The Strength to Stand Against Temptation
May 28	Numbers 12:1-15	Avoiding a Critical Spirit

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

### LET'S DO Lunch

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

#### Western Sizzlin

1100 N Frontage Road

Bus departs at 10:30 AM  
Sign up at the Welcome Desk

### Family Day Picnic

Sunday May 21st  
After Worship Service

Bring a side or dessert  
Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Okatibbee Lake Collinsville Pavilion

**Twists & Turns**

### VBS

JUNE 5-9  
8:30-11:30 AM

### REGISTER NOW

Ages 4-6th Grade

Scan the QR Code, visit the church website, or call the church office

### HAPPY Mother's DAY

—May 14—

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*  
Numbers 6:24-26

### class of 2023

*For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*  
Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations & Prayers to all of our Graduates

### DEBT RETIREMENT

Original Loan Amount: \$681,535.57  
Current Loan Balance: \$120,098.72

### BLESSING BOX

Donations are needed for the Blessing Box. A list of suggested supplies is available at the Welcome Desk.

Financial Review: April 2023	
Monthly General Offering:	\$41,669.20
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$39,915.00
Yearly General Offering:	\$147,427.16
Monthly Debt Reduction Gifts:	\$3,550.00