

SANDSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

His Last Command, Our First Concern
Matthew 28:18-20

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Your Pastor Search Committee prayerfully and completely trusts our loving God to provide for all of our needs as we transition into SBC's next chapter! We pray that each of you will also embrace the change and realize that in addition to the time in the future when we have called our new pastor to service, God will also be providing for us, training us, and teaching us during the transitional period. Our Supply Pastors for the month of May have provided some biographical information so we'll know a bit about them as we look forward to our worship time together. Our May schedule is below. Can't wait to continue our worship together each Sunday in May!

May 5, 2024: Dr. Thomas (Tom) Gaskins

Dr. Gaskins served as pastor of a number of churches in Virginia and North Carolina through his ministry and service. More recently Dr. Gaskins has served three local churches as Interim Pastor, most recently and currently at Four Mile Creek Baptist Church. He is also currently serving as Chaplain for the Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

May 12, 2024: Rev. Boyd Herrington

Rev. Boyd Herrington, called to preach in his teenage years, graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has preached and pastored in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Virginia. Boyd and his wife Andrea and children Shannon and Nathan served 12 years in southeast Asia as International Mission Board missionaries. Boyd and Andrea are both currently employed by New Kent Schools and we are blessed to have them as part of our Sandston Baptist Church family.

May 19, 2024: Youth Sunday

May 26, 2024: Dr. Jim Rogers

Dr. Jim Rogers has a Masters of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a PhD in counseling from Evangelical Theological Seminary. Dr. Rogers retired from Powers Memorial Baptist Church, Hopewell, where he currently resides. His hobbies include woodworking, fishing, bowling, music, and walks with his wife.

Sincerely,

Your Pastor Search Team

*Chris Applewhite * Ken Weaver * Susan Rackley * Michelle Hunt * Faye Hailey * Alex Flannery * Cathy Westerman*

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You Can Make An Eternal Difference In The Lives Of Children And Families Around The World!

HERE'S HOW:

- ◆ Pray about packing shoeboxes this year.
- ◆ Pray for the children who need to hear about God's love.
- ◆ Pray for all the volunteers involved in OCC.
- ◆ Set aside time and funds to pack.
- ◆ Get others excited and involved in packing.
- ◆ Ask others to help you understand this ministry, if you are unfamiliar with it.



*Operation Christmas Child
Good News! Great Joy!*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ◆ Wednesday morning, May 22 from 9-11 a.m., we invite all interested people to join us for our first workday to prepare items for our OCC Boutique. This is a great time of fun, fellowship, and food while donating our time to Operation Christmas Child. We will meet in the Boshier-Gray Building.
- ◆ OCC Boutique will open the beginning of SEPTEMBER this year. This is a great place to do all of your shoebox shopping at great prices and guaranteeing all items are approved by Samaritan's Purse.
- ◆ People have indicated an interest in learning to make skirts and jump ropes. Contact Denise Harcum at 804-338-2920 or 804-737-2172 if you are interested. We will then set up a date that works for all interested people.



NOTES FROM TOMMY

What a whirlwind we've had the past two months! Our church has been a busy place, since before Easter, and through the month of April. Just a few of the things that have been going on, from March, the Music Trivia Evening, the Maundy Thursday service, Palm Sunday, and Easter, and all of these were very well attended.

Of course, in April we had one particular Saturday, the 20th, when the Adult Choir had an in-house Retreat at the same time, we had Community Corn Hole Tournament/Chik Fil A lunch give away. Working all around that, the Communion setup team was busy getting communion ready for the upcoming Sunday.

Then on April 21st, we watched and listened as Karl preached his last sermon to us. On Saturday, April 27th, we celebrated Karl's retirement with a wonderful reception in the Boshier Gray Building. And on Sunday, April 28th, we praised the Lord and celebrated with Karl as he completed his last service with us as he begins his retirement. We are so blessed to have a church that is "Busy for the Lord", and in the wake of a long time and much beloved Pastor retiring.

This is the time to "keep our foot on the gas", and keep moving forward. During the Adult Choir Retreat, several of the songs we're working on exemplify this, "Let the Church Arise", "Step into the Water", "Press On", and God is Able".

Sandston Baptist Church is an exciting place to be!

"In Jesus' name, we Press On",

Tommy Blunt



Deuteronomy 6:6-7 states "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." As parents we have a responsibility to teach our children to love God and follow Him. This verse clearly explains that it is not a one-time lesson but a continuous learning experience every day, all day. What a challenge!

Awana Awards Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm we will meet in the sanctuary and celebrate what our Awana clubbers have been learning all year! They will receive their awards for handbook completion, Awana Go patches for their participation in the Great Commission, and any jewels or emblems they have earned. The children will share some of the things they have been learning all year. All are welcome to come support our Awana Clubbers in their accomplishments this year! There will be a small reception afterwards in the preschool area. This will conclude our Wednesday Night activities for children for the month of May.

Operation Inasmuch

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity and serve together as a family. You will find the list of projects in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Operation Inasmuch takes place on May 4th.

Youth Sunday

There will be no Children's Church on May 19th so we can support our youth during Youth Sunday. This will be a time for the children to worship together with their church family. Extended Session will still be available for babies, preschoolers, and kindergartners.

Updates, reminders, and details about activities are sent through email and posted on the children's website and Facebook Group (SBC Kids Connect).

Lynda



I hope you are all doing well, it is hard to believe that we are closing in on the end of another school year as we go into May. I am writing this prior to our weekend of events for Pastor Karl. Thank you in advance to our Majesticks group for performing and Molly/Karyss Milby for helping lead! A special thank you to Pastor Karl for all he has done for me as well as our youth group over the years. He has been an amazing leader and friend through out my life, as well as a great colleague. As a youth group we pray for him moving forward as well as for our search committee and future leadership, thankful for the time we have had and hopeful in our future.

Here are a few other announcements for our youth group moving into May and beyond:

Operation In As Much- Don't forget May 4 is Operation In As Much, our yearly community outreach day. Be praying for this day, for our community, and for our church as we prepare for it. If you are able to be here that morning, your help is needed as a youth or parent with a variety of projects. Please see the other parts of the newsletter for more info and/or the table in the hallway of the sanctuary. Youth are encouraged to sign-up for a project on their own or with their parent, let me know if you have any questions!

Senior Parents- If you have a senior graduating this year and would like to have them honored on Youth Sunday (May 19) please be sure to send me an email (jbluntsbc@gmail.com) with their name, high school, picture you would like displayed of them, and post college plans (college/career). Thanks to those that have already shared! Please get any entries by me to May 16.

Mission Trip- Our mission trip to Huntington, WV with World Changers is scheduled for June 22-29. We have filled our 35 spots, but if you would like to go, let me know ASAP to be added to a waitlist.

Youth Sunday:

Youth Sunday is coming up May 19! If you/your youth want to participate, we will be having practices during the month of May. A separate email was sent out on April 25 with details of practices as well as needs. We will need youth to offer the opening announcements, opening prayer, Majesticks, offertory prayer, read scripture, help with the soundboard, PowerPoint computer, and live stream, along with other possible ways to participate! Please let me know if your youth would like to participate!

Youth Group Wednesday's-

We will continue our Wednesday nights heading into May! Our time will remain the same 6:30-7:30 each Wednesday evening!

As always, stay connected through our email (sbcyouth.info@gmail.com), our Facebook Group (SBC Fusion Youth), or our Instagram (@sbcfusion) for more events and youth time through the month of May!

-Justin Blunt



BIBLE STUDY

NEWS

Bible Study Groups, Sunday School, Life Groups all names for the same, yet different. Life Groups is a trending term. As children we are taught the Bible by a teacher, like in school. As adults we gather in groups to study and discuss the Bible together. You may have realized I interchange these names. They are just names but I would like to know your thoughts.

So our Church family has grown and is growing! Praise God!! We have had many children, youth, and adults accept Christ as their Savior and join our Church family. That means we have many more young Christians and "Newbies" who need our discipleship. Family takes care of family, nurtures them, loves them and helps them grow and mature.

What is discipleship? Discipleship is helping people live in the way of Jesus with the heart of Jesus, spiritual growth and practices. It's a learning process and cultivated spiritual development and maturity. Learning takes a counselor, a leader. It takes time and relationships. It's ongoing. I am challenging us, each of us, all of us, to be bold, to approach someone new or unfamiliar and invite them to join Bible Study. Or if there is a new someone in the Bible Study group you participate in introduce yourself, listen and get to know them, help them learn who people are and where things are, activities to get involved in. Listen to them and share with them in ways to promote the development of the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control), ways to walk through life in love, to navigate challenges in faith, how to pray, how to experience God in all aspects of life, help them to find their Christian way and support them and their growth. Be a Disciple!

Housekeeping notes:

1. Please empty coffee cups and pots in the bathroom sinks and not the water fountains.
2. Thank you for all who are turning off meeting room lights, when Bible Study has ended.

Continued...

Please remember as we use air conditioners to turn them off, as well, as you are leaving.

Vacation Bible School Director opportunities are available. Please support this Bible learning time by helping out. If you have a love for children and want to serve them and our Lord please contact Lynda Holloway, Lindsey Horne, Sara Orton, myself or the Church office.

Soon we will be starting the task of establishing leaders for the upcoming Bible Study year that begins in September. Please consider continuing to lead and for those not currently leading please let me know if you are interested. Call the Church office or me (804) 400-9659.

What does it take to lead a group?

- Joy, love, generosity, kindness
- Willingness to serve God
- Be willing to serve your Church family
- Weekly leading
- Preparation of discussions/teaching
- Member of SBC for a minimum of six (6) months
- Subject to a background check if working with children
- Approval of the Sunday School Council

In His service,

E'Beth Lambert-Watts (Sunday School Director)

Note from Mary!

My dear church family,

Thank you so much for all the calls, texts, cards, and gifts that I received following my retirement. Your expressions of love have been overwhelming. I have been blessed beyond words by your love and support throughout my years working at Sandston Baptist. Karl once told me I had the perfect job. He was right - it was right where God wanted me to be. May God bless you all as you continue to serve Him and be a light in the Sandston community.

With all my love,

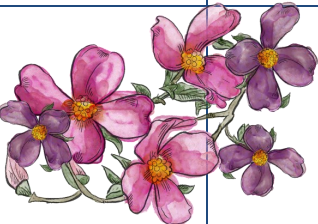

Mary Vayo



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Craig Heilman Amanda Welch	2 Charles Sohn Patricia Stephenson	3 Robin Friedhoff Tammy Redman Mandi Woodcock	4 Campbell Clanton Donald Holmes
5 Robert Nelson Anthony Vayo Giddings	6 Meryl Canada Steve Davies Sue Marshall Alan Watts	7 Brian DeProffio	8 Kathy Medwid Lettie Muncy	9 Isaiah Bailey Doug Christopher Matthew Hart Dylan Holloway Lee House Seth Jones Beth Miller Ronnie Westerman	10 Benjamin James Blunt Allen Gravatt Brinley Hunt Libby Middleton	11 Trudy Blake Tim Marshall Ashley Sexton
12 John Royster Jr.	13 Ellianna Marshall Kaylyn Morgan	14 Florence Bruce Josh King	15 Ann Baggett Bradley Thomas Marshall Linda McKay	16 Brian O'Neil	17 Janet Burke Abigail Clark	18 Pat Franklin
19 Mitchell Allen Kenneth Bowe Mary Virginia Hamilton Patricia Hawes Carol Peaman Noah Welenteychik	20 Avery Edwards Tamela Stevens John Talley	21 Emily Bryant Phillip Hunt Natsuko Nakagawa Ted Peterson Joel Roberts Trey Staub	22 Sunni Cahoon Raymond Davis Michael Jenkins	23 Kevin Bruce Riley Hazelwood Dot Newbill James Stewart	24 Theodore King Douglas Milby Marty Talley Deborah Wilborn Thomas Worley	25 Caleb Blunt Rachel Lander Frances Robins Mary Vayo
26 Kenny Cordle Jojo Wallace	27 Michael Hardiman	28 Mary Gordon Lera Jones Patrick Morgan	29 Christy Thomas	30	31 Skylar Dotson	



Spring EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Awana Program in Sanctuary 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm HIS Group	2	3	4 8:00am Operation Inasmuch
5 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Bible Study 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry	6 10:00am Note Writing 11:00am Williamson Group 6:30pm Men's Basketball	7 2:00pm VanLear Group	8 <i>*Church Office Opening at 11:00am*</i> 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30 pm HIS Group	9 11:30am Friendly/Singles Club 5:30pm Brotherhood Meeting 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	10	11
12 9:00am Worship Service Children's Mission Gap 10:15am Bible Study 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry	13 10:00am Note Writing 6:00pm Mission Team Meeting 6:30pm Men's Basketball	14	15 5:30pm Sista Hood Dinner BG 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm HIS Group	16	17	18
19 <i>Youth & Graduation Sunday</i> 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Bible Study 5:30pm Churchwide Prayer Meeting 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry	20 10:00am Note Writing Ministry 6:30pm Men's Basketball	21	22 9:00am-12:00pm Operation Christmas Child BG 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm HIS Group	23 10:00am Quilters/Knitters/Crocheting	24 <i>*Church Office Closed*</i>	25
26 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Bible Study 5:30pm Portuguese Ministry	27 Memorial Day <i>*Church Office Closed*</i>	28	29 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm HIS Group	30	31	
						

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings	03/31/24	..	\$7,361.00
	04/07/24	.	\$9,067.00
	04/14/24	.	\$8,760.00
	04/21/24		\$6,398.00
	04/28/24	.	\$8,204.00
VANCO (Mar)	.....		\$19,605.54
Weekly Needs	.....		\$14,073.48

UNIFIED MISSIONS

Offerings	03/31/24	....	\$160.00
	04/07/24	....	\$315.00
	04/14/24	.....	\$65.00
	04/21/24	...	\$100.00
	04/28/24	....	\$332.00
Weekly Needs	.....		\$673.08



2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for VBS this year will be July 22nd-24th. There will be a VBS planning meeting on Sunday, May 5th after Sunday School at 11:15am in the sanctuary.

Anyone interested in helping with VBS should plan to attend. Questions contact Sara Orton 804-405-2674 or saraorton11@gmail.com.



May FISH Collection

This month we will be collecting cans of greens or cans of mixed vegetables!



CALLING ALL LADIES

Please join us May 15th from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Boshier-Gray building for our Sistahood Dinner.

Chicken will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share!



DINNER REMINDER

There will be no Wednesday evening meals in the month of May and on into the summer months.

They will be resuming them again in the fall. Thank you to all who made these wonderful meals possible!