



## A Message from Pastor Andrew

Dear Church Family,

I was born and raised in Atlanta, but I hate hot weather. It's almost an oxymoron. The humidity is something I am used to, but have never enjoyed. The pollen still knocks me out every year about this time, when everything is coated in a gritty yellow.

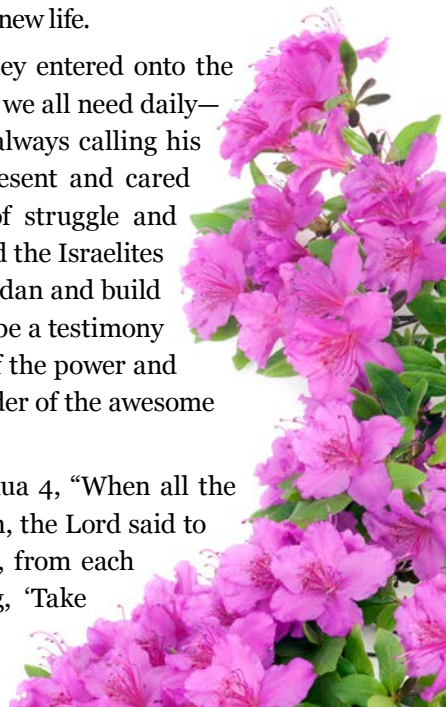
There is one thing I love about being a Georgia boy though—the azaleas. If you're from here you know that every year in early Spring, the azaleas bloom and the Master's is about to take place in Augusta. Azaleas are—in my opinion—a pretty average, even ugly bush most of the year. But once a year, they are beautiful.

For me, they are a reminder of God's faithfulness and goodness towards his people. Years ago, I was walking through a dark period, where long-standing familial strife came to a head and I experienced rejection from close family members. Most days, I teetered on the edge of despair as I wrestled with relational brokenness. One morning, I was sitting at the kitchen table, sipping freshly-brewed coffee, replaying conversations in my head, questioning purpose, and yearning for reconciliation and hope. I looked out the large windows of our sunroom and noticed bright pink and bold red azaleas blooming that I didn't even know were in our backyard. It was our first spring in this particular house, so there were all sorts of new discoveries. Among them, beautiful azaleas.

Since that day, azaleas have been a sort of "stone of remembrance" for me. An icon of sorts that I can look at and call to mind God's surprising joy, enduring faithfulness, new morning mercies, glimmers of hope, and new life.

This is what God's people needed when they entered onto the shores of the Promised Land, and it is what we all need daily—reminders of God's faithfulness. God was always calling his people to remember how he had been present and cared for them through seasons and decades of struggle and oppression. In Joshua 3-4, God commanded the Israelites to pick up stones from the middle of the Jordan and build an alter. He explained that the alter was to be a testimony to their children and to the other nations of the power and faithfulness of God; a memorial and reminder of the awesome God that they served.

We read God's instruction to them in Joshua 4, "When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 'Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, and command them, saying, 'Take



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## SERMON SCHEDULE

APRIL 2



**A Worthy Savior**  
John 12:1-19

APRIL 9



**A Resurrected Savior**  
John 20:1-31

APRIL 16

**Truth for Secularists and Skeptics**  
Acts 17:16-34

APRIL 23

**God's Involvement in the Mission**  
Acts 18:1-22

APRIL 23

**The Mission & The Scriptures**  
Acts 18:23-19:10



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## One Brick at a Time

Great is sometimes the enemy of the good. That is, sometimes our ideals can get in the way of being faithful in the mundane moments of the day-to-day. Many institutions chart out great visions and mission statements, but are never able to achieve their stated goals because the small, difficult, and often unromantic daily task it would take to reach these goals is left undone. As the saying goes, “everyone wants to get to heaven, but no one wants to do the dishes”. The truth is, you are what you actually do, not what you want to do. And the measure of a person, a family, or an institution should be an evaluation of what they take daily responsibility for and prioritize, not merely what they say they wish to do. Take the image of a cathedral: fulfilling the blueprints and creating a marvel comes at the cost of laying one brick at a time. At Main Street Schools, our vision is to build an academically-excellent and biblically-based education that raises children to know wisdom by fearing the Lord (Prov. 9:10). We have the blueprints, and by God’s grace, we will pursue this vision, no matter how difficult, one faithful brick at a time.

— **Austin Prince, Pastor for Education and Discipleship and Director for MSPS**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR APRIL 2023

**Sunday, April 2**  
Palm Sunday

**Monday, April 3 through**

**Friday, April 7**  
Spring Break for MSPS and DCSS

**Tuesday, April 4**  
NTO Council  
1:00 pm in LFH

**Every Wednesday**  
Great Banquet  
5:00 pm in MSFH

**Thursday, April 6**  
Maundy Thursday

**Friday, April 7**  
Good Friday

**Sunday, April 9**  
Easter!

**Tuesday, April 11**  
NTO Luncheon

**Wednesday, April 12**  
Ladies' Bible Study

**Saturday, April 15**  
Work Day at FBCT

**Sunday, April 16**  
Baptism Sunday (SBC)



## FACILITIES NEWS

### Church Family Day of Work

I am inviting anyone who would like to help with our annual work day to join me on **April 15th, from 9am until roughly 2pm.** Lunch will be provided. We have a couple of projects we can work on together, including exterior landscaping and cleaning out a large storage room in the Main Street Fellowship Hall. To sign up or ask questions, email [dfletcher@fbctucker.org](mailto:dfletcher@fbctucker.org) or call the church office.

— **Darren Fletcher**  
Facilities & Grounds Manager, FBC of Tucker



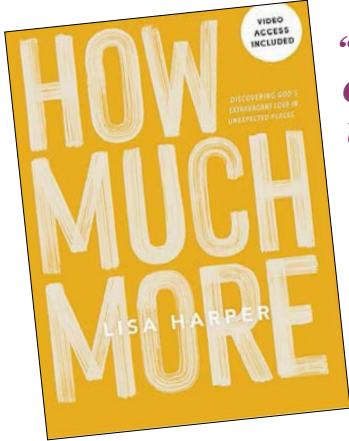
**Mason Statom and Jack McNair**  
Celebrating Their Baptisms



# Ladies' Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 10AM in the FBCT Community Room

This 7-week study will meet on the following dates:  
**April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, and 24**



## *“How Much More: Discovering God’s Extravagant Love in Unexpected Places” by Lisa Harper*

From Beginning to End, the Bible is a Love Story. Maybe your head knows that God is always good, but your heart’s not so sure. Or perhaps while reading Scripture, you’ve wondered if our Creator Redeemer went through a personality change—from strictly enforcing the rules in the Old Testament to loving the outcast in the New!

In this 7-session Bible study, you’ll discover divine love in the often overlooked and misunderstood passages. And you’ll be delighted to find that Jehovah of the Old Testament is the same redemptive and compassionate God we see through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He has always been and will always be for us!

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You can also contact the church office at: (770) 938-1688

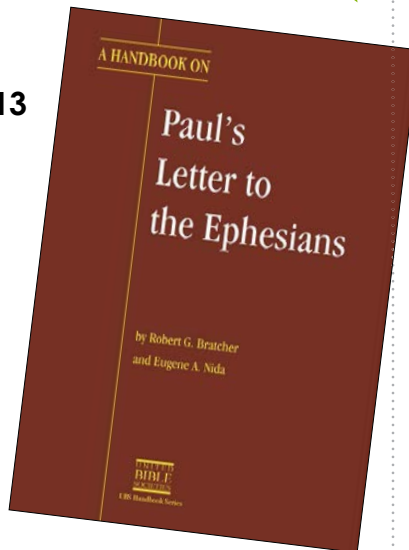


## Men’s Bible Study

Continues Every Thursday Until April 13  
from 10am - 11:30am  
in the FBCT Community Room

## *“Paul’s Letters to the Ephesians”*

The study is being led by David Harris and Darren Fletcher. Contact one of them with questions or to sign up. You can also contact the church at (770) 938-1688.



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## NETworks

A Cooperative Christian Ministry Serving the  
Northlake — Embry Hills — Tucker Area

### FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH **Canned Carrots!**



Donation boxes are just inside the glass door at the office entrance and also in the Gathering Room.

## Small Groups

A small group is meeting in the FBCT Community room after the worship service, for lunch and bible study. The topic is **“Evangelism.”**

If interested in joining or for more information, please contact  
**John or Louisa Tremann:**

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twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’...When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

Spring time is a reminder of new life, fresh growth, beauty, and fruit. Things that were dormant come alive again. Brown grass turns green, apparently boring bushes bloom with flowers, bare limbs bear leaves and flowers. New life and new growth should remind us all of God’s goodness to us.



One of the greatest reminders of these wonderful truths about God during Spring time is Easter. Just as Spring reveals new life and growth, so does the promise of Easter. Christ may have died on Friday, but he rose on Sunday, fully alive and defeating death for us all.

Paul reminds us that “[we] were dead in the trespasses and sins in which [we] once walked...But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...” (Eph. 2).

The gospel is good news because it tells us that God didn’t send Jesus to make bad people good, but dead people alive. In 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, Paul gives us this wonderful news of resurrection—“Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

This Spring—and this Easter—I encourage you all to look around and notice new life all around you. See it in creation. Then, remind yourself that, in Christ, God is making all things new, including you.

Despite my desire and efforts, I’ve still not experienced reconciliation and repair in some familial relationships that have been broken for years, but every time I see azaleas, and every time I reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, I am reminded that God can bring life to dead things. This promise brings hope.

One of the practical ways we hold onto this hope in the struggles of life is by making stones of remembrance for ourselves, which can remind us of God’s faithfulness. Make a stone of remembrance that will help you to remember. For me, it’s azaleas. What might remind you today that God has been faithful to you in the past, and that he will be faithful to you until the end?

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”—Rom. 15:13*

In Christ,

— Pastor Andrew



**Please Be In Prayer For:**

- » **The family and friends of Carol Hayes** whose stepfather passed away.
- » **The family and friends of Debbie Wright** who passed away on Friday, February 17.



**FBCT OFFICE HOURS**

Our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM. The Main Office closes from 12 PM to 1 PM for lunch each day.

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