



A Message from

Pastor Andrew

Church Family,

Summer is on the way! The azaleas have bloomed and gone; the pollen is doing its damage to our physical well-being; the temperatures are beginning to rise.

The arrival of summer either excites you or stresses you out. My guess is that your response to summer has a lot to do with your season of life. For young families, summer can be quite anxiety-inducing. Schedules change dramatically, kids aren't in school, and we're left to wonder what in the world we'll do with our kids for 8 weeks while trying to juggle work, home, and our kids' mental health during time off. We want our kids to have a great summer!

I am in the young family demographic, so I can't really speak to other stages of life and their relation to summer, but I do wonder, what sort of feelings are you walking into summer with? Are you excited that vacation is coming? Is there something to look forward to? Do you enjoy spending time in your yard or garden? Do you have a lake house that you'll spend most of your time at? Do you have time with family planned? Maybe you're a grandparent, so you're the answer to the fear-filled prayers of young parents, looking for help with kids!

With summer on the way, I want to encourage you all with two challenges:

1. Identify one way that you will practice resting.
2. Identify one way that you can serve someone else in our church body.

HOW WILL YOU REST?

Summer provides us all the opportunity to practice rest because schedules do change and some things slow down to a crawl. I challenge each of you to use this time well. Did you know that God actually commands us to practice rest? It's difficult to embrace this in our fast-paced culture, which can often equate downtime with laziness. But in stark contrast, in almost a rebellion against the demands of our busy schedules, God calls us to intentionally rest, on a consistent basis.

Here's a very simple question—Do you regularly observe sabbath? Now, I know that not everyone can observe sabbath rest on Sunday in today's world. But, that doesn't nullify God's desire and demand for you to rest for one day a week.

Pastor and Author Pete Scazzero defines sabbath as "a twenty-four-hour block of time in which we stop work, enjoy rest, practice delight, and contemplate God." I wonder if even reading that and thinking about it brings you stress?

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SERMON SCHEDULE



MAY 5

Making The Most of Things

Ecclesiastes 7:1-29

MAY 12

Frustration

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

MAY 19

Living Wisely

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

MAY 26

Sensibility

Ecclesiastes 10:1-11:6

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JOIN US FOR A

CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 5th



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If you call FBC Tucker your faith community, we ask that you pray about giving financially to support, and grow our ministries. You can give online by visiting www.fbtucker.org

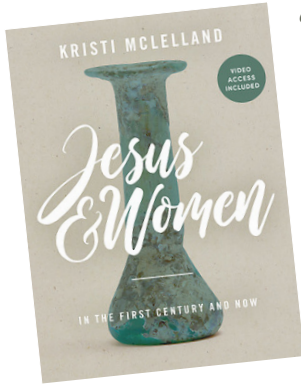


Ladies' Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 10AM in the FBCT Community Room

This 7-week study will meet on the following dates:

May 1, 8, and 15



“Jesus and Women: In the First Century and Now” by Kristi McLelland

Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth—braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, “Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you.” Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman’s soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you.

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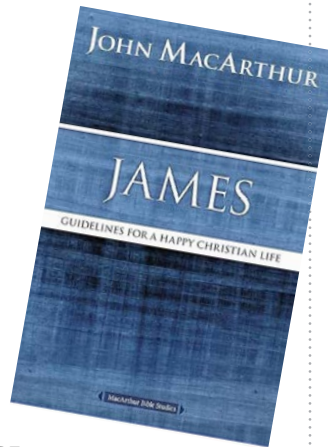
Kathy Ray 770-605-2498 or email: Kathy.ray1955@gmail.com

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

Men’s Bible Study

The Study of “James—Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life” continues

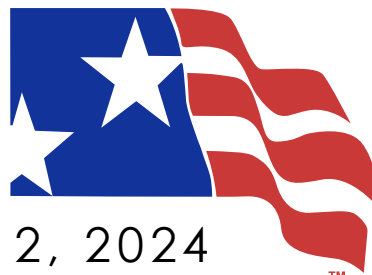
Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 10AM in the Community Room



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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday, May 2, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2024

Wednesday, May 1

Great Banquet

Sanctuary Choir Practice

Saturday, May 4

Tucker Day!

MSPS Marching in Parade

Tuesday, May 7

NTO Council, 1:30pm, MSFH

Wednesday, May 8

Great Banquet

Sanctuary Choir Practice

Friday May 10 & Saturday May 11

GA Hosta Society Show & Plant Sale, Gym

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Monday, May 13

MSPS Board Meeting, 10:30am, Community Room

Tuesday, May 14

NTO Lunch & Shredder Event

Wednesday, May 15

Great Banquet

Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 16

Tucker Book Club

Tuesday, May 21

MSPS Graduation and Spring Program

Wednesday, May 22

Last Day of School for MSPS and DCSS

Great Banquet

Sanctuary Choir Practice

Sunday, May 26

Mainstreet Kids Volunteer Lunch, LFH

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day

(Church Office Closed)

Wednesday, May 29

Sanctuary Choir Practice





It's the last month of the '23/'24 school year, and we plan on soaking up every moment! I want to congratulate all of our students on a wonderful year, full of growth, learning, and fun. Ms. Hillary, your teachers, and I are so proud of how far you've all come since the beginning of the year! Thank you to our amazing teachers for the joy and love you bring to your classrooms, and for modeling the likeness of Christ to our students. Thank you to our parents and extended families for all the support and encouragement you've given us this year, and thank you to our School Board and church members for your faithfulness and passion for this school! The biggest thank you of all goes to the Lord, without whom none of what we do would be possible. He has showered His blessings on us, and I am so grateful for His providence. We wish all our students and their families a wonderful summer, and we look forward to having you back next year!

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 2
MSPS in
Tucker Day
Parade!



May 21
Graduation
& Spring
Program!



May 22
Last Day
of School!



NETworks

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



We will accept any shelf-stable, unexpired food items for the NETworks Food Pantry. Suggestions include:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups
- Canned Meats
- Pre-Packaged Meals
- Packets of Oatmeal or Grits
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Snack Crackers
- Granola Bars

Donation boxes are just inside the glass door at the church office entrance and also in the Gathering Room. You may drop off items on weekdays during church office hours or on Sunday before/after worship.



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The thought of taking off 24 hours seems crazy! But it is necessary for your soul, friend. I promise you that.

Remember that sabbath rest is a good gift from God to you. Jesus reminds us, **“Sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath”** (Mark 2:27). In short, he is telling us that this kind of rest is God’s gift for you to enjoy, for the benefit of your soul.

Scazzero says that part of sabbath rest is practicing delight. How will you do that this summer? Answer this question in preparation for sabbath rest this summer—“What gives me joy and delight?” Each of us will answer this question differently, but part of the invitation to rest is to enjoy and delight in God’s creation and life. A few weeks ago, Lana and I bought tandem kayaks so that we, along with our boys, can spend hopefully one day a week on the lake at Stone Mountain, enjoying and celebrating God’s creation as a gift to us to help us rest.

HOW WILL YOU SERVE?

I recognize that taking a day to rest every week may sound impossible for some people. Honestly, we live in a broken world where some people have to work seven days a week to still not even be able to make ends meet. My words here are not meant to overlook that difficult reality for many. Instead, this is where I believe the church can step up.

Not only should each of us look for ways to rest this summer, but we should also look for ways to serve others this summer. We cannot live faithful lives to God alone, and thankfully he gave us the church so we don’t have to do it alone.

Here are some examples of how you might serve others this summer, so that they too can practice rest (they are all different, and they are simply ideas). Not everyone can do this. The point is, **serve as you are able:**

- Bless a family in need financially so that they can take a day off to rest.
- Volunteer in the children’s area on Sunday so that a young mom can sit through an entire worship service.
- Schedule a lunch or dinner with a widow or widower in our church, providing a good meal and a time of fellowship.
- Host a young, single person over at your house for a meal.
- Offer childcare for a young couple so that they can go out on a date.
- Provide a get-a-way for someone else if you have property and the means to do so.

There are certainly other ways to serve one another, but hopefully, these are a few that can give you an idea as to how you can serve one another so that we might all find rest this summer.

In Psalm 119:68, the psalmist declares to God, **“You are good and do good.”** I encourage you all to find ways to both enjoy that reality of God and display that reality of God to others.

Grace and Peace to you all!

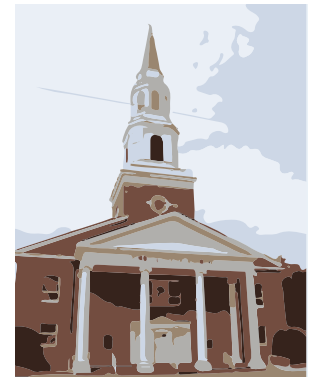
— **Pastor Andrew**



With Our Sympathy

Shirley Tollison’s (FBCT member) granddaughter **Jessie Lyn Kester**, age 15, daughter of **Jill and Steve Kester** passed away Tuesday, March 19.

Cheryl Wilson’s (FBCT member) mother, **Marilyn Mills**, who was very close to her 100th birthday, passed away on Wednesday, April 3.



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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