

The Link

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Lest We Forget- 200 poppies to distribute for you to wear in remembrance of those who have given their lives for our country. Each poppy represents a \$1 donation to the American Legion Auxiliary to support America's veterans.

GRADUATION SUNDAY WE HONOR YOU



Congratulations to the Class of 2022. On Sunday, June 5th, we will recognize our two graduates during the morning worship service. We're so proud of you Drake Bailey and Alyssa Sheyanne Baker!



Sports Camp- June 7-10

Music Camp- June 27-30

VBS- July 19-22



Let Your Light Shine!

Have you heard the joke... "How many Baptists does it take to change a lightbulb?" Well, there's not too many volunteers willing to change 120 bulbs suspended 20'+ over the floor. Thanks to Jake Whitaker, Ron Kirk, and Tim Alexander for braving the wooden trestle ladder to make the worship center brighter and more efficient. Thanks to Bill Good for switching out the 18 thermostats. Thanks to all of those who help with the maintenance and grass cutting around the church.

There's always something that needs to be done! If you would like to volunteer, the men meet on Thursdays at 7:45am in the Fellowship Hall.



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JOIN US FOR CHOIR

REHEARSAL!
WEDNESDAYS
AT 7:10 IN THE SANCTUARY

I want to thank the women who led worship Sunday, May 22. It was a glorious day hearing the women lift our Lord up with song. I also want to thank Rose Price for sharing her testimony with us and Trina Tsolometes, Dot Champion's daughter, for singing "I Know the Master of the Wind".

Excitement is building for Music Camp! The children will praise the Lord with song and choreography. They will also learn how to drum, play the ukulele, play rhythm instruments, make crafts, and play games. Congregation, please pray for the children and the volunteers and most importantly, pray that the children will see God's light shining through us. We also NEED COOKIES for Family Day on Thursday, June 30. Sign-up sheets will be on the side table in the hallway and in the foyer.

"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior Who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing." (Zep. 3:17)

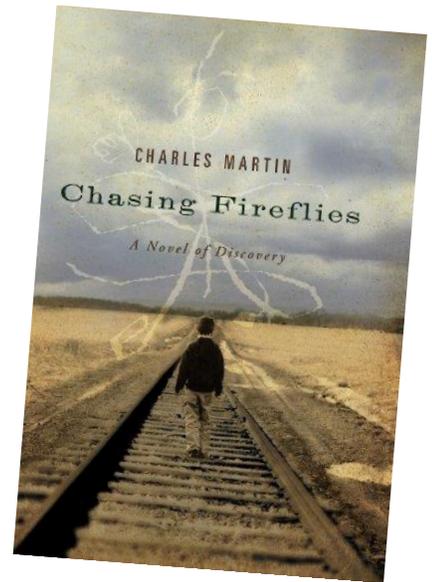
From the Media Messenger...

Chasing Fireflies by Charles Martin

On one of the hottest days of summer, an old Chevy Impala ignores the warning sign of an oncoming train and is annihilated. What no one realizes is that the driver stopped before entering the tracks, making sure a small boy was out of the car. The young boy with broken glasses is clutching a notebook, but never speaks.

Chase Walker spent a portion of his early life in foster care until he was adopted by a loving family. He is now a journalist for a local paper. Walker's latest assignment is a story about a malnourished six-year-old boy found near a burning car with a dead woman inside. He thought he had put his past behind him, but something about this story stirs up haunting memories. As Chases Walker discovers, learning the truth about who you are can be as magical and elusive as chasing fireflies.

Like most of Charles Martin's books, the characters are imperfect, but you fall in love with them. If you like fishing, baseball, and stories including home cooking, you'll like this story. Sadness, joy, tears, and forgiveness are the backbone. It does not disappoint.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

We had a fabulous time at Russell's this last luncheon. Lots and lots of people both oldtimers and new people. It was so nice getting to know all of you.

This month we are going to Graham's Landing on the inlet. **Friday, June 17 at 12 noon.**

Hope to see you all there.
Shirley

Men's Breakfast - June 18 **8 am in the Fellowship Hall**

All men invited!

Lakewood Camping Resort

Friday Night Gospel Concert, Amphitheater – 8 pm

June 3 – Dixie Melody Boys
June 10 – Pine Ridge Quartet
June 17 – Lumber River Quartet
June 24 – The Perry's

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

June 20-24 ♦ Van 1

See Esther Holland or
Phyllis Melton for more
information on
volunteering or using the
service.

Happy Birthday June

1 – Kaidyn Wakley
3 – Bonnie Oldaker
4 – Barbara Green
7 – George Richardson
7 – Juanita Henderson
8 – Howard Oliver
10 – John Henderson
11 – Dorothy Collins
11 – Barbara Bayer
12 – Carolyn Roddey
13 – Toby Waddell
14 – Terry Lonas
16 – Connie Miller
17 – Warren Wing
18 – Brenda Litaker
18 – Ollie Paul
18 – Jean Beelendorf
21 – Cam Crawford
23 – David Finn
23 – Janice Johnson
25 – Heather Crawford
27 – Kay Cravens
27 – Charlie Lanier
27 – Erma Mundy
29 – Jerry Stansell
30 – Chris McSwain



Youth Update



The GCBC Youth just enjoyed their 2022 Lock-In. Included are some pictures from the night where they enjoyed a pool party, cookout, night full of games and activities, a lesson on being people who show mercy, a (small) amount of sleep, and a delicious breakfast! These lock-ins are always a highlight of the year and are a great time of fun and fellowship!

Summer is just around the corner, which means more impactful times together as a youth group. Summer gives us a chance to get together more often and enjoy the activities that the South Strand offers. Last summer really marked a milestone in the life of the youth group where we as leaders saw them developing friendships with one another and growing closer together as they drew closer to Christ.

The week before VBS, we will be going to youth camp, so be praying for our youth and for myself as this will be two busy yet exciting weeks of impactful ministry!

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Mark your Calendars for **Friday June 24th** from **6-8:30pm** for a **Dinner, Movie, and Dessert Fundraiser** hosted by the Youth to raise money for Summer Camp. Thank you for all the ways you continue to support our Youth program. **If you would like to sponsor a youth for Summer Camp, please contact Pastor Jake.**



Children's Update

The Kid's Ministry outing for the month was a trip to Savannah's Playground. We started with a lunch together after Church, then loaded up in the bus to head to the playground. I always thought these kids had infinite energy, but after about an hour out in the sun the kids were ready to head back to cool down with ice cream sundaes in the fellowship hall.

Be in prayer for all the kids that we will be ministering to over the summer, as well as all the volunteers who are planning and putting on our various camps and events. We are so looking forward to seeing how God will impact the lives of the hundreds of kids signed up for Sports Camp, Music Camp, and VBS this summer.

Included in the newsletter is a list of **additional Kid's Ministry events this summer (SummerKid)**. Invite your kids, grandkids, or kids in your neighborhood to enjoy these events with us! They can sign up by emailing Pastor Jake @ pastorjakewhittaker@gmail.com



GARDEN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ice Cream Social

AT OLE FASHION
ICE CREAM PARLOR



Tuesday, June 21st • 6:00pm
665 US-17 BUS, Surfside
Join us in the back room.

BTC1
Night

Circle of Friends
Contact Person: **Roberta Collins**
843-945-4021 or 207-576-6222

GOSPEL BODY
exercise group meets on
Monday, Wednesday and
Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.
There's fellowship, prayer,
and a lot of walking to
music.
Go at your own pace.
Join the program at any
time.
No fees, just FUN . . . and
health benefits!



Church-wide Breakfast

Sunday morning, June 5 ♦ 8:15-9:15

Prepared & served by the Deacons

All donations go to the Deacon Relief
Fund, to help fellow church members

Groups not meeting
Joy Fellowship
WMU
Wednesday Night Suppers

Women's Ministry News

The Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone who donated, setup, priced, worked, cooked, cleaned up, publicized & prayed for our Annual Yard Sale! It was a great success!

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Randy & Anita Lamprey for hosting a tour of their beautiful gardens. They furnish the awesome flower arrangements for our church each Sunday! Thanks to Don Sheehan for driving the bus!

The Women's Ministry is starting back Sanctuary Angels. Sanctuary Angels help keep our Sanctuary pews straight by making sure Hymnals & Bibles are facing the right direction, pencils are sharpened, envelopes are in place, & bulletins are picked up! We need couples, friends, parents or grandparents with children to teach them the importance of keeping God's House clean. Let Joan Brewer or JoAnne know if you are interested. It would only be one day a week about every two or three months!

FROM THE MISSION FIELDS OF KENTUCKY – Eric & Sissy Rutherford, May, 2022

Many have asked us, "What will you do now that you are not in the coffee shop every day?" If May has been any indication, the answer is, "A little bit of everything!"

I wanted to follow up with some of the ministry leaders from all over the country who reached out to us over the years for training and advice. We were able to visit the Kasinkas family in western Wisconsin who are in the early stages of bringing a ministry like the one here to their community. It's exciting to see God working. We stopped there on our way to Sissy's Wisconsin hometown where she and her sisters spread their mom's ashes on Mother's Day.

The couple we mentor at the coffee shop here continue to lean on Sissy so she's still there more than we anticipated. We also have one new and one returning summer intern. Locals have urged Sissy to run for City Council, a position she's held before where her no-nonsense personality, wisdom, and faith served the city well. She's also prepping for several catering jobs; something we do for some of the visiting mission teams, which like the Apostle Paul's tent making did, helps with our living expenses.



I was honored when Flat Gap Missionary Baptist Church (associated with the Va. Southern Baptist Assn.) where I've been preaching pulpit supply asked me to become their regular pastor. I agreed to an interim position to relieve their aging pastor, while allowing God to lead regarding anything more permanent. Like many churches here, it is a small

fellowship, which – since I have never pastored a church and we are still with Meridzo – is (hopefully) a manageable training ground for me. I was licensed not long after moving to Lynch and will be ordained by the church in the coming weeks.

I also participated in a memorial ride as a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association (something I couldn't do when we ran the coffee shop.) Some of the other members showed their support by riding back to Lynch to spend the night so they could go to our new church us. We continue to covet your prayers through this busy, transitional season and we appreciate all your love and support! - Eric & Sissy



**SUMMER
KICKOFF POOL
PARTY**

**JUNE 15TH, 5-7:30PM
PICK-UP/DROP OFF
@TISH/JAMES' HOUSE**

**WATER
NIGHT**

**JUNE 22ND, 5:30-7PM
@ GCBC**

**SANDCASTLE
CONTEST /
BEACH NIGHT**

**JULY 27TH, 5-7:30PM
MEET AT THE CHURCH**

**SUMMER'S
END POOL
PARTY**

**AUGUST 3RD, 5-7:30PM
PICK-UP/DROP OFF
@TISH/JAMES' HOUSE**

**MORE INFO WILL BE SENT OUT BEFORE EVENTS. KIDS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO INVITE FRIENDS. DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO PASTOR
JAKE @ JAKETWHITTAKER@GMAIL.COM**