

April 21, 2024

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Loving and Living For God

A study of 1, 2, & 3 John

A WORD FROM PASTOR RALPH

Hey church family, I wanted you to rejoice with us. Last month, we hit the \$3 million mark in our building fund. It took us 10 years to save this amount. Our desire is to have at least half the funds needed to build our next major facility. We have conceptual drawings of an educational building, chapel & office but we are also considering whether the greater need is a next generational building (preschool, children, middle and high school) with a gymnasium. If we go with option two, we will turn the current preschool and children's building into adult small group space. We will continue to pray, plan and save so we will be prepared when we get the green light from God. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Update on the Plowman's adoption (goal: to adopt a special needs child from India). Thus far, we are just a few dollars shy of \$4,000 (matching grant up to \$6,500). Remember to mark your gift 'Rise.' For each \$100 given that person/family will have their name put in a basket for a hot air balloon ride... drawing to take place May 5th. Up, up and away!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

A Family Resemblance

Working through the passage, I saw: the provision of the Savior (vs. 4-6), the power of salvation (vs. 7-8) and the putting of 'God's seed' in the child of God (vs. 9-10). Questions we will answer: will we ever reach a sinless state on this side of eternity? Which statement best describes your life: sin is a constant struggle and I find myself occasionally losing the battle or I practice sin as a way of life... love it and long for it! Which family (God's or the devil's) do you most resemble?

• 1 John 3:4-10 •

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

Raising Cain!

What got Cain to the place he would consider murder? What is the proof of our new life in Christ? How can we live as loving individuals in a world of hate? Come back next week for some answers to these questions and more!

• 1 John 3:11-18 •

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Generally speaking...when are 'we' most vulnerable (likely) to yield to temptation?
2. How does knowing what Jesus did (the work of the cross) cause me to view sin differently?
3. Explain the difference of practicing sin and occasionally sinning?
4. How might the Lord discipline us if we refuse to repent of ongoing sin?
5. Explain: We never completely get beyond the struggle to sin but we can be victorious and live as God's family should.

MESSAGE SCHEDULE

Loving and Living for God Series

April 21st: A Family Resemblance -
Ralph Schneck

April 28th: Raising Cain! - Paul Bishop

May 5th: High School Graduation - Tripp
Hutto

May 12th: Dealing with Doubt - Ralph
Schneck (*Mother's Day/No Life Groups*)

May 19th: Test the Teachers - Todd
Menie

May 26th: To Know God is to Love - Paul
Bishop

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our new Wednesday
night Bible study where we will
dive into the book of Jonah.

Meets at 6:30PM in the
Fellowship Hall.



Anything Middle School and High School related: Sarah Summers is the 'go to' staff member. She is Pastor Kevin & Pastor Tripp's Admin, and a wealth of information! If parents want to know more about these ministries; when or where they meet, what they do, how to help, etc., contact Sarah at Sarah@fblex.org or 803-957-0686, extension 1004.



Graduation Service 2024

May 5th at the 10:30 Service

Registration Open till April 6th

[CLICK OR SCAN TO REGISTER](#)



Graduation Luncheon

Following the
May 5th Graduation
Service

RSVP



by 4/6

[CLICK OR SCAN TO REGISTER](#)

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS, happening June 9-12. If you are interested in volunteering, please click **HERE** to sign up or contact Justin Lewis at justin@fblex.org with any questions.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare finishes up April 28th. The next Griefshare begins July 21st and meetings take place on Sunday evenings from 4-6 PM in Fellowship Hall room 213. For more information, email Lewis Matthews at lewistennisnut@sc.rr.com.



PLOWMAN'S ADOPT

Help the Plowman's adopt a special needs child from India (for more info click **here**). We will be updating the total raised each week. For each \$100 given, that person/family will have their name put in a basket for a hot air balloon ride!

**As of April 14th,
we have raised \$\$3975.81.**



SPIRITUAL SPOTTERS

This week, read 1 Corinthians 10-14.

A reading schedule for 2024 is available online **HERE** or at the Men's kiosk, in the worship lobby. Grab a notebook and journal: what was the big idea, and how will you apply this to your life? To learn more about 'SP' or join a group, email johnathan@fblex.org.

WEDNESDAY DINNER

April 24, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Swiss chicken, Rice, Choice of peas or carrots, salad bar, dessert

Adults 13 and older: \$4.00
Children ages 6-12: \$2.50
Children ages 3-5: \$1.50
Children 2 & under: FREE
Family Max of \$20.

*Items on menu subject to change based on availability

You can pay online **HERE** and make sure to choose Wed. Supper fund. (Receipt of online payment will need to be shown to cashier.)

NOW HIRING

The Weekday Preschool is looking for teachers Monday thru Thursday, 8 AM to 1 PM during the school year. If interested please send questions and resume to Darlene McCormick at darlenefblex@gmail.com.

Hank Parker

Fishing Legend



Guest Speaker

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of lexington

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2X BASSMASTER CLASSIC CHAMPION
1ST GRAND SLAM OF BASS FISHING
LEGENDS OF OURDOORS HALL OF FAME
INTERNATIONAL GAME / FISH ASSOC HALL OF FAME

ACTIVITIES

- BBQ DINNER PLATES - \$10 PP (INC. 5 1ST TIER RAFFLE TICKETS)
- BOAT DISPLAYS, LOCAL BUSINESSES

RAFFLES!

- \$1 1ST TIER - HATS, CUPS, ETC
- \$5 2ND TIER - RODS, REELS, ETC
- \$10 3RD TIER - GUIDE TRIPS, GUNS, ETC

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

415 BARR ROAD, LEXINGTON SC

MAY 4TH

5PM - DINNER SHAGGY'S SMOKEHOUSE
7PM - GUEST SPEAKER - HANK PARKER

SHAGGY'S
SMOKEHOUSE



SCAN ME!



ROMANIA CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP

Romania Construction Mission trip – Sept 26-Oct. 5th. We will be building a cabin at Camp Eli located in the Carpathian Mountains. For more info, email ralph@fblex.org or evans@fblex.org. We will not know the exact cost until airline tickets are purchased (mid-July), but here is a ballpark amount: \$1,600 airline ticket + lodging and food \$400 = \$2,000. The church will help with building cost from the mission account. \$500 will reserve your spot, pay **here**. Let's go build a cabin for the glory of God!

O.W.L.S. EVENT

OWLS Older. Wiser. Loving. Seniors. are invited to join us. Sunday, April 28th 6pm to Mt Horeb to enjoy THE HOPPERS a multi award winning Southern Gospel Group. The cost is \$15, see Traci Middleton.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2nd (Thursday) is National Day of Prayer. Thinking about an idea: Drive through prayer event... folks by the street with signs stating such... people pull through the lot, we pray with them in the car and send them on their way. A few churches in our area have done this but it would be our first attempt. We would pray with people from 4 to 6pm. We could use help making 8 to 10 signs for the street (drive in prayer, need prayer? We will pray with you in your car. Today is National Day of Prayer, Community drive through prayer). If you are interested in serving, sign up **here**.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life of the Midlands is May 3rd at Lexington High School from 6:00-11:00 PM. Please text Kailey Harmon at 803-422-2042 for more information.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Two different Bible studies are being offered for the ladies at FBLEX. Read about them below!

Introducing our next Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study, **"What the Women Saw"**. This six-week study will start on April 10th in room 202 in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is free, and if you would like to register, please email Rhonda at Rhondafiliatreault@gmail.com.

Watch the trailer [CLICK HERE](#) and get excited to learn more about Jesus through the unique perspectives of women in the Bible.

Our next Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is from Christy Nockels based on her book, "The Life You Long For: Learning to Live from a Heart of Rest".

In this video series with Christy, learn how to step fully into the life you didn't even realize you've been seeking. Find your highest calling not in a duty to uphold but in a beautiful identity to live out.

This will be a four-week study starting April 11th and ending May 2nd at 9:30 am. The cost is free.

Watch a trailer for this study here: [WATCH HERE](#)

If you would like to register for this Bible study, email Donna at scdonna64@gmail.com

S H A P E

Spiritual Gifts
Heart
Abilities
Personality
Experiences

Sunday, April 21st

9:00am – 11:30am

Student Center - Conference Room

FBLEX KIDS JAM

Heaven's Kitchen



Featuring 4K - 5th grade

PRESENTS

TWO MUSICAL EVENTS

APRIL 21, 2024

AT 6:00 PM

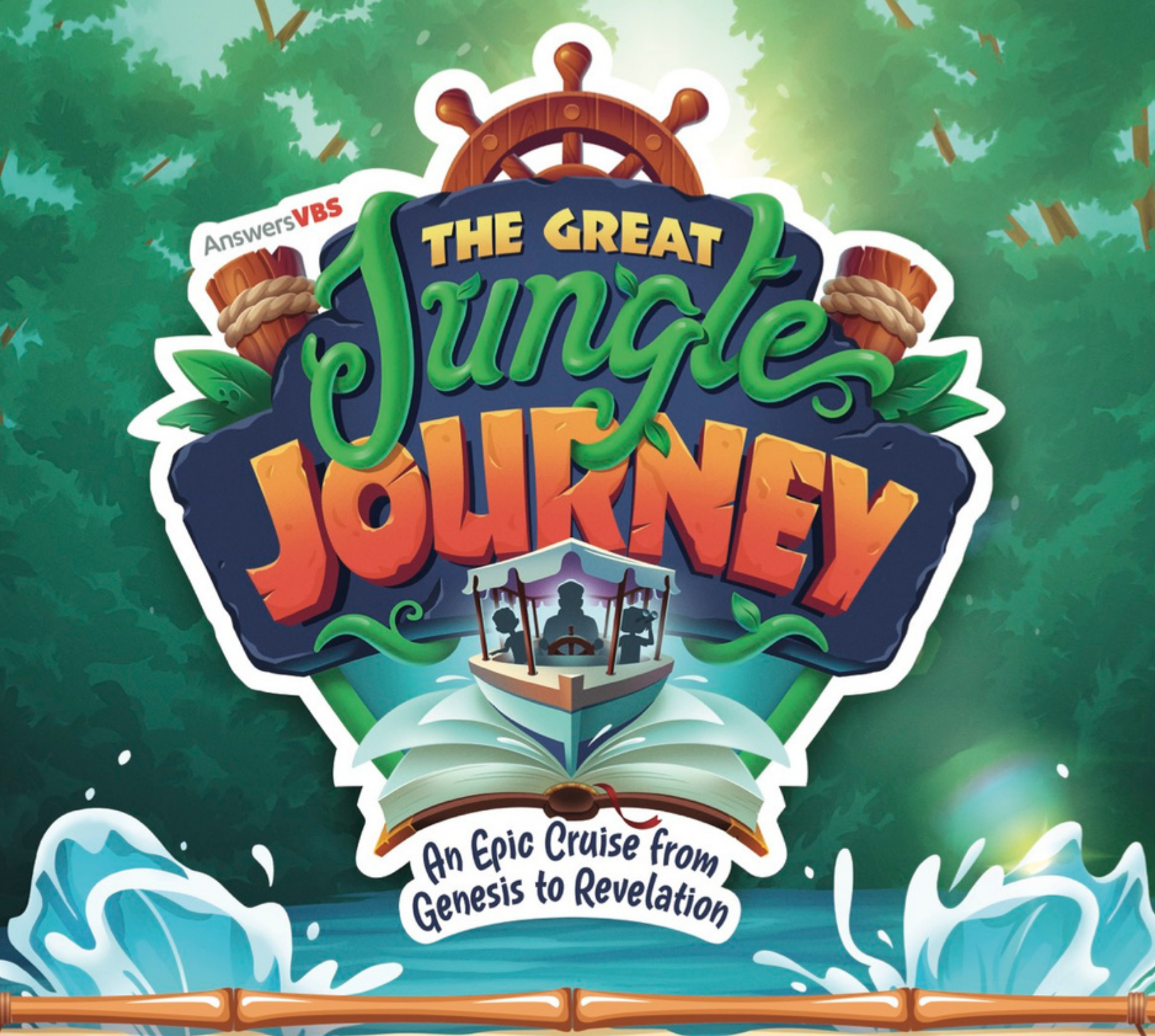
IN THE MAIN

WORSHIP CENTER

Featuring 1st - 5th grade



**The Lighthouse
Fire Station**



*Save the Date for a
Journey Through the
Jungle VBS 2024 is
June 9-12 from 6:30-
8:30 PM.*

[CLICK HERE](#)
[TO SIGN UP TO](#)
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[FOR VBS](#)

SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT

Are you looking to get connected into a small group? Small group community is vital in your walk to grow as a disciple of Christ. If you are looking for a marrieds Life Group that meets at the Sunday 9am hour, check out the YMCA group meeting in FH 209-210. This group is led by Jeff and Mandy Richbourg. For more information, reach out to the Richbourgs at richbourgshauling@yahoo.com. You can also sign up today for one of our many group options at fblex.org under "Small Groups", or also at the groups table in Connection Point.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Meets every Tuesday

Join us at Celebrate Recovery! This is a safe and confidential place where you can join others in dealing with your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Tuesdays at 6:45 in the Student Center at FBLex. On the first Tuesday of every month, we offer a meal at 6:00 PM. It is \$4 or what you can pay. Childcare is available for ages infant - 5th grade. The Landing is available for teens. For more information, please email Kristen@fblex.org.

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

This week Pastor Paul highlights Providence Home, a ministry and transitional home for men who are in recovery from substance abuse. Their goal is to help the men have lasting life changes and restoration in Jesus.

Over the last year seven men have been baptized as a declaration of their new faith in God. Hear more of what God is doing through their ministry on our Saturday Mission Highlight.



UPLIFT ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

ENCOURAGE.

INSPIRE.

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"TO BUILD COMMUNITIES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES/DISABILITIES THAT EMPOWER, EMPATHIZE AND ENCOURAGE. TO OFFER HOPE."

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH
FROM 6:00-8:00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON, FELLOWSHIP HALL

J. LEEDS BARROLL, ATTORNEY AT LAW

*"LEARNING ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS AND
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW"*



QUESTIONS? CONTACT SCHERI FORCE AT 803-318-4103



Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN

You can help mothers choose life!

Collections starting Mother's Day

Here's Your Chance To

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Youth

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- Starts June 10 (VBS week)
- 25wks
- 15h a week
- Preferred someone who's goal is to work in Ministry
- Open to rising seniors and up to 25



For More Information contact: Sarah, Tripp, Kevin

***Provided with projects that complement academic programs and/or career interests if they are looking for a future in ministry.*

***Provided with essential Christian leadership values and tools to employ in the secular world.*

***Given broad and detailed exposure to the organization .*

***Provided with direct, reliable, and regular discipleship, supervision, and mentoring.*

***The ability to begin to develop a professional network.*

***Real life experience and Kingdom relevance.*



Mother's Day

Baby Dedication

May 12th

If you would like to participate and have your baby dedicated on this day, go to fblex.org/preschool or scan the QR code to register.





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SCAN ME

Classes at FBlex or
your location.

Online Classes
also available.

RescueED

CPR & FIRST AID

National Safety Council Certification

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE ONLINE](#)
• WEEKLY UPDATE •

Last Week's Giving: April 14, 2024

General Fund.....	\$36,151.81
Budget Goal to Date.....	\$577,500.00
Giving to Date.....	\$634,393.75
Missions.....	\$3,049.29
Missions Goal to Date.....	\$53,250.00
Missions Given to Date.....	\$54,134.25

You can continue your faithful support of God's work through FBlex in the following ways: mail your check to FBlex (415 Barr Road, Lexington, SC 29072) or utilize our online giving platform on our website [HERE](#). If you're on campus, we have several locked drop boxes hanging throughout our buildings. Thank you for being faithful!

OFFICE HOURS AND INFO UPDATES

If any of your information changes (phone #, address, email, marital status), please let Margo know at margo@fblex.org or 957-0686. Our church office hours are Monday - Thursday, from 8 AM - 4 PM, and closed on Fridays.