

May 12, 2024

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Loving and Living For God

A study of 1, 2, & 3 John

A WORD FROM PASTOR RALPH

Happy Mother's Day. You are the unsung heroes of our families. You love unconditionally, serve endlessly and you plant the Gospel seeds in our hearts. You are greatly appreciated for who you are and all the things you do to make our family a shelter from the storm. Proverbs 31: 28 & 29: 'Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: There are many virtuous and capable women in the world but you surpass them all.'

Thank you for your generosity in helping the Plowman's with their desire to adopt a special needs child from India. We have collected \$12,369 and will be presenting a check next Sunday. Be in prayer as they save and pray in the rest of the funds and for the right child to be chosen. Thank you for 'rising' to the occasion. John and Jennifer Price family won the hot air balloon ride. We will get that lined up soon and try to capture some video footage.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Don't Doubt It!

Would you like to be more confident in your walk with God and in your prayer life? We will focus in on this as well as celebrate with a few families that will be dedicating their child to God (this will take place in the second Service). The entire family will worship together today, May 12, Mother's Day (color a card for mom, available in the worship lobby).

1 John 3:19-24

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

Test the Teachers

Next week, John speaks to the importance of discernment in believers. Twisted nuggets of half-truth are everywhere, readily accepted by "believers" who simply don't know better or even worse, don't care. Can YOU tell the difference between aberrations of scripture and the singular source of Truth found in His Word alone? We'll discuss how to spot and act on the differences both for our own good and for those who will come after us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What might cause a believer to lack confidence in their faith? Have you ever struggled in this area? What did you do?
2. What is the key to an effective prayer life? What is wrong with the statement, "I don't feel worthy to approach God's throne"?
3. How long have you been a child of God? What would you say has been the key to remaining in fellowship with God?

MESSAGE SCHEDULE

Loving and Living for God Series

May 12th: Don't Doubt It - 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 starting back
Wednesday August 14th at
6:30PM for our next Bible
Studies series!

Wednesday Bible Study
is on Break for Summer

*Wednesday Launch
Coming August 14th!



GRIEFSHARE...more than a support group...

A safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. FBLeX began in 2005 with Lewis Matthews, whose 19 years of experience leading GriefShare expertly guides the group through the process of grief. You never 'get over' grief, but this weekly class will assist you in walking 'through' your grief. You can sign up for the next group beginning July 21 by emailing Lewis at lewistennisnut@sc.rr.com or go online at GriefShare.org for more info.

Here's Your Chance To

APPLY NOW



Youth

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- Starts June 10 (VBS week)
- 25wks
- 15h a week
- Prefers 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.*

Costa Rica team thanks you!!

Hey Church. From the bottom of my heart and the hearts of those going Costa Rica this summer, we want to thank you for all your financial support.

Over the last three fund raisers, God blessed us through you helping us raise a little over \$7700!!

We can not thank you enough. This is a huge boost for all those going on the trip. We now ask you to be praying for our trip, as we prepare to go and while we are down there.

-With much love from the Costa Rica trip



CLICK TO REGISTER!

REIGNITED

MEN'S RETREAT

OCT. 3-5, 2024

HICKORY KNOB STATE PARK

REGISTER HERE



PRICE:

COST: EARLY BIRD PRICE \$250*
(\$100 DEPOSIT NEEDED BY MAY 31 TO SECURE EARLY BIRD PRICE)

AFTER MAY 31ST \$300
FULL PAYMENT NEEDED BY AUGUST 2
(Includes all food, lodging and activity)

SCHEDULE:

Thursday: Check In, Cookout/Fellowship/Intro
Friday: Breakfast, Kickoff Session, Activity, Lunch, Session, Supper, Closing Session
SATURDAY: Breakfast/Devotional/Dismissal
Activity (Golf, Trap & Skeet Shooting, Archery, Fishing, Boating, Hiking, Biking, Basketball)

UMBRELLA MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

When the storms of life pour heavy on you, let Umbrella help you survive the rain. Join the group on May 16th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more info, contact Luanne Vinson at luannevinson@gmail.com.

NOW HIRING!

Weekday Ministries is looking for an Administrative Assistant! 20-25 hours per week supporting 4 vibrant ministries, our 300+ children and their families...hours are flexible, the work is fun and the rewards go far beyond a paycheck. :) Interested? Send Pastor Todd a resume at todd@fblex.org and let's talk!

LIFE GROUP LEADERS

We are asking life group leaders to check their boxes periodically in the Student Center copy room for mail. Mail has been accumulating for some folks and we don't want you to miss any important information!

SPIRITUAL SPOTTERS

This week, read Leviticus 6-10. 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.

ROMANIA 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!

WEDNESDAY DINNER

May 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Hamburgers, French fries, Baked beans, salad bar, dessert (*Please note this is the last Wednesday dinner until school starts back*)

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.*)

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

Our food pantry is in need of the following:

breakfast cereals, grits, grape jelly (we have peanut butter), and boxed mac & cheese. Thank you for helping us keep this stocked for church members and the community!

DISCOVERY CLASS

Discovery Class is May 19th. Are you interested in knowing more about FBLeX? We will meet at 9am in the conference room of the student center (child care is available as ministries are in full swing). Ralph, founding Pastor, will share our vision, what we believe and introduce you to our staff. This is a no pressure, come and see event. To sign up, click **[here](#)**.

FBLEX's Thailand Team Presents

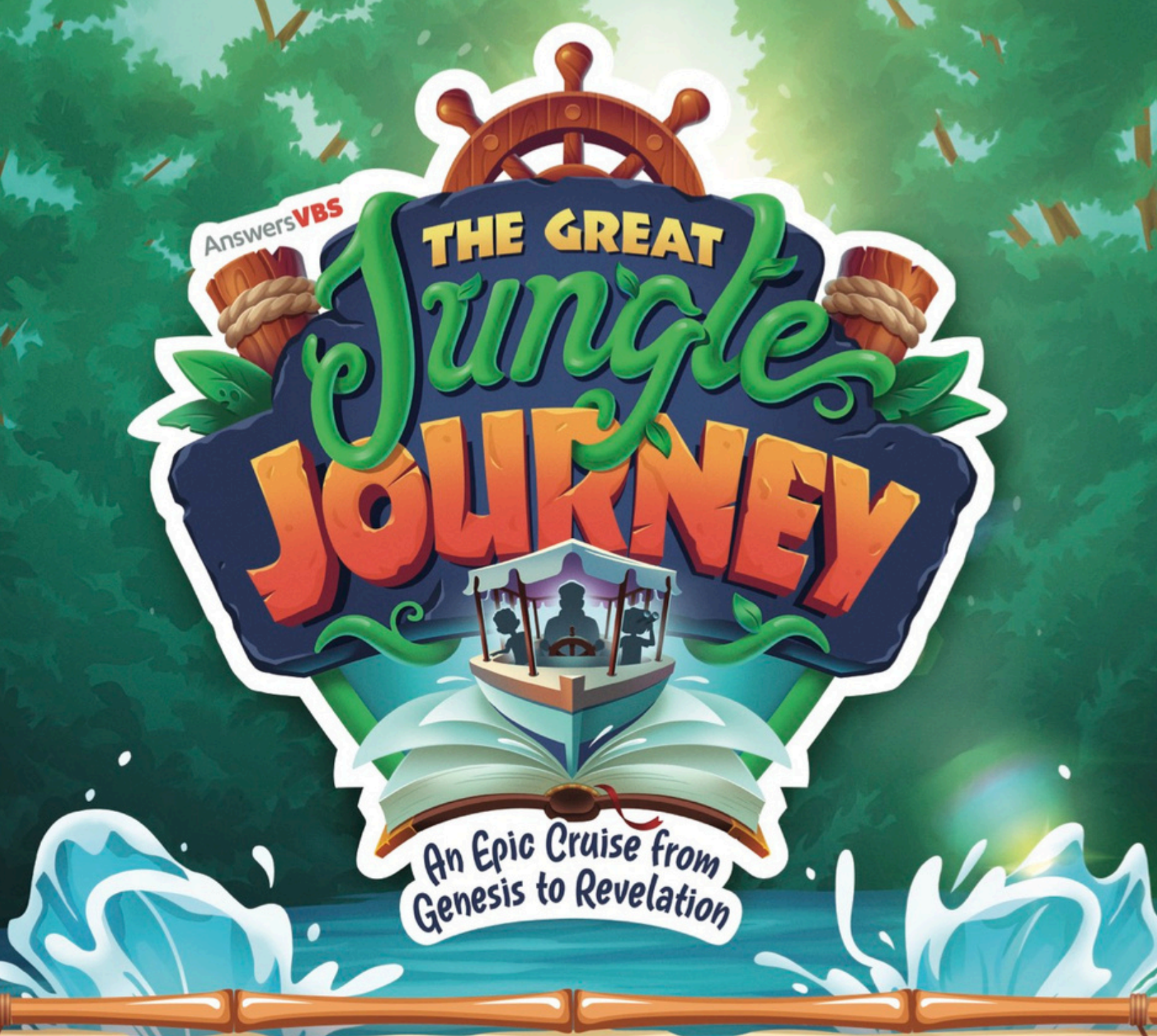
May Market

Saturday- May 18th

*11 am to 2pm
415 Barr Rd*

**Crafts, Food, Bounce
House and More**





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

[CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER
YOUR CHILD!](#)

SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT

If you are looking for a great Sunday morning Life Group at the 10:30am hour, check out the Bereans Life Group, meeting in the Student Center. This group is led by Jim and Kelly Middleton, and is a very welcoming group of believers that love fellowshiping together and learning from the word of God. For more information, reach out to Kelly at kmiddle202@yahoo.com. You can also sign up today for one of our many group options at fblex.org under "Small Groups".

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 the Baby Bottle Campaign through LaVie, a pregnancy care ministry centered around helping women chose life for their babies. We are collecting baby bottles full of spare change to raise funds for LaVie. Check out the main announcement on Mother's Day to get involved and click [here](#) for the video!

A graphic for the Baby Bottle Campaign. It features a baby bottle filled with coins, sitting on a pile of coins. The text "Baby Bottle CAMPAIGN" is written in a stylized font. To the left, the text reads "Your Change Helps Mothers Choose LIFE!" and "Get yours in the lobby starting Mother's Day!".

**Your Change
Helps
Mothers
Choose LIFE!**

Get yours in the
lobby starting
Mother's Day!

**Baby Bottle
CAMPAIGN**



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Classes at FBlex or
your location.

Online Classes
also available.

RescueED

CPR & FIRST AID

National Safety Council Certification

A clear plastic baby bottle with a white cap and a yellow nipple is filled with gold coins. The bottle is centered in the image. The background is a gradient from light blue at the top to light pink at the bottom. At the bottom of the image, there is a pile of various coins.

Baby Bottle

CAMPAIGN

You can help mothers choose life!

Collections starting Mother's Day

UPLIFT ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

ENCOURAGE.

INSPIRE.

UPLIFT.

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

PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY, MAY 23RD
FROM 6:00-8:00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON, FELLOWSHIP HALL

*NATALIE COPELAND, FLAVORED FORK
"LEARN HEALTHY EATING CHOICES AND HANDS ON DEMONSTRATIONS"*



QUESTIONS? CONTACT SCHERI FORCE AT 803-318-4103

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

Last Week's Giving: May 5, 2024

General Fund.....	\$46,822.83
Budget Goal to Date.....	\$693,000.00
Giving to Date.....	\$752,951.06
Missions.....	\$3,056.44
Missions Goal to Date.....	\$63,900.00
Missions Given to Date.....	\$62,396.26

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.