

May 19, 2024

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Loving and Living For God

A study of 1, 2, & 3 John

A WORD FROM PASTOR RALPH

Our friend, Bennett Schiller, went home to be with the Lord early Tuesday morning. He was a charter member, worked on our staff (Pastor of Christian Education) for a time and was a great man of faith. We will celebrate his life today at 2pm in the Worship Center. I've got some stories to tell you. :)

School will be out soon, and you will be coming and going with your summer plans. In an effort to be faithful in your giving, consider becoming a reoccurring giver online. Click [here](#) and set this up (you will be consistent, and we will continue strong even in the midst of summer). Interesting fact: we have 287 people who give online of which 97 are reoccurring givers.

Thank you for your generosity in helping the Plowman's with their desire to adopt a special needs child from India. Over the last month, we collected \$13,317 to help them accomplish the adoption. Be in prayer as they save and pray in the rest of the funds and for the right child to be chosen. A check will be presented to them this Sunday, May 19th, as this completes our part of the adoption.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Test the Teachers

Truth is exclusive & singular... confined to the inspired words of the Bible. However, when mixed with man's "wisdom" or "reason," the pure/inerrant can become misleading/dangerous. Do you KNOW what the Bible says or do you rely on others, hoping they teach Truth? Only by knowing the Original will you not fall for the counterfeit.

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

To Know God is to Love

Love can be powerful! It can show us God because He is love. His perfect love also helps remove our fear and gives us confidence knowing what He has done for us. Come find out more of what this love looks like!

I John 4:7-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Why did John feel it necessary to specifically include discernment as a spiritual requirement of the Church?
- 2) Is your understanding of God based on the Bible, or is it instead found in commentaries, devotions and preachers? Why is the latter problematic?
- 3) How does both a preacher and his congregation share in the responsibility of insuring orthodoxy (right belief) within the church?

MESSAGE SCHEDULE

Loving and Living for God Series

May 19th: Test the Teachers (1 John 4:1-6) - Todd Menie

May 26th: To Know God is to Love (1 John 4:7-21) - Paul Bishop
• *No Life Groups*

June 2nd: To Know God is to Obey (1 John 5:1-5) - Ralph Schneck

June 9th: VBS Theme

June 16th: God is My Witness (1 John 5:6-12) - Ralph Schneck

June 23rd: Confident Christian (1 John 5:13-21) - Ralph Schneck

June 30th: A Lady and Her Kids (2 John vs 1-4) - Ralph Schneck

July 7th: Loving the Truth (2 John vs 5-13) - Kevin Salley

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.



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!

RECOVERY IN THE PARK

Join CR on Tuesday June 11th from 5:30-8pm for a night of music and celebration at the Icehouse Amphitheater. We will have multiple bands, food trucks, games, face painting, and recovery resources available. Bring the whole family!

RECRUITING DRIVERS

Would you like to help people in recovery get to appointments and meetings? You will be compensated for your milage and time. Please call Jessica at 803-542-4014 if interested.

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 11-15. 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!

CODEPENDENCY SUPPORT GROUP

Starting June 5th, join Paul Bishop for a 12 week course on healing codependency. Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm. To sign up, contact kristen@fblex.org.

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 this Sunday, 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](#).

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.*

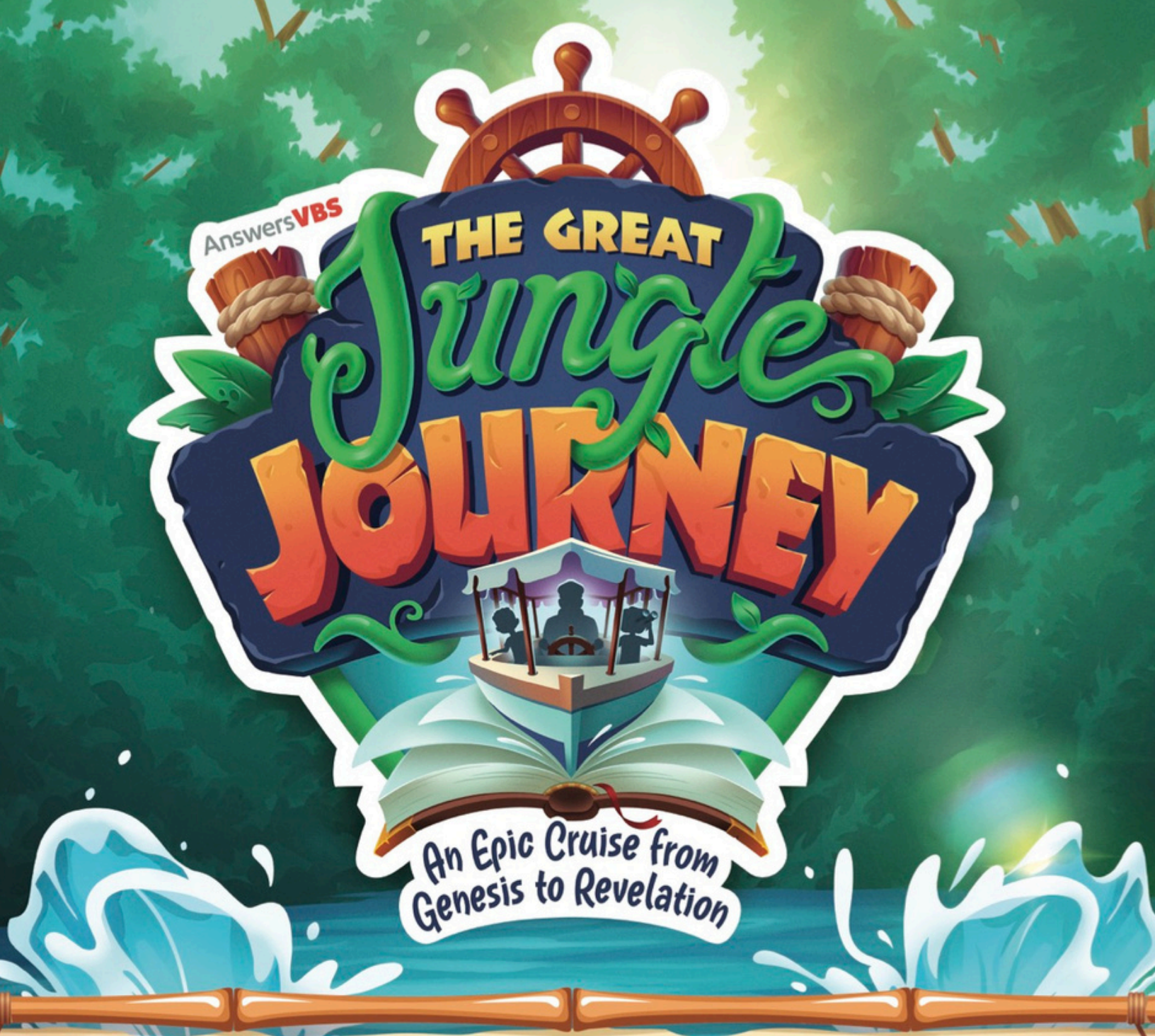
Costa Rica team thanks you!!

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



*Save the Date for a
Journey Through the
Jungle VBS 2024 is
June 9-12 from 6:15-
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 Will and Olivia Beers; missionaries we just started supporting.

They leave soon to join several ministries in Albania, including Light to the Blind from World Reach. Will became interested in missions after going on missions trips in high school and college. Olivia grew up in Albania serving alongside her missionary parents and always knew she wanted to continue mission work. They met while attending CIU and they connected over their desire to serve overseas. Hear more from the Beers as Pastor Paul interviews them on our Saturday Missionary Highlight.





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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 is shown, filled with gold coins. The bottle has a white cap and a yellow nipple. It is set against a background of a blue sky and a pink-to-white gradient.

Baby Bottle

CAMPAIGN

You can help mothers choose life!

Collecting coin filled bottles through June 2nd.

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 12, 2024

General Fund.....	\$37,212.74
Budget Goal to Date.....	\$731,500.00
Giving to Date.....	\$790,163.80
Missions.....	\$2,370.29
Missions Goal to Date.....	\$67,450.00
Missions Given to Date.....	\$64,766.55

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.