

May 2026  
Vol 46

# The MESSENGER

INSPIRE ■ INFORM ■ ENCOURAGE

*Mother's  
Day*

MAY 10, 2026



## From Pastor Brian's Desk

It's hard to believe we've already arrived in the month of May! With Vacation Bible School, family vacations, mission opportunities, and so much more, this season is full of excitement and purpose. I want you to know how encouraged I am by what the Lord is doing at Marietta First Baptist. He has been incredibly gracious to us—we've seen lives changed as people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and we've welcomed new members into our church family. What a blessing! This summer, we will be walking through Romans 12 together on Sunday mornings, focusing on what it means to live out our faith in practical, Christ-centered ways. There will also be many opportunities to serve. One special highlight will be a dedicated week of serving the Marietta community, June 22–25. More details will be shared soon, but I encourage you to begin praying now about how you can be involved. Let's continue doing "whatever it takes" to remain united in Christ's love. And as we serve, may we not grow weary in doing good, remembering the encouragement of Galatians 6:9–10.

Love always,  
Pastor Brian

## MAY

### Birthdays

- 1 Emily Moats
- 2 Jordan Howard  
Ady Craig  
Knox Ervin
- 4 Woody McJunkin
- 5 Roger Stegall
- 6 Joey Holtzclaw
- 7 Betty Darnell  
Joyce Stanford  
Abbey Nix  
Jacob Tankersley
- 9 Tristan Howard
- 10 Betty Simmons  
Jeanne-Marie Tipton  
Annabelle Amidon
- 11 John Dilworth
- 13 Scott Holtzclaw  
Will Cashion  
Lauren Albright  
Emily Wilkey
- 14 Josh Cannon
- 15 Larry Epps  
Connie Stroud  
Parker Anderson  
Payton Anderson
- 16 Clara Estes  
Stephanie Crain
- 18 Kim Posey
- 21 Chandler Moats
- 26 John Camp
- 27 Curtis Pierce
- 28 Kelly Satterfield  
Caroline Ervin
- 30 Kim Craig  
Beckett Ervin
- 31 Anne Pierce  
Emma Walton

*Mother's Day*

Sunday, May 10

No Evening  
Worship



## MEMORIAL DAY



★ Sunday, May 24

9:30 am - Praise & Worship  
No Sunday School or Evening Service

★ May 25 - Church Closed

**F.A.S.T.**

**TEAM MEETEING** May 17 / 4:30 pm / Adult 5

**SERVANTS ON CALL**

**MAY**

### DEACONS

**Kaleb  
Green**  
640-2444

**Mark  
Stroud**  
979-4027

**Keith  
DeWease**  
303-6475



**ASCENT**  
MEN'S MOUNTAIN RETREAT

### Camp McCall Men's Event

May 15 - 17 \$135 Per Person  
Includes Lodging & 5 Meals

Multiple Competitions

See Brian for more info  
Register Here



## Family Night Fellowship Meal

May 17 @ 6 pm  
Starting in the Sanctuary

Bring Your Favorite Mexican Dish



## Discovery New Member's Class

2 Week Study / May 10 & 17 / 10:45 am / Room 206

See Scott Holtzclaw For More Details



### Travelers Rest Police Department

## DRUG AWARENESS EDUCATION

Thursday, May 14 / 6:30 - 8 pm / Fellowship Hall

See Jimmy Batson for more information



## MAY 2026 SCHEDULE

### TUESDAYS

### THURSDAYS

**5**  
Tedd Barnette  
Kathy Holmgreen

**7**  
Brayden Allen  
Jeff Tipton  
Jeanne Marie Tipton

**12**  
David Welborn  
Wayne Tankersley  
Linda Tankersley

**14**  
Benny Ford  
Brian Burton  
Marrie Loftis

**19**  
Gary Ervin  
Edwina Ervin  
TJ Howard

**21**  
JJ Hughes  
Melanie Hughes  
Nate Spearman

**26**  
Brian Ledford  
Jeremy Bowers

**28**  
Ronnie Albright  
Lynn Albright



## Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays @ 10 am  
Adult 5 Rm 101



the Lighthouse

MAY Schedule

**SET FREE** TUESDAYS  
6:30 - 8 PM

MAY 5 - Celebration Night  
MAY 12 - Regular Meeting  
MAY 19 - Regular Meeting  
MAY 26 - Regular Meeting

DAY ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS  
10 AM - 1 PM

ART EXPRESSIONS

MAY 11  
@ 6 PM



cameron's

HOUSE OF HOPE

TUES / WED / THUR  
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

- 03:** 9:30 am, Easter Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, VBS equip
- 04:** 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 05:** 9:00 am, SALT  
10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 06:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 07:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 10:** 9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
No Evening Worship
- 11:** 8:30 am, Andrews Valley  
10:00 am, Pickleball  
6:00 PM, Art Expressions
- 12:** 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 13:** Love Thy Neighbor  
6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 14:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 17:** 9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Family Night
- 18:** 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 19:** 9:00 am, SALT  
10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 20:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 21:** 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 24:** 9:30 am, Worship  
No Sunday School  
No Evening Worship
- 25:** Church Office Closed  
10:00 am, Pickleball
- 26:** 9:00 am, SALT  
10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 27:** 6:30 pm, Ignite
- 28:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 31:** 9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Evening Worship

**WORSHIP CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

- 03, 9:30am Worship
- 06, Rehearsal 7:35pm
- 10, 9:30am Worship
- 13, Rehearsal 7:35pm
- 17, 9:30am Worship
- 20, Rehearsal 7:35pm
- 24, NO CHOIR, 9:30am Worship
- 27, Rehearsal 7:35pm
- 31, 9:30am Worship

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom. -Ps. 145:3



**PICKLEBALL MONDAYS**  
**10 am - Noon**



**Love Thy Neighbor**  
**May 6 & 20**  
See Stewart or Kathy Wilkey to Get Involved!



**NEED THIS MONTH**

**Pasta & Sauce**



**Any Variety / Regular Size**

Whatever It Takes!

# VISION SUNDAY

May 31, 2026



Be Sure To Check Out  
Our Newly Renovated Spaces,  
Right After Sunday School!

And Don't Forget Our

5th Sunday Night Singin' @ 6 pm

## Graduation Sunday



May 17 @ 9:30 am / Meet on front steps @ 9:15 am

- Wear your cap & gown if possible
- By Sunday, May 10, please give Chandler:  
Your Name / Where you are graduating from  
Your Degree / What's next for you / 5 Photos

## S.A.L.T. BINGO night

4th Tuesday Night of Each Month  
6-9 pm / In The Fellowship Hall

Bring Finger Food to share and a  
New or Used Item - under \$5 for prizes!

See Teresa Dyer for more information



## Andrews Valley Rail Tour

May 11 / Leaving @ 8:30 am  
This will be an all day trip

\$60 Per Person / Lunch Provided  
Info Sheets In Welcome Center

## Senior Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays  
@ 11 am  
In The  
Sanctuary



VBS  
EQUIP  
NIGHT  
MAY 3  
@ 6 pm

# Family Ministry



## Events

### Graduation Sunday

May 17th  
 Line up at 9:15 on front stairs  
 Wear cap and gown  
 Send info to Chandler by May 10<sup>th</sup>  
 (details + 5 pictures)

### Marietta Missions

June 22nd-25th  
 Save the date!  
 More info coming soon.

### Kids' Look Up Lodge Camp

July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
 Sign up with the QR code!



## Memory Verse

**Big Idea** - The heart of discipleship is seeking God.

### Psalm 27:8

You have said, "Seek my face."  
 My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."



## Teachers

	Nursery	2-3s	4-5s	Elementary
<b>5/3</b>	Teresa Dyer	Jennifer McJunkin Assistant	Liz Nix Becky Galloway	Kim Craig Lauren Epps
<b>5/10</b>	The Burtons	Amy Logan Melanie Hughes	Beverly Ford Teresa Dyer	Debbie Holtzclaw Danielle Payne
<b>5/17</b>	Amy Logan	Hannah Blume Assistant	Jennifer McJunkin Maggi Bailey	Pam Logan Karen Burton
<b>5/24</b>	Kathy Wilkey	Emily Moats Brittini Howard	Liz Nix Becky Galloway	None (Memorial Day)
<b>5/31</b>	Brenda Ervin	Jessica Dilworth Kelly King	Beverly Ford Teresa Dyer	Angela Spearman Savannah Hightower

## Contact

Chandler Moats - Assoc. Pastor of Family Ministry & Discipleship

Cell - (864) 884-7265  
 Email - mariettascstudents@gmail.com

@mariettastudents  
 @mariettastudents

Text STUDENTS to  
 855-581-0725

## BROWNIE BATTER CROISSANTS

### *ingredients*

- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 (18-oz.) box brownie mix
- 8 large store-bought or homemade croissants
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

### *directions*

Preheat oven to 325°. In a medium bowl, combine egg, oil, and 1/4 c. water. Add brownie mix and stir until just combined.

Using a serrated knife, slice croissants parallel to the cutting board, being sure not to cut all the way through. (You should be able to open the croissants like a book.) Transfer croissants to 2 parchment-lined baking sheets.

Spread 2 Tbsp. brownie batter inside each croissant. Top outside of croissants with remaining brownie batter.

Bake croissants until a tester inserted into brownie batter comes out with a few moist crumbs attached, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool. Transfer croissants to a platter. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

### **For The Record APRIL 2026**

#### Morning Worship, 9:30 A.M.

05: 404 12: 230 19: 227 26: 232

#### Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

05: N/A 12: N/A 19: 109 26: N/A

#### Tithes and Offerings

<u>Reg. Budget</u>	<u>Bldg. Fund</u>
05: \$21,447.66	\$1,469.00
12: \$11,789.90	\$1,261.00
19: \$21,600.35	\$745.00
26: \$15,124.90	\$898.00

*Your*

**Church Staff**

*We're here to Serve!*

mfbcstaff@gmail.com

**Dr. Brian L. Spearman, Senior Pastor**

**Scott Holtzclaw, Worship & Administrative Pastor**

**Stephanie Epps, Worship Leader**

**Chandler Moats, Associate Pastor of Families & Discipleship**

**Tedd Barnette, Building & Special Projects Coordinator**

**Melissa Crum, Administrative Ministry Assistant**

**Carol Ellis, Financial Ministry Assistant**

**Rachael Snow, Nursery Coordinator**

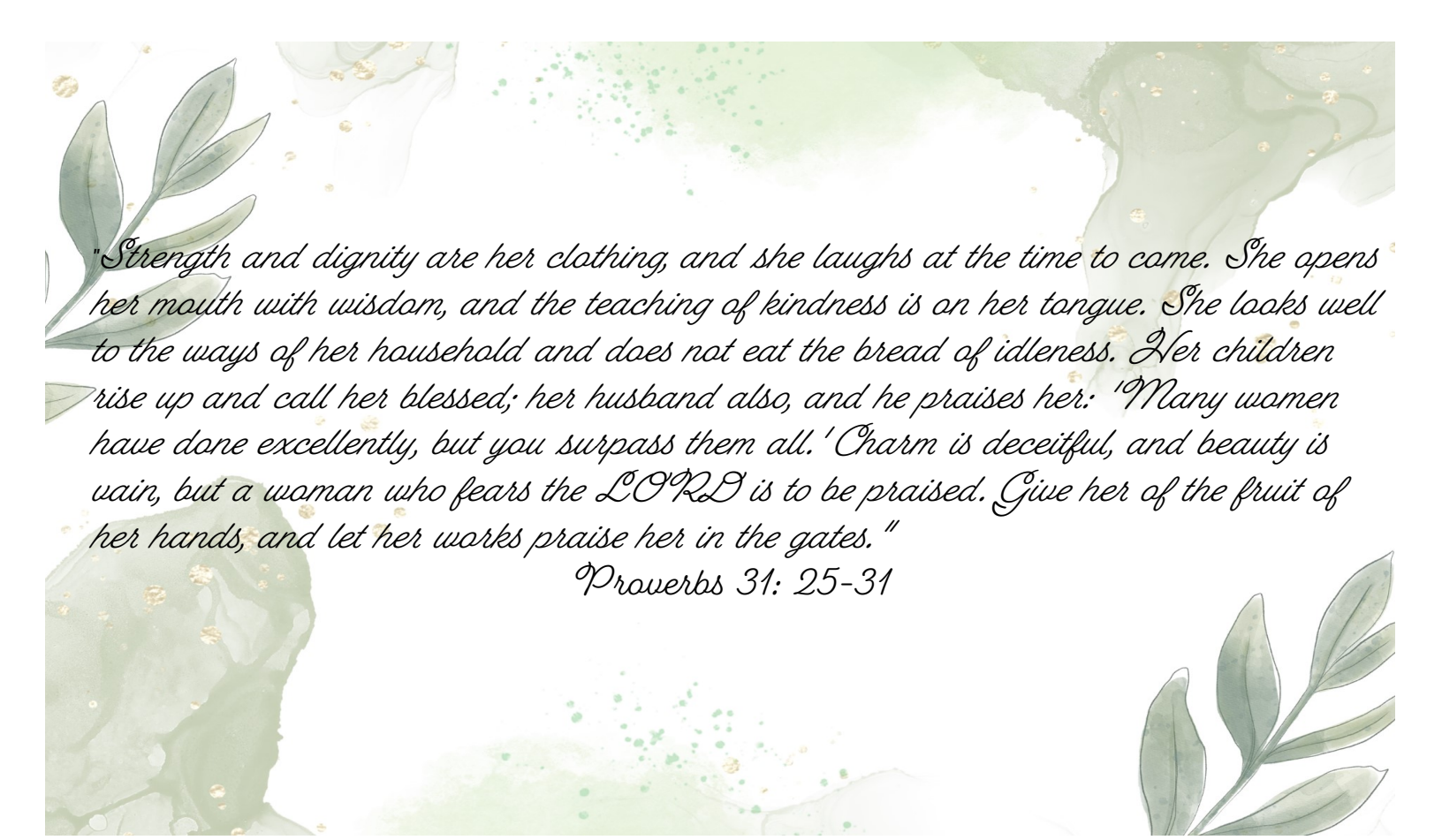
**Rob Lento, Pianist**

**Office Hours 8:30 am—3:30 pm M-Thur**

**Friday—8:30 am—12:30 pm**

Church.....864-836-3518

Child Development Center.....864-836-7027



*"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates."*

*Proverbs 31: 25-31*

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U. S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 9  
TRAVELERS REST,  
S. C.  
29690

*Marietta*  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
2936 Geer Hwy, POBox 337, Marietta, SC 29661  
864-836-3518 www.mfbc-sc.org  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED