

April 28, 2024

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## Loving and Living For God

A study of 1, 2, & 3 John

### A WORD FROM PASTOR RALPH

Would you help us pull off something? May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer and there will be prayer events throughout the area (statehouse has something at noon). I was thinking, let's make it a little more personal for our neighborhood. We need folks standing at Barr and Wildlife Rd with signs (drivethrough prayer) and another group who will greet the person, hand them a bottle of water and point them to a spot where someone will pray with them in their car. We will hand them a pamphlet, a bottle of water, pray with them and send them on their way.

We will do this from 4pm till 6pm. We need around 20 people to accomplish this; we have three signed up so far. Sign up [here](#).

Update (as of 04.22.24) on the Plowman's adoption (goal: to adopt a special needs child from India). We are three Sunday's in and we have collected \$7,324. We have one week to go, let's see if we can hit \$10,000.

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! Thank you for 'rising' to the occasion.

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

## *Raising Cain: The Path of Hate*

It happens gradually. The road of pride and ambition can be a slippery slope that leads to anger and hate.

God's path is one that demonstrates life and love. It can change lives and change eternity!

# NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

## *Graduation Sunday*

High School Graduation Sunday (we will recognize our college grads as well.) Both groups will want to be sure to let [tripp@fblex.org](mailto:tripp@fblex.org) or [Sarah@fblex.org](mailto:Sarah@fblex.org) know you would like to participate. Tripp Hutto will bring the challenge.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways do you see the downward spiral of hate in the world?
2. What areas of your life need to grow in giving evidence of His life?
3. What has been the impact of love from believers in your life?

# MESSAGE SCHEDULE

## Loving and Living for God Series

**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

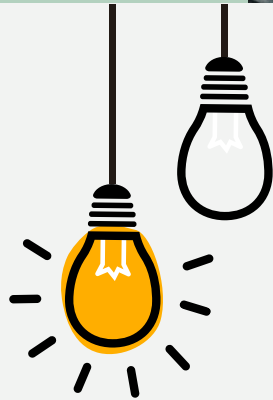
Join us for our new Wednesday night Bible study where we will dive into the book of Jonah.

Meets at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Did

YOU KNOW?



Missions are a core part of our church here at FBLEX. Thanks to your generous donations, each month we support twenty-six missionaries and missionary families and eleven mission organizations. Yearly we support three more ministries, and we regularly support mission trips, internships, and projects. Bill and Mary Horton in Brazil were the first missionaries we started supporting, and Will and Olivia Beers in Albania are our most recent additions. You can see our missionaries, missions organizations, and mission trips [HERE](#) on the church website.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 21th,  
we have raised \$7,324.50.**



## SPIRITUAL SPOTTERS

This week, read 1 Corinthians 15 -16 and Nahum 1-3.

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](mailto:johnathan@fblex.org).

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

May 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Tacos, Refried beans, Corn on cob, 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](mailto:darlenefblex@gmail.com).

# Hank Parker

Fishing Legend



Guest Speaker



**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!



You're Invited To A  
**SILENT**  
**AUCTION**

**MAY**  
**4th**  
**2024**

**9:30 AM-11:00 AM**

**First Baptist Church Of Lexington**  
415 Barr Road • Lexington, SC 29072



**So Many Great Auction Items To Bid On:**

- Brother Embroidery Machine SE1900 - Courtesy Of Creative Sewing Machine Center
- Sunset Dolphin Cruise
- Charleston Carriage Tour
- Restaurants, Museums, Theatre Tickets, Gift Baskets, Activities
- Quilts Made By Sewority Sisters

*Proceeds From The Auction  
Will Help Provide Quilts  
For Cancer Patients  
At Lexington  
Medical  
Center.*



# 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](mailto:ralph@fblex.org) or [evans@fblex.org](mailto: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!

# 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**.

# 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.

# 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](mailto: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.

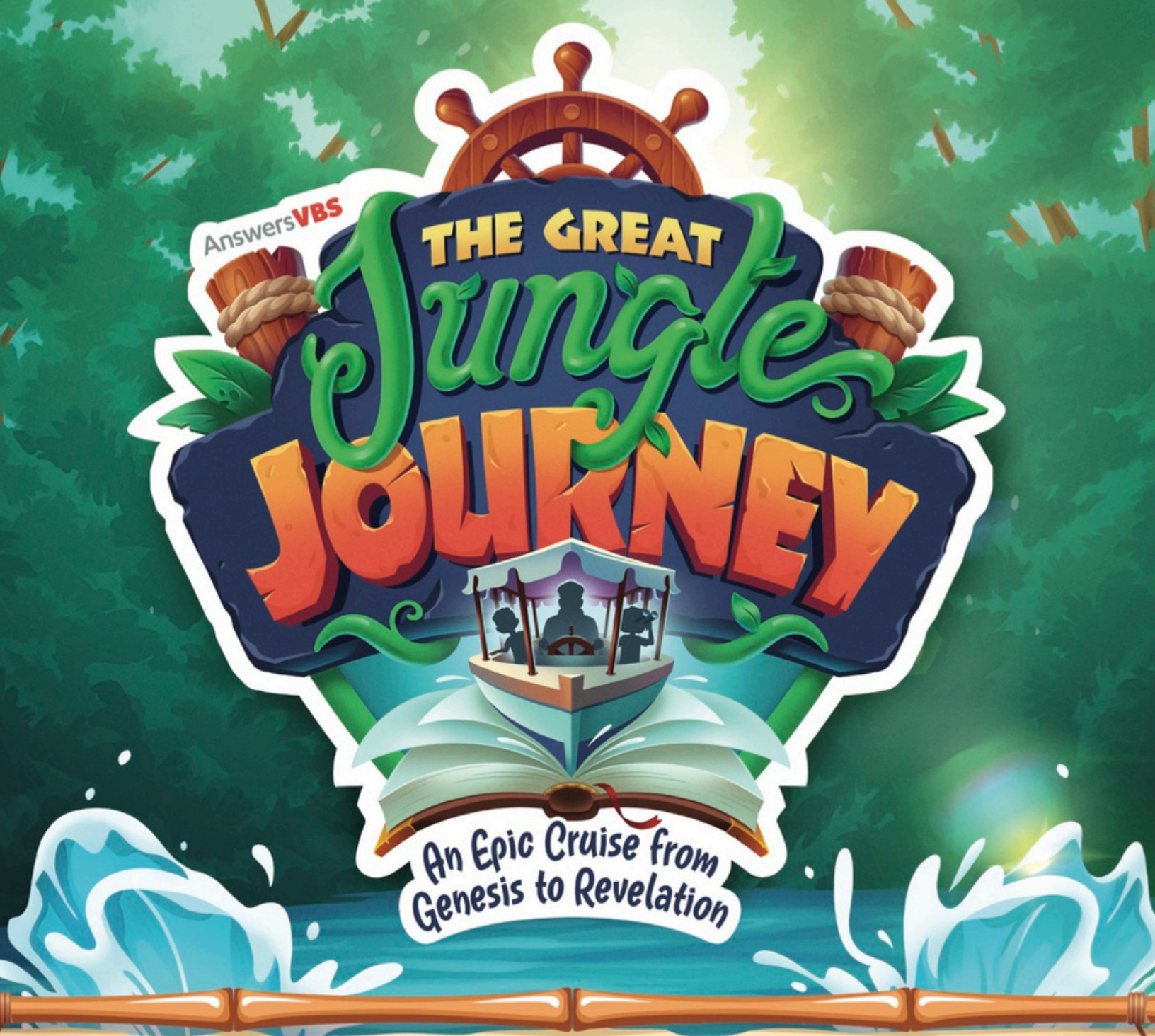
Our next Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is from Christy Nockels based on her book, "The Life You Long For: Learning to Live from a Heart of Rest".

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](mailto:scdonna64@gmail.com)



*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

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](mailto:richbourgshauling@yahoo.com). You can also sign up today for one of our many group options at [fblex.org](http://fblex.org) under "Small Groups", or also at the groups table in Connection Point.

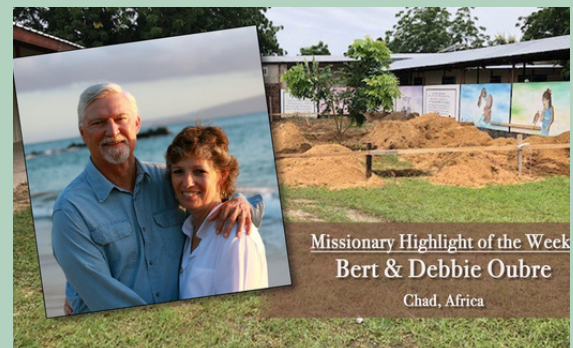
## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

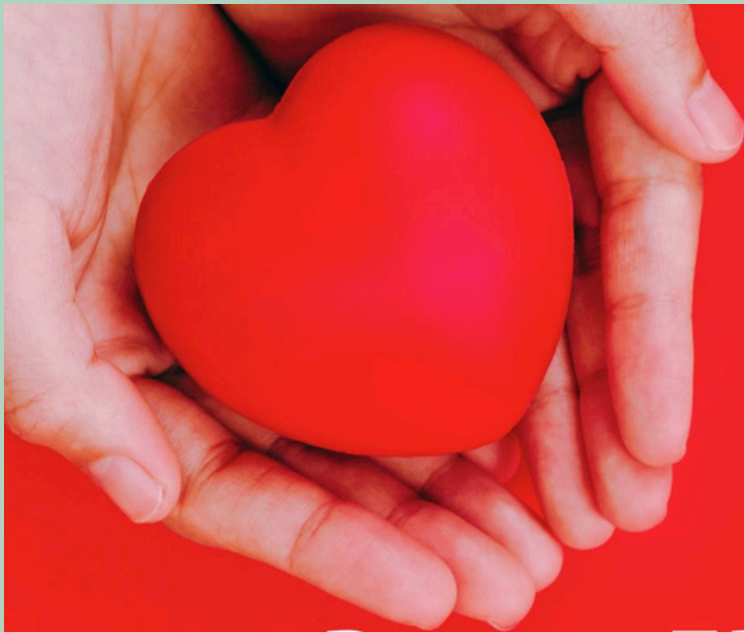
*Meets every Tuesday*

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](mailto:Kristen@fblex.org).

## MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

This week Pastor Paul highlights Bert & Debbie Oubre, medical missionaries to Chad, Africa. They started a hospital there in 2010 and it has since grown from 13 employees to 120 employees. Recently, Bert passed the hospital directorship to a national Christian they believe will do an excellent job at both leading the hospital and leading people to Jesus. Bert and Debbie request prayer for the work at the hospital and the employees, for the hospital finances, for their own medical concerns, and for a new orphanage they would like to build. Hear more [HERE](#) or on our Saturday Mission 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 with a white cap and a yellow nipple is filled with gold coins. The bottle is centered in the background. The background is a gradient from light blue at the top to light pink at the bottom.

# Baby Bottle

## CAMPAIGN

**You can help mothers choose life!**

**Collections starting Mother's Day**

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.*



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](http://fblex.org/preschool) or scan the QR code to register.



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

**Last Week's Giving: April 21, 2024**

General Fund.....\$43,818.18  
Budget Goal to Date.....\$616,000.00  
Giving to Date.....\$678,211.93  
Missions.....\$3,520.28  
Missions Goal to Date.....\$56,800.00  
Missions Given to Date.....\$57,654.53

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!

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## OFFICE HOURS AND INFO UPDATES

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