

In April, we started what will be my final message series at FBCSZ, called *"I Will."* We are looking at different areas of the life of a Christ-follower (*stewardship, prayer, priorities, worship . . .*) and how we can be more effective in sharing the message of God's love for everyone.

This made me think about the importance of the impact of the church on individual lives and a community as a whole. We live in a nation that is deeply divided over politics, philosophies of life, priorities for society and a lot of other areas. We have political leaders who are either for or against something based on which political party suggested it, not on whether it is a good idea. They want their friends rewarded and their *"enemies"* punished. In many ways, our nation is a lot like the society in which Jesus walked when He was on earth. Groups plotted against one another, looked for ways to hurt people who didn't agree with them. There was no room for an opinion that didn't *"walk the line"* of how any particular group thought. It was a society in chaos.

In the middle of all that disorder, the Church was born, with instructions to love their enemies, help the poor and needy, share the news of God's love and *"turn the world upside down"* (see Acts 17.) They didn't out-argue their opponents – they out-loved them. They created a community of faith that was so magnetic, new people wanted to be a part of it every day. The message they shared went throughout the world and affected every society in one way or another.

Now, let's pull back to a more *"micro"* view of this situation. How can FBCSZ say *"I will"* to what God wants this church family to do as it approaches the future? The temptation will be to *"play it safe"* and live in the past because it is comfortable. However, even though the gospel has not changed, the world has, and you will need to look at how you can effectively share a timeless message in a timely way. Even more, how will you say *"I will"* to God in your daily walk of faith? How will you set your priorities? How will you be willing to sacrifice so more people can hear about God's love. Having spent most of the last 8 years serving in this community, I can tell you without a doubt that there are a lot of families that need hope and a place that offers love and grace. It will take a church that is willing to be creative, bold, and daring to offer ministries that connect with the spiritual needs that exist. So, as we get closer to the time when, as a church, you start a new season of life, make that a matter of regular prayer. I still believe that the best is yet to come for FBCSZ. I'm glad that Paulette and I have been able to walk with you in this journey the past few years and I am excited for the next Pastor who will help you take the next steps. Remember, the path you choose determines the direction you go. My prayer is that it will be a good journey with excellent results!



Pastor David

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD



Carmella Jones

CARMELLA serves as a Regional Consultant for Health and Education in Europe, the Middle East, and Liberia. She will work with partners and global servant colleagues in the integration of faith, education, and health. Carmella, a registered nurse and ordained clergy woman, is uniquely equipped to teach and support spiritual and physical well-being. As an integrator of faith and health, Carmella provides pastoral care and a listening presence in the context of peoples' values, beliefs, and faith practices when providing compassionate support in the classroom and health clinics. She will continue to teach English and work with children with special needs.

Look! I'm doing a new thing now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness. *Isaiah 43:19*

Sharing the News with Every Land

Well, it's been a whole year of home assignment! And now it's over!!! I left for Hungary on September 19th and arrived safely. A lot has happened; I have met a lot of people and been to a lot of places. So, as a big highlight of my year in the states, I attended the Biennial Conference in Puerto Rico. It was enjoyable for sure, but the best part was the opportunity to chaperone young people who are mission minded and committed to following Jesus! The program is called emerging leaders and serves young people from age 16-29. I can't recommend it enough. <https://internationalministries.org/serve/>

I am most excited to say, my assignment has expanded and with a small change, well not so small. My new mission role is Regional Health and Education global servant for Europe, Middle East and Liberia. Now, that sounds big but let me explain. The geography matches that of my Area Director Rev. Charles Jones and allows me to continue with him as my manager. This is important because he has years of established relationships and working experience with each partner. This will be a great benefit to me in navigating my new responsibilities.

In Europe, through mutual agreement and excitement, I will return to Hungary, serving my beloved Pannonhalmi school community and Tabitha House. I will continue teaching English and working with children with special needs. I am excited that in my absence the school community has expanded. My head mistress (aka, principal) has been given responsibility for opening a secondary school for grades 9-12. The undertaking has come with renovating a new building. The good news is the building is open, and there is a 9th grade class. Additionally grades 4-8 have also been moved to the new building.

Since my last writing, and as part of the discernment process for this new role, I traveled to Liberia for the first time. It was my vision trip to meet the partners and learn about their ministries. I was able to meet Liberian people, experience the culture, and to see, feel, and smell the land. I was

particularly drawn to one of the ministry partners, Ricks Institute which serves both day and boarding students. Please visit their website to learn more: <https://ricksinstitute.org>. I found myself excited about the newly renovated health clinic on campus and the young nurses eager to serve the students and the surrounding community. I felt the nostalgia of my early days in nursing as I listened to the enthusiasm of two young nurses. I am looking forward to making a return trip in January. I am hoping that together we will begin to lay the foundation for systems that will support good data collection, patient education and visiting medical/dental mission teams.

Here are some fun facts about Liberia:

1. Liberia is Africa's oldest republic founded in 1821 and the second oldest Black republic in the world after Haiti.
2. Liberia was created for freed enslaved folks and was one of the only two African countries not subjected to colonialism. Although there are indigenous people living on the land before it was acquired.
3. Liberia is located on the west coast of Africa and is bordered by Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Cote d'Ivoire. It has a coastline on the Atlantic Ocean and covers an area of 111,369 square kilometers.
4. According to Liberia's constitution, you must be Black to be a citizen

Please pray for:

1. My health and safety in this new assignment.
2. Please pray for my wisdom, discernment, and joy in this new assignment.
3. Pray for the leadership of both school, Pannonhalmi and Ricks Institute.
4. Pray for the students as they are adjusting to this school.



Serving with God's gifts, grace and strength,

Carmella



Deacons are preparing for a “**Service of Celebration**” on **Sunday June 30**. This will be Paulette and Pastor David’s last Sunday morning service at FBCSZ before retiring from full time ministry. We anticipate representatives from American Baptist Churches-Ohio, Eastside Community Ministry, Christ Table, and other local organizations to be in attendance. Please plan to support this special event and wish the Nuhfers farewell!

Thank you for your prayers for the opportunities God has given us to help share His love through Jesus with our community.

Rod Van Allen, Pastor Reg Martin, Tom Alexander



MAY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 2ndNational Day of Prayer
- 4thFour Chair Discipling
- 5THCommunion
- 6thLeadership Meeting-7pm
- 11thFBCSZ at Christ’s Table
- 12thMother’s Day
- 24thFresh Produce Market
- 27thMemorial Day

EVERY WEEK...

- Adult Sunday School.....9:00am**
- Morning Worship.....10:00am**
- Children’s Classes.....10:00am**
- Nursery.....10:00am**

First Baptist Church Virtual Services

Time:– 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Join Zoom Meeting

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NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call or text Tammy Wiseman or call the church office by 11am Thursday.

740-452-1620



Our Next **FREE** Fresh Produce Markets will be on **Friday, May 24th**. There will be **NO** produce market during the months of *July, August, November, or December.*
In conjunction with Eastside Community Ministry, Mideast-Ohio Food Bank & First Baptist Church of S. Zanesville



FBCSZ helps Christ's Table serve warm meals to those in need on every second Saturday of the month. Sign up in the church entryway.

All are welcome to join us!

FBCSZ is always looking for new Board and Committee members who would like to become more involved in the life of the church. Please pray and consider joining. There are many ways that you can be a part of serving the Lord and helping our church home by sharing your talents and new ideas with others. If you would like to find out more about the different opportunities offered in the church, please see the Nominating Committee or the church office. *(We have material that explains the various duties of each Board and Committee).*

The FBCSZ Christian Education Team is planning a **Vacation Bible School** this year that will be a **2-day** event beginning **Saturday, September 7th, 10am-2pm and ending on Sunday, September 8th**. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and dancing, & more!

Sunday after the worship service will be a closing event with lunch for the kids and their families. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun-filled event while we learn more about the love of Jesus!



Eastside Community Ministries will be collecting most needed items for each month. The items they will be needing for the month of **MAY** will be:

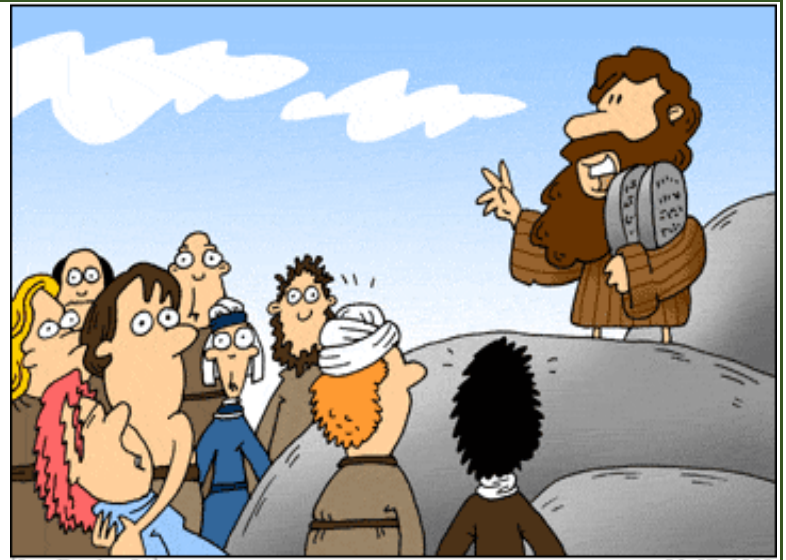
Snacks for Summer Youth Program (non-perishable)

Eastside accepts monetary donations or any other donations and these are always greatly appreciated!



Cindy Morgan.....May 6th
 Kagnie Andersen.....May 7th
 Charlie White.....May 9th
 Lou Nunley.....May 12th
 Cassandra Yinger.....May 24th
 Melissa VanAllen.....May 30th
 Morganne Andersen....May 31st

~NO Anniversaries in May~



(See Exodus 34)

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I WAS JUST MESSING WITH YOU ON THAT LAST ONE ... CHOCOLATE AND PIZZA ARE STILL OK





May

Scripture Writing Plan

Learning to Trust

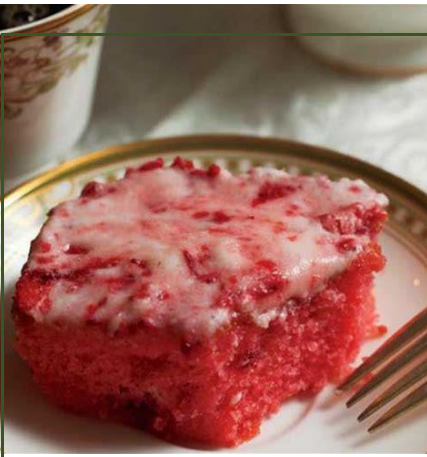
- Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 2: Psalm 9:9-10
- Day 3: Psalm 20:7-8
- Day 4: Psalm 112:7
- Day 5: Psalm 28:7
- Day 6: Proverbs 29:25
- Day 7: Proverbs 15:20
- Day 8: Joshua 1:9
- Day 9: Jeremiah 17:5-6
- Day 10: Jeremiah 17:7-8
- Day 11: Psalm 31:1-2
- Day 12: Psalm 37:3-4
- Day 13: Psalm 37:5
- Day 14: Psalm 55:22
- Day 15: Isaiah 26:3-4
- Day 16: Isaiah 40:28-29
- Day 17: Isaiah 40:30-31
- Day 18: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 19: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 20: Psalm 118:8-9
- Day 21: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 22: Psalm 32:10-11
- Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 24: John 10:27-28
- Day 25: John 14:1
- Day 26: John 16:33
- Day 27: Luke 8:48
- Day 28: Luke 11:9-10
- Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: 1 John 5:14-15

Commit 10 minutes each day to read each verse, write it out in your journal, meditate on it, and reflect on what it means to you.



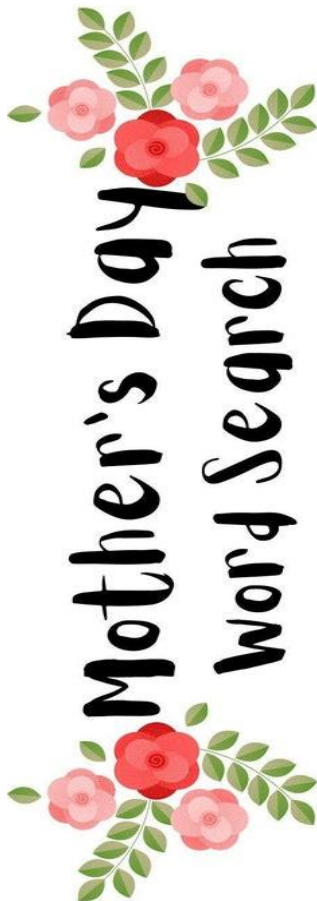
Spring Strawberry Sheet Cake

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup canola oil
- 1 cup milk
- ¼ cup sweetened strawberries, mashed
- 1 small box dry strawberry jello



Strawberry Icing:

- ½ stick butter or margarine, softened
 - 3-4 cups powdered sugar
 - ¼ cup sweetened strawberries, mashed
1. Mix all ingredients and pour into greased 9×13 pan.
 2. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.
 3. While the cake is baking, make the icing.
 4. Mix together all icing ingredients until smooth – may need to add more powdered sugar or strawberries for a spreading consistency. Mix well first before you add extra sugar or strawberries.
 5. Once the cake is cool, spread the icing on the cake.
 6. Store the cake in refrigerator; it's best when it's chilled for at least 2 hours.



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