

First Baptist Church of Oakville
6741 Telegraph Road,
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★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

May Birthdays



Sam Jacobi.....	3
Barbara Mays.....	4
Ted McCarty.....	5
Iain Bennett.....	7
Allen Schulte.....	10
Angie Camden.....	12
Emily Cockrill.....	13
Dennis Amelung, Tammy Harper.....	14
Aniston Boxx, Jan Morris.....	15
Donny Robbins	17
Mark Johnston.....	19
Wayne Kaiser.....	20
Don Olmsted.....	22
Sarah Willoughby, Cheryl Agnew, Drew Juhlin.....	27
Larry Lauer.....	29
Jim Boxx, Wayne Tedder.....	30

God Bless You on Your Birthday!

Coming In May

National Day of Prayer.....	2
P.E.P. Club Fellowship Trip (Leave @11:00).....	2
Fellowship Breakfast.....	5
Report from Kenny Vader (10:45).....	5
MO Baptist Children's Home	
Church Council Meeting...(5:00).....	5
Steve Brown Preaching (PM Service).....	5
W.M.U. Meeting.....	11
Mother's Day.....	12
(No Evening Service)	
Dierker/Berghold Wedding.....	18
Graduate Recognition (AM Service).....	19
Vision Committee Meeting....(4:30 pm).....	19
Kidz Kollege Commencement.....	22
Memorial Day Observed.....	26
(No Evening Service)	
Memorial Day.....	27



JOHN'S JOIS

I enjoy a CELEBRATION.
Of course, we celebrate in worship every Sunday—our faith in a Living Savior, and our fellowship with each other as the body of Christ. But special celebrations are on the calendar in May. These special emphases give us opportunities to recognize people we love, remember people we miss, congratulate people who achieve, and thank people who serve. You can enjoy these celebrations of the body of Christ. Also, remember that evening worship is cancelled on Mothers Day and Memorial Day, so you in our church family can celebrate with your families.

Thursday, May 2nd, is the National Day of Prayer. The first Thursday in May has been observed for many years as an occasion to pray—prayer for our President and other elected leaders, prayer that God's unity for our nation, guidance for our leaders, and courage for the many challenges we face. And our nation is so in need of prayer right now. Please remember to pray for our nation in your personal devotional time on Thursday.

Sunday, May 12th, we will celebrate *Mother's Day*, and we will honor our mothers, present and remembered, that day. God's only begotten Son honored His mother—even from the cross. All mothers who are present will be given a carnation to honor them and to celebrate their special day.

I celebrate that Katie Brumbaugh is serving as our ministry intern this Summer. Katie is home for the Summer, and we welcome her back. She will begin her service on May 13th. Our Summer plans include a *Children's Soccer Camp*, July 22-26, and some outreach projects. Please encourage Katie with your prayers and your support as she begins serving as our intern this month.

Wednesday evening, May 22nd, we will celebrate another great year of *Kidz Kollege*. This commencement program is an opportunity to acknowledge the great ministry that a host of volunteers make possible, and to thank them for their time and talents. Kidz Kollege is a hallmark ministry of First Baptist Church. We **THANK GOD** for Kidz Kollege, and for all the lives it touches.

Sunday, May 26th, we will celebrate *Memorial Day*, as we pause to remember loved ones that death has taken from our families and from our church family. Memorial Day has taken on a greater meaning in my life in recent years, reminding me of family and friends who influenced my life, and have gone on before me. We will also honor those who have bravely served our country and defended our freedom—our military personnel, both living and dead.

On a personal note, Brenda and I will be celebrating this month, also. Our granddaughter, Kasie Krupski graduates from Jefferson College May 18th.

Gratefully, Your Pastor
John Hessel

Celebrate with our Newest Members:

Walter & Jo Dickerman
Mr. Dennis Amelung
Mrs. Paulette Meyer

And the Lord added to the Church . . .

Knox by Susan May Warren

Montana rancher Knox Marshall’s danger years are behind him. A former bull-rider, he now runs the Marshall family ranch, raising champion bucking bulls for the National Professional Bullrider’s Expo (NBR-X). Wealth and success are his, but life is stable, expected, and . . . ordinary. He can’t help but wonder if his best years are behind him.

Kelsey Jones just wants a safe life, a family, and a home. Onstage, the beautiful rising star of the Yankee Belles becomes the person she longs to be—vivacious and confident—burying the brokenness she carries from a violent assault. Becoming NBR-X’s next country act is key to outrunning her past and achieving the success and security she craves.

Knox and Kelsey’s paths collide when an explosion at an NBR-X event traps them in the rubble and leaves them reeling. Kelsey’s crippling nightmares return, but for Knox, an obsession to find the bomber is ignited.

When Kelsey’s past threatens Knox’s family, he’ll have to choose between saving the Marshall legacy or becoming the protector he’s always longed to be.

The Accidental Guardian by Mary Connealy

When Trace Riley finds the smoldering ruins of a small wagon train, he recognizes an attack by the same group who left him as sole survivor years ago. Living off the wilderness since then, he’s finally carved out a home and started a herd—while serving as a self-appointed guardian of the trail. He’d hoped the days of driving off dangerous men were over, but the latest attack shows otherwise.

Deborah Harkness saved her younger sister and two toddlers during the attack, and now finds herself at the mercy of her rescuer. Trace becomes an accidental guardian when he offers the only shelter for miles around and agrees to take them in until they can safely continue their journey. His simple bachelor existence never anticipated kids and women in the picture and their arrival is unsettling—yet enticing.

Trace and Deborah find themselves drawing ever closer as they work together to bring justice to the trail and help the group survive the winter—but every day closer to spring means a day closer to leaving the mountains forever.



Kidz Kollege

It's getting close to the end of the 2018/2019 school year. Here's what is left:

- April 24, Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.
- May 01, Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.
- May 08, Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.
- May 15*, Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.
Store Nite - The kids get to spend all the points they've earned since Christmas.
- May 22* Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.
* Commencement for 5th graders, our world famous talent show, reception for kids and their families.
- May 25* Saturday 7:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Fishing at Busch Wild-Life area.

Wow!! Lot's going on still! All kids, 4 years old thru 5th grade are invited.

Ed & Pauline Maness

Kids Praise . . .

In May, Kids Praise will be learning about Abraham's mission to have faith and trust in God. We will also start taking class outside sometimes. I'll let parents know ahead of time if they want to bring tennis shoes or dress differently.

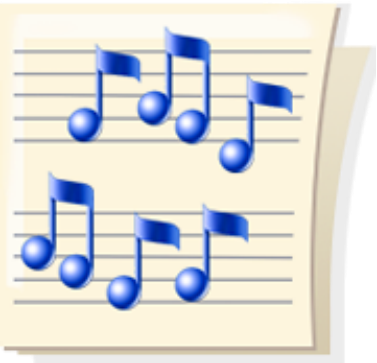
We praise God by loving one another and we show that love through RESPECT.

Cyndi Harmon

NOTE: Kids Praise meets every Sunday morning during our Worship Service, in the Kids Praise classroom for elementary age boys and girls.



NOTES FROM JOHN



Greetings Everyone,

As we all know The Bible is a collection of many books and they contain many topics such as recorded history, laws and rules to live by, prophesies, genealogies, spoken words of Jesus, and how to live the Christian life. It also contains the book of Psalms which is a collection of songs. There are many types of songs in Psalms, such Praise and Worship, inspirational, instructional, and ones that comfort us.

We all have favorites songs that have special meaning to us and periodically I would like to share some of mine. As one that has written a few songs I can appreciate the writers challenge to get across a message lyrically in verse and chorus form while putting it to music.

The first song I would like to share is *Give It Away* which was recorded in 1992 by Micheal W. Smith and was on his Change The World cd and written by Smitty (his Nickname), Wayne Kirkpatrick, and Amy Grant (all prolific writers and performers). Even tho this is a much lesser known song of Smittys I find myself drawn to songs like this that have a hard hitting message that makes you think and internalize about what I could be doing better. The most powerful words to me of the song are: *We entertain compassion For a World in need of care, But the road of good intentions Doesn't lead to anywhere. Cause Love isn't Love 'Til you give it away, You gotta give it away.*

I would urge all of us to think about this. We can say we love people but it doesn't really mean anything until we actually demonstrate it. Feel free to share your thoughts. Here are the words to *Give It Away*.

*She asked him for forever, And a promise that would last
He said, babe you know I love you, But I can't commit to that.
She said, love isn't love 'Till you give it away*
*A father lived in silence. Saw his son become a man
There was a distance felt between them 'Cause he could not understand
That love isn't love 'Till you give it away. You gotta give it away*
*As we live Moving side by side, May we learn to give, Learn to sacrifice.
We can entertain compassion For a world in need of care
But the road of good intentions Doesn't lead to anywhere
Cause love isn't love 'Till you give it away. You gotta give it away
As we live Moving side by side, May we learn to give, Learn to sacrifice.*
*Love is like a river, Flowing down from the giver of life
We drink from the water, And our thirst is no longer denied. You gotta give it away.*

We would love to have you join Gods Choir at Oakville for choir practice at 7:45 on Wednesdays. God is Great and I LOVE YOU ALL.

John



National Day of Prayer—Thursday, May 2nd

The theme this year is *Love One Another*. The first Thursday in May is a day of prayer for our nation, and our nation is so in need of prayer. Pray for unity for our nation, guidance for our leaders, and courage for the many challenges we face as a nation. And God bless the USA!