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baptist church

**The Grapevine**

May 2024

## *Message from the Pastor*

Summer is fast approaching. This means heat and Vacation Bible School! Hopefully, the heat will hold off until after VBS. VBS is one of our biggest outreaches of the year. We need your help. Please pray for those who will attend. We trust that God will bring kids here that have not heard the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit will begin working on their heart and they will come to see the salvation offered in Christ. If you cannot do anything except pray, please pray! God is faithful when His people cry out. The apostle Paul, in talking about Israel, stated, "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved" Romans 10:1. In the previous chapter, we see the depth of the crying out to God by Paul for Israel as he wishes himself to be accursed in order for them to be saved. My prayer is that we approach our community in this manner. Every outreach event we do, let us saturate it in prayer for the salvation of the lost that may attend. So do not think that all I can do is pray. It is absolutely necessary for us to pray. However, many have the ability to do more. We can volunteer. I have already volunteered and Belinda has put me down. How about you? We will need those to help be class leaders. This is not teaching, just leading them to and from each station and helping out the station leader. Ideally, we need two adults in each grade level, with a few more in the younger ages. We need a Bible story teacher. This can be a husband and wife team or an individual. The age we would need would be for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We need help assisting with games. We can always use more help loving on kids. However you can help, please share your gifts and time to impact this community. I look forward to seeing how God will use VBS to impact this community this year.

Let me close with this. Sometimes we pray that God make known his will in our lives. We state this as if we are completely unaware of what God desires for us. However, in his word, specifically in the book of 1 Thessalonians, he states 2 things explicitly that are the will of God for our lives. The first one is the one I will focus on. For this is the will of God...your sanctification. To be sanctified means to become more like Jesus every day. It means to be set apart for God's purposes, to honor him in all we do, and to give glory to him by our choices. We show the world the love of Christ by the way we look more like Christ, each and every day. Beloved, this is a high order. We make statements like this without considering the implications fully. We make statements like this thinking we are looking more like Christ. Yet, we also treat others poorly. We are more prone to talk to others about an issue we have with someone rather than going directly to them. Christ himself prayed for His church that they be one, just as the father and him are one (John 17:20-21). If we are to look more like Christ, we must be diligent to love our brothers and sisters in Christ. We must be one. Oh Father, unite us in the love of Christ. Forgive me, Lord, when I fail in this regard.

I would be remiss to not mention happy Mother's day to all the moms out there. Thank you for all the selfless things you do for your children. We don't say thank you enough to all of you! I look forward to celebrating Mother's day with you on May 12 (first reminder men).

Your servant in Christ,

Chad

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### Weekly Schedule

**Sunday School** - Sunday 9 am

**Worship Service** - Sunday 10:15 am, Worship Center

**Men's Bible Study** - Tuesday 6:00 am & 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Adult Bible Study** - Wednesday at 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

**Youth & Awana** - Wednesday at 5:40 pm



Youth Ministries of Grape Creek Baptist

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

### May Schedule:

Wednesdays @ the Rock-5:40pm

May 26 Graduation Recognition Sunday

May 29 Youth Kickball Night

6:00-7:30pm

@ GCHS Softball Field

### Graduations:

May 16 Water Valley HS

May 23 Grape Creek HS

May 24 Cornerstone Christian School

Sterling City HS

### Youth Camp Info

Youth camp will be June 23-27. Registration deadline is May 1. If interested or would like more information, call Michael Phillips (Youth/Music Minister) at 254-413-3018

*Last Wednesday of the Month*

## POT LUCK LUNCH

*Bible Study & Game Day Groups*

*Bring Your Favorite Pot Luck Dish or Snacks*

*Wednesday, May 29*



### May Schedule

Wednesday, May 1 & 8 5:40-7:30pm

Last Day of Awana will be May 8

Please join us for awards and a special program at 5:50 with food afterwards.

Everyone invited



T&T in the Awana Game Circle



### Kid's Camp

Kid's that have completed 3rd-5th grade.

July 15th-18th

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