

The Baptist Breeze

First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN



May 2022



The Breeze is a monthly publication of First Baptist Church located at the corner of Sycamore & Washington Streets in Galveston, Indiana.

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Church Office: 574-699-6243

Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9am-2pm

Pastor: Sean Cooper

Assoc. Pastor: Cole Maxwell

BREEZE Editor: Sonya Austin, Church Secretary

Sunday Schedule: Sunday School 9am

Sunday Worship 10:15am

Facebook Livestream 10:15 am



BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Tues. May 3rd @ 7pm
Christian Ed: Tues. May 10th @ 6pm
Trustees: Tues. May 10th @ 7pm
GBW Board: Tues. May 24th @ 6:30pm

MAY GREETERS:

Parking Lot Entrance: Jeanne Sisson
Carport Entrance: Elsie Harris

MAY WELCOME CENTER

Pastor Cole Maxwell

MAY FOOD COMMITTEE

Karen Troutman- Chr.
Jeanne Sisson
(Volunteers needed)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Christy Thompson

NURSERY SCHEDULE

The Nursery IS open. Please see **Sheila McCloskey** if you would like to be on the schedule to help.

LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY



Lighthouse Ministry is visiting again.

If you know someone in need of a visit, please contact the church office @ 574.699.6243

MUFFIN MINISTRY

May 1st: Carol Greenburg
May 8th: June Cotterman
May 15th: Elise Maxwell
May 22nd: Christy Thompson
May 29th: Sonya Austin



**5TH SUNDAY MAY
29TH**

(Restock the Mission)

**A flyer will be posted in the
foyer with items needed.**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Secretary's Report

March 6	\$6,430.72
March 13	\$7,169.69
March 20	\$5,302.00
March 27	\$4,055.00
TOTAL	<u>\$22,957.41</u>

Treasurer's Report

March	
Disbursements	<u>\$26,089.31</u>

MAY NEWS

THE BAPTIST BREEZE is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: www.galvestonfbc.org

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online.

WORSHIP TEAM:

Thursdays @ 6pm

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Thursdays @ 7pm

LIGHTHOUSE PRAYER MINISTRY:

Contact

Marj McCoy 574-336-1476

Judy Stroud 574-699-6831

LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 9:30am

See Jean Roberts for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Shirley Finney

Shirley.finney@comcast.net

574-699-6394

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

Phone: 574-699-6243

Email: secretary@galvestonfbc.org

Deadline for the June **Baptist Breeze** is **Monday, May 23rd**.

If you have news, you would like to put in our newsletter, please contact the church office.

"REMIND"

Anyone wishing to get text updates and information from the church on your cell phones, please contact the church office. 574-699-6243

GBW

-Submitted by Karen Troutman, GBW President

SAVE THE DATE!

The ladies of Galveston Baptist Church are planning a day trip to Fishers, IN. We plan to take the busses there for a fun fellowship day filled with laughter and encouragement.

We are open to suggestions but the top shops we are considering visiting are: Clothes Mentor (gently used designer handbags, clothing, shoes & accessories), Simply Chic (a modern casual and business-casual resale shop with a focus on style, fashion and savings), and Consigned by Design (a locally owned consignment business specializing in fine furniture and home décor), and then lunch! More details will be coming later! Save the date for a morning shopping and lunch adventure with the ladies of Galveston First Baptist Church!

TREAT YOURSELF!

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8

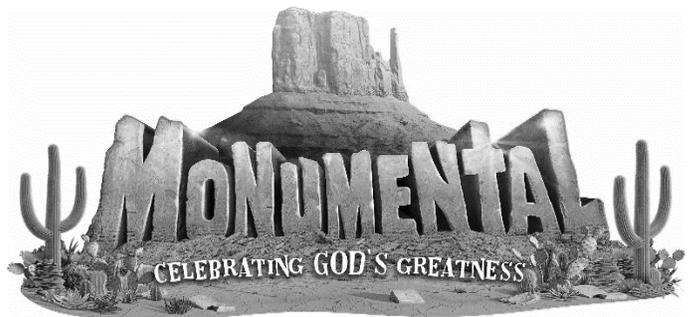
May 16th get a carload together and meet the Galveston Baptist Women at J. Edwards Gourmet Fine Chocolates and Gourmet Cakes @ 4pm. They are located at 2106 W. Sycamore St., Kokomo, IN 46901.

Part two of our fun mid-May event is dinner at Martino's! (6pm) So if you are unable to make it to the "sweet" part of the evening, please join us at Martino's. Come experience authentic old-world Italian cuisine blended with a family atmosphere at Martino's Italian Villa. They serve a variety of pizzas, lasagna,

stromboli's, steaks and other classic cuisines. They are located at 1929 N. Washington St., Kokomo, IN 46901. We will have a menu at the Welcome Center so you can plan what you would like to order when you arrive. No pre-ordering is necessary. Please RSVP to Karen Troutman (karen.troutman@yahoo.com) so we can let both establishments know how many to expect.

MOB

The MOB, (Men of Breakfast) meet on the 4th Saturday of the month. **The May breakfast will be on May 21st due to the Memorial Day weekend.** God is blessing our church through this ministry adding several men from our community at this meeting. If you know of a gentleman who would like to participate in this outreach, please invite him to join the MOB. See Deacon Joe Johnson for more information.



VBS is coming up! (YEA!!!) The Christian Education Team needs **supplies and several volunteers** to help make this a "MONUMENTAL" experience for the young people in our community. Please sign up in the foyer or see Kayla Yeakley.

What Should a Christian Mother Be Like According to the Bible?

– Compelling Truth

The first mother mentioned in the Bible is, of course, Eve. Genesis 3:20 says, "The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living." "Eve" means life or living; "mother" is the Hebrew 'em. In the Old Testament, 'em is translated "mother" 218 times. But it also carries with it the hint of "point of departure or division" (see parting in Ezekiel 21:21). It represents a nurturing source from whence those of similar character disseminate. In English, this is seen in such terms as "motherland," "mother-ship," and even "mother board."

In the biblical worldview, the mission of parents is to raise children to follow God. To that end, God designed the family as the primary unit by which children are cared for, loved, trained, and empowered. This requires both kindness and discipline. Being a Christian mother encompasses a great degree of tension. She must be kind but still uphold biblical expectations, and she must know when to let go of the children she nurtured.

As most Christian mothers can attest, it is difficult to balance the natural instinct to protect one's child from harm with the necessity to equip the child for life as an adult. Mothers are reminded to love their children (Titus 2:4)—to feel affection for them, to approve of, like, and to have a kind attitude toward them. At the same time, a mother is to train her children to live godly lives (Psalm 78:5-6) and discover how they, personally, can contribute to God's kingdom (Proverbs 22:6). This is not an easy task.

Jesus expressed a motherly heartbreak in Luke 13:34 when He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" Part of a Christian mother's responsibility in equipping and training her children is to explain and embody the character and holiness of God (Deuteronomy 6:4-7), even if the child rejects everything to do with God. It's comforting to know that Jesus also struggled with rebellious children.

Another serious tension in Christian motherhood is that of being a life-giver as well as a place of departure. Genesis 3:20 describes Eve, the first mother, as the source of life. In Genesis 17:16, God

promised Abraham that his wife Sarah would become the mother, or source, of many nations and kings. But God also told Eve's children to "fill the earth" (Genesis 1:28), which would require them to leave her. And Sarah's children include everyone who follows Christ—certainly a diverse and widespread group. Similarly, mothers need to remember that the purpose of mothering is to develop a strong, independent adult (Genesis 2:24). Even if that adult child resides geographically close, she must allow him the freedom to live as an adult, taking his mother's wisdom into account (Proverbs 31:2) but still making his own decisions—even decisions she doesn't understand or agree with (Mark 3:20-21, 31).

In order to hold the tension of motherhood, God expects Christian mothers to have two specific characteristics. The first is inferred in Proverbs 1:8-9: "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck." In order for a child to trust his mother's wisdom, the mother must actually be wise. Mothers need to follow God and rely on the promises in 2 Peter 1:3, which says, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who

called us to his own glory and excellence." But Christian mothers should also keep in mind Ephesians 6:4: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Discipline and training are greatly undermined when they are given without respect or affection. Add the two together, and you get Ephesians 4:15—speak the truth in love.

The Bible does not reserve motherhood only for women with biological children. Judges 5:7 identifies the prophet and judge Deborah as "a mother in Israel," but she was also a mother to Israel. She provided wisdom (Judges 4:5) and, under God's leading, showed Israel the way they were to go (verse 6). She even tried to encourage her "grown child" to follow God on his own, without her constant presence (verses 8-9). Because of Deborah's wisdom and guidance, Israel enjoyed a rare period of peace (Judges 5:31). All women can follow Deborah's example to encourage, nurture, and train those around them to live mature, effective, and God-honoring lives.



Encouragement



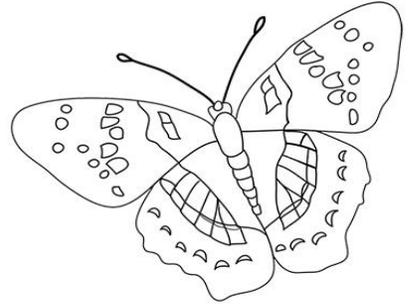
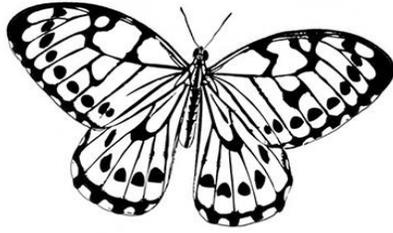
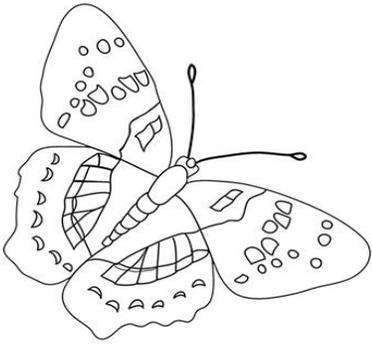
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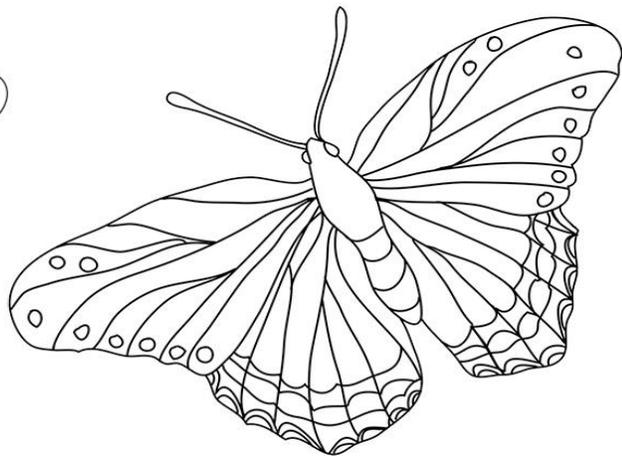
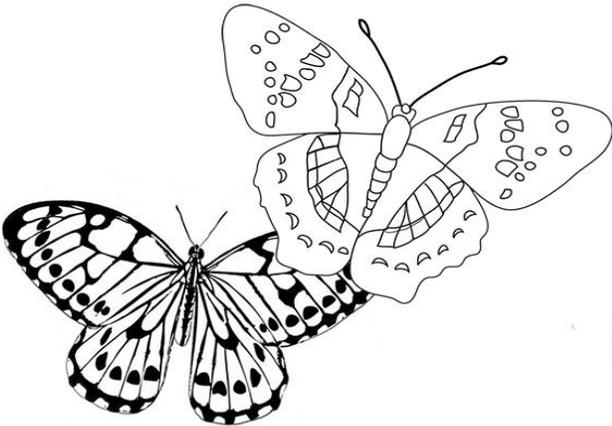
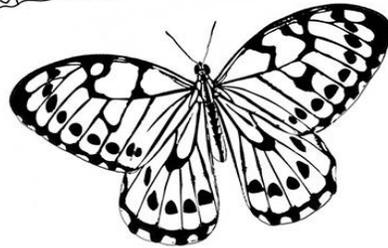
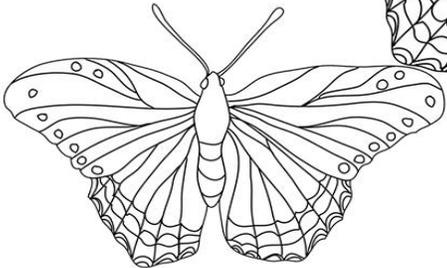
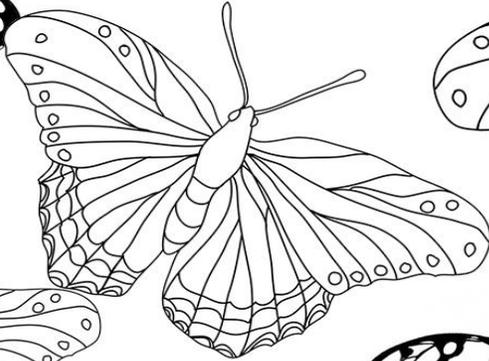
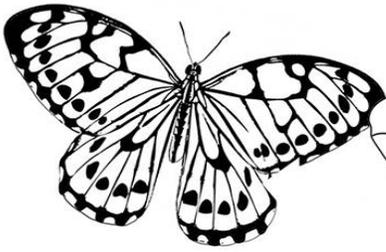
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Mother's Day



Soles to Souls

Recently we purchased new furniture. Then I wanted to do a little more with new pictures, lamps, etc. As I watched the news of all that was going on in Ukraine, all the terrible things, people losing everything, their homes, and their families, it makes you feel sick and guilty thinking about what you're going out to buy. The people in Ukraine and other parts of the world are worrying about when they might have their next meal, or if they will have a safe place to lay their heads. Can I escape the bombing and make it out of my country to a safe place?

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to help others in their time of need. "Blessed be the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV)

Samaritan's Purse is caring for hurting people in more than 100 countries worldwide, sharing the love of Jesus who humbled Himself, suffered, and died on the cross. He took our sin upon Himself so that we can spend eternity with Him, then was raised to life again.

This is the Good News our teams are bringing to the people we reach both in the U.S. and around the globe. As we help the suffering and meet urgent needs, we have great joy of sharing about the eternal love of God.

Healing Heart Wounds

Samaritans Purse is at work in Albania, caring for evacuees who were suddenly forced to flee Afghanistan and leave their lives behind.

In just one day everything Amina had worked for her whole life was erased by the Taliban. They took everything, they destroyed her shop and closed the factory because she was employing women. Amina at 16 started her journey as an entrepreneur. She became a clothing designer, owning and operating her business and employing hundreds of women. This put her in the cross hairs with the Taliban. In August 2021, when the Islamic fundamentalist group seized Afghanistan, it targeted female entrepreneurs like Amine. "They have this idea that if you're a

woman who can't go outside, you can't work," Amina said. "You need to be at home to cook and give birth to children." As a result, many women and their families were forced to flee the country. Moving from house to house hearing the Taliban knock on my neighbor's doors, thinking they were going to kill me." Amina left Afghanistan leaving behind her loved ones and her business, trying to divert attention from her loved ones.

Evacuated to Albania, Samaritan's Purse is there aiding displaced families who have sought refuge along the coastland.

Our (DART) Disaster Assistance Response Team is operating a medical clinic, distributing critical relief supplies reminding families that they are not alone or forgotten.

Samaritans Purse is facilitating a trauma healing course designed to promote healing conversation, help evacuees process what they have endured and help the begin to heal mentally and emotionally.

Amina is serving as a translator so her neighbors can receive support. "In Afghanistan there is an idea that if you talk about the mental problem or heart wound, everyone thinks that you are crazy," she shared. Our course offers a safe space for evacuees to share honestly about what they have experienced and received biblically based healing for their trauma. More than 200 Afghans have participated and feel hopeful as they heal.

A Pain Can Be Healed

Another lady, Miriam, also had to flee Afghanistan. She left behind everything she knew and loved... her family and career (writer and artist). Miriam fled to Kabul airport where they stood for 24 hours awaiting a safe escape. She arrived in Albania struggling to find a purpose, with a sense of hopelessness and uselessness until Samaritan's Purse asked her to help translate for our trauma care course. This gave her a sense of purpose and value. "They have fixed the training to fit an Afghan setting," said Becky, A DART member.

This is a great venture for Samaritan's Purse to help people progress through trauma. God is opening

doors for our team to share His promise to be with us even in the darkest times.

Psalm 23:4 ESV "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Please pray for Amina, Miriam, and other Afghan families as they are displaced and searching for a new life. We want to help meet their physical needs while they seek refuge in Albania and prepare them for their new lives ahead ---- armed with tools to aid in their emotional and mental healing as well.

Bringing Care and The Hope of Christ to Ukraine

Samaritan's Purse is working to care for victims of the fighting that has devastated Ukraine and left cities under siege.

An emergency field hospital is operating in a parking garage and an outpatient clinic they set up in a train station where refugees are arriving.

Samaritan's Purse has around 100 doctors, nurses and other medical personnel serving at the hospital and three clinics. Hospitals include bunkers shielded by sandbags for staff to take shelter. I admire their courage and they appreciate all your prayers for their safety and ministry.

Seven years ago, I was in Kyiv to lead an evangelistic festival. 39,000 Ukrainian people gathered in the city soccer stadium to hear the Gospel. Now it is being used as a transfer point for refugees. I pray to return one day again to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

People are arriving at the train station, mostly women and children, packed in cars often days without food or water. Many have seen their homes destroyed and left behind men of the family. Everyone is so grateful Samaritan's Purse is here. One stated, "I didn't know what to do. God sent you to us in that moment." They get emotional when we pray. They have to stay strong to get out of the conflict zone. When stopping with us to connect to the Lord, it pierces their hearts.

The medicine is good, but it is the prayers that gives them strength to continue.

As I write all of this, we are expanding our medical work and moving staff and equipment further east to provide care closer to the conflict zone. We are also working with Ukrainian Christians to truck food into the port city of Odessa, which has been under attack. A neighboring team in Moldova has been working with local church partners to distribute tons of food along with clothing, hygiene kits and other basic necessities.

Please join us in praying for the people of Ukraine as they suffer unimaginable horror. We know that the only path to true peace comes from repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the message our they bring with them as they physical relieve. As Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you that in me you may have peace, In the world you will have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

On behalf of the people of Ukraine, thank you for your prayers and support.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

Submitted by

Marcia Shaw

GBW Missions Coordinator

