

# The Baptist Breeze

First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN



*May 2025*



'The LORD bless you, and keep you.  
The LORD make his face to shine on you,  
And be gracious to you.  
The LORD lift up his face toward you,  
And give you peace.'

Numbers 6:24-26 (NHEB)

[www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)



### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Deacons: May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Christian Ed: May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Trustees: May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

GBW Board: May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

### **MAY GREETERS**

Parking Lot: Russell Stier

Carport: Ila Robertson

### **MAY WELCOME CENTER**

Russell Stier

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

May 4 - June Cotterman/Karan Faust  
Brent Anderson/ Jeanne Miller  
May 11 - Brooke Miller/Aaron Miller  
Audrey Leicht/Patty Ingram  
May 18 - Rita Long/Amanda Walker  
Brenda Parker/Jeff Parker  
May 25 - Liberty Harp/Alachia Sturgess  
Denise Morgan/Anita Keeney

### **MUFFIN MINISTRY**

May 4 - Karen Troutman  
May 11 - Jeanne Miller  
May 18 -  
May 25 -

### **DOOR USHERS**

May 4 - Dennis Long  
May 11 - Neal Rouch  
May 18 - Rodney Thompson  
May 25 - Brian Riley

### **DEACONS ON CALL**

May 4 - Dan Miller  
May 11 - John Troutman  
May 18 - David Austin  
May 25 - Jeff Parker

**The BAPTIST BREEZE** is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: [www.galvestonfbc.org](http://www.galvestonfbc.org)

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online. Click on the "What's Happening" link.

### **LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY**

The Ladies' Praise the Lord Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am. For more information, please see Jean Roberts.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Contact Shirley Finney

[Shirley.finney@comcast.net](mailto:Shirley.finney@comcast.net)

574-699-6394

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

Phone: 574-699-6243

Email: [secretary@galvestonfbc.org](mailto:secretary@galvestonfbc.org)

**Deadline** for the **June Baptist Breeze** is **Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**The Baptist Breeze will be printed and put in the foyer on the Sunday prior to the first of each month.**

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

### **"TEXT GO GIVE"**

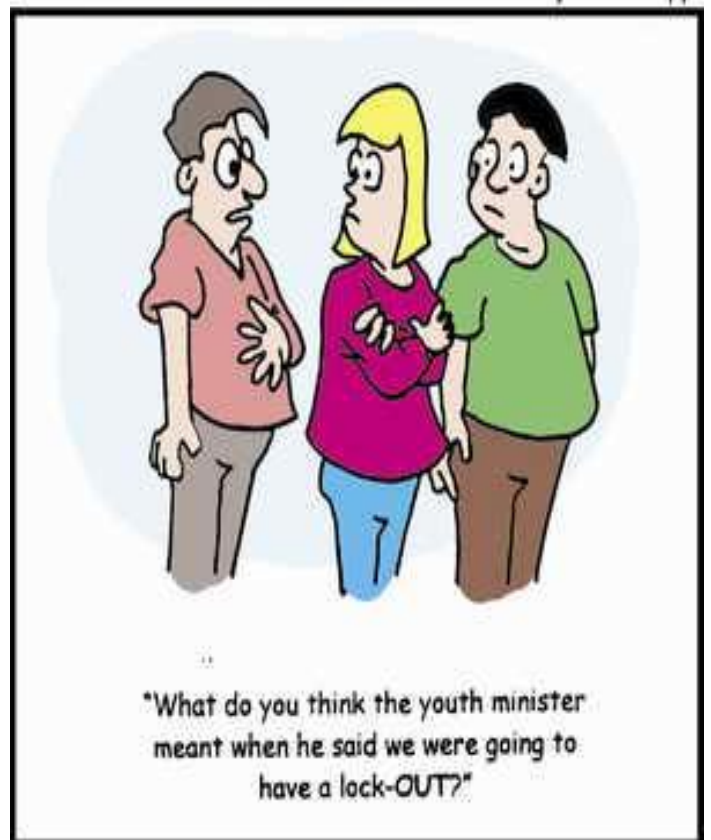
You may now give your tithes & offerings via text message. Text "GIVE" to 765.302.4564 and follow the prompts.

### **LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY**

If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit from one of our Lighthouse Visitation Ministry members, please contact the church office M-F 9a-2p. 574.699.6243



### **CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



## Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Widows Group will be meeting on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Bob Evans @ 11:30am. Dessert and fellowship will follow at the home of Jeanne Sisson. Please let Jeanne know if you plan on attending.

## MOB

MOB (Men of Breakfast) is a monthly event sponsored by the GFBC Board of Deacons. This is a free breakfast located in the upper fellowship hall. A speaker will follow along with fellowship. **MOB WILL BE MEETING MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> @ 8AM.**

## *GBW*

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon. This will take place in the Upper Fellowship Hall at noon. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Mark your calendars for May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a painting class from 6-8pm in the upper fellowship hall. The cost will be \$5 per person.

## STUFF THE TRUCK



GFBC will be hosting STUFF THE TRUCK to gather gently used clothing and household items for the Care & Share store, a substudy of the Kokomo Rescue Mission.

**From 10am-5pm on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 8am until church begins on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>,** you are invited to bring your clean and working items to the north parking lot of the church where a truck from the Kokomo Rescue Mission will be located. Our mission will be to load as many items on this truck as possible! The following Monday, these items will be taken back to the store and separated. Families in need will receive vouchers for items they need for FREE. All proceeds sold to the public will go directly to the Kokomo Rescue Mission ministries.

**So HAPPY SPRING CLEANING!  
HELP US STUFF THE TRUCK!**

**\*\*Please make a note of items listed on the flyer that are NOT to be included.**





**WANDERERS** Nursery is available during Sunday Service.

**TREKKERS** church is held during regular Sunday service each week. On the last Sunday of the month, they will be with the congregation.

**SUMMIT** meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. This is for grades 6-12.



Summit Youth will be going on a Youthworks Mission trip next month. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code and follow the instructions.

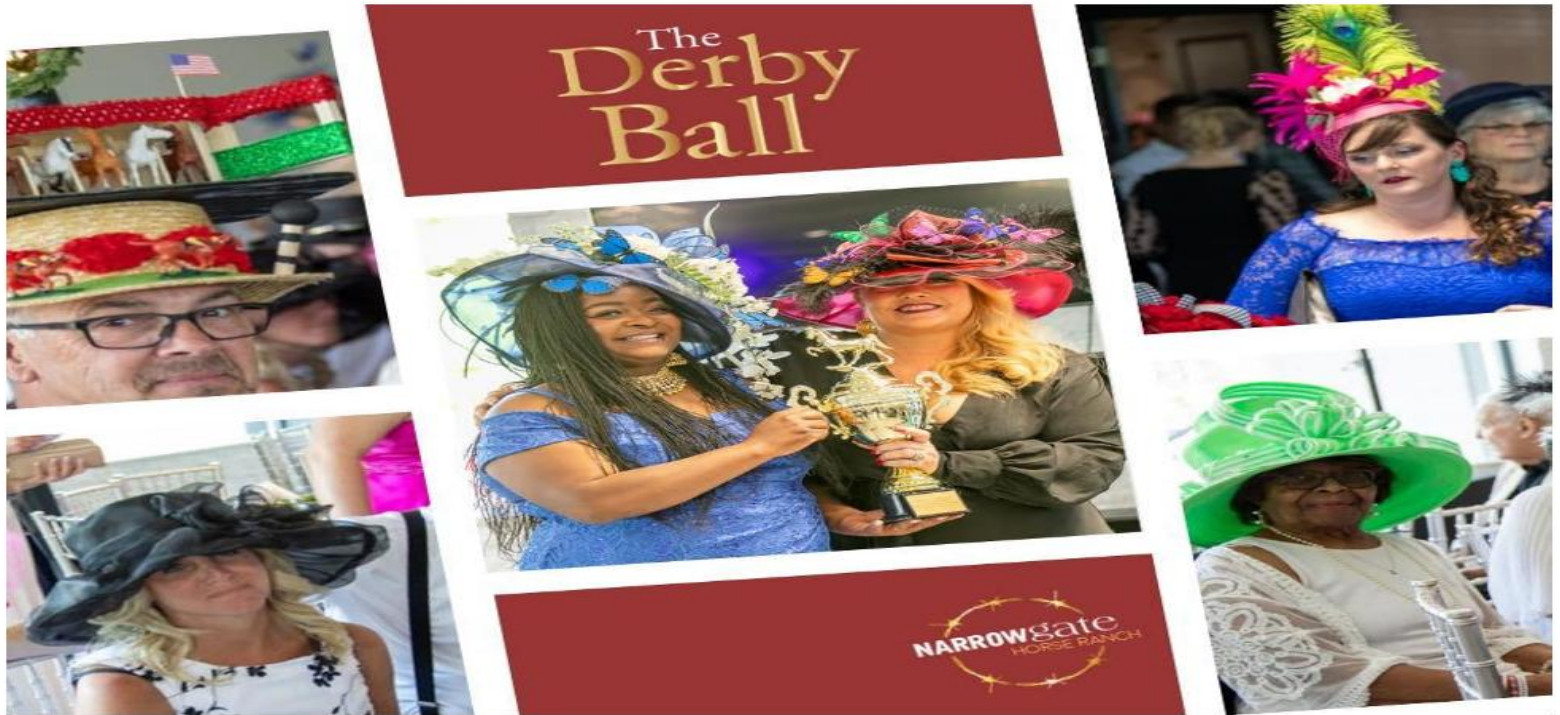
# May 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
				Jason & Key Gibson	Sonya on Vacation	Kathy Nephew Secret Sister Luncheon & Reveal @ Noon
4 Sonya on Vacation Communion Gina Roe	5 Dee Wenk Potter	6 Deacon's Meeting 7p Hope Miller	7 Jill Jones	8 Gordon & Marlene Riley Jameson Miller	9	10 Amanda Walker Brian Riley - UFH 4-6p Phillip Jones
11 Arlen Miller Mother's Day	12	13 Christian Ed Meeting 6p Trustees Meeting 7p	14	15 Gabrielle Anderson	16	17 Marc & Kathy Nephew Rachelle Leicht STUFF THE TRUCK for KRM! 10a-5p
18 Jeanne Wright Longshore Diaper Shower STUFF THE TRUCK for KRM! 8a	19	20	21 Dan & Lisa Miller GBW Painting Night 6-8p	22	23	24 Rob & Heather Hileman
25 Bill & Brenda Johnson Jeff Snider	26 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	27 GBW Meeting 6:30p	28	29	30	31 MOB @ 8a



# *Sales to Souls*



## About

Narrow Gate Horse Ranch invites you to join us for our 4th Annual Derby Ball. Enjoy a night of dining and watching a live stream of the Kentucky Derby. Plan your date night with that special someone. There will be opportunities to vote on the Kentucky Derby horses, enter the BEST HAT CONTEST, bid on silent and live auctions, and greet and meet with other community supporters or old friends, while showing your support to Narrow Gate. It is your support and generosity that will make this night, a night to remember. Join the Narrow Gate Horse Ranch, staff, board, and volunteers at the The Experience located in the Kokomo Country Club at 1801 Country Club Road.

There is, however, a purpose for this event.

The Derby Ball will help us raise money to support the ranch, while allowing the children in our community to learn about leadership, community, and mentoring. Our program serves the at-risk youth of Howard County who struggle with emotional and behavioral problems. The ranch is our teaching grounds, the community our supporters, our volunteers our mentors and teachers, and the horses our mirrors to help the children tell their stories. Our horses partner with us in helping the youth learn necessary skills to improve their lives. We cannot wait to share stories of joy, hope and new beginnings with you as we continue teaching new ways of thinking that can break cycles of poverty and addiction while helping them redirect their lives!

Come to the ball and learn more about this amazing process known as Equine Assisted Learning (EAL). These children are the future of our community, and together we can help equip them to become responsible and productive members of society.

## Shoebox Ministry

We will begin collecting items starting in May for the shoeboxes.

For May we will collect; toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, small toys, and  
extra batteries.

Also, this year, we will have a few boxes set aside for those of you interested  
in filling your own box. We will have you sign for them so that we are sure  
to get them all back to ship.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations." Matthew 28:19





# News From Jenny Lee



Hey Everyone!

I feel like 2025 is flying by! How is it already April?

I am now 2 months post-op for my wrist. It is tight and doesn't bend very far forward or backward, but I can use that hand for many more things now. My fingers move much better and have more control and there is now minimal pain in general. Thank you for all your prayers in helping to get me this far in my recovery!



I had the huge blessing of receiving the Mitchem family! I have known BJ and Bobby since the early days in West Virginia about 23 years ago! Their girls have been anxious to come for many years and it finally was possible! They stayed a few days here at my house. We did all the tourist things, worshipped with my church family, and did some community service. Then we spent our last few days at the beach and watched the dolphins putting on a show!



Over the years, many of you have heard me talk about Bunny. She is an interesting woman from North Carolina who spent much of her youth and adult life involved in drugs and has lived the last 20 years in Costa Rica. About 9 years ago, our paths crossed and she asked me to do Bible study with her. Since then, we have shared time together. Sometimes we study the word, sometimes we talk about life. But through all of it, I have been discipling her. Though she was baptized as a youth, she recently received a baptism of reconciliation and recommitment. It is amazing to see God's continued work in her and was a blessing to celebrate this step in her spiritual life!

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for me! Please keep praying for complete healing and patience in the process.

# 10 Bad Behaviors Christians Want to Justify

*Michelle S. Lazurek*

The church is supposed to be the bride of Christ. However, there are certain behaviors the church glosses over that are contrary to the Word of God. These behaviors are sins we consider smaller or less significant than others. Yet, all sin separates us from God. What are some areas Christians can improve on and stop justifying? Here are ten of those behaviors:

## 1. Gossip

"I think we need to pray for him, he is really struggling." Church is the perfect place for prayer, but it should not be a breeding ground for gossip and slandering others within the congregation, thinly veiled behind a prayer request. Prayer meetings are great but should be used to pray for personal prayer requests pertinent to the person sharing, not an opportunity to air out others' dirty laundry.

## 2. Apathy

In today's world, where people don't want to be judged for their actions, it is becoming more and more difficult for Christians to be the voice in society's lives. This has caused the church to become apathetic against the sins that are so quickly pervading our world. Jesus' righteous anger burned in him when he saw the temple being used as a place for the gathering of wealth rather than the seeking of God. "My house will be a

house of prayer," he said, as he turned over the tables in the temple. We are quickly allowing boundaries to be crossed when it comes to what we will allow and what we will speak out against. We need to speak out on those issues that rob God of the glory He deserves.

## 3. Busyness

In this on-the-go world, we show off our busyness as if our personal significance depends on it. How can we have eyes to see and ears to hear what God has for us, if we can't slow down long enough to seek and find him? Are you so busy that you don't have time for church, time for quiet reading and prayer in the Word each day, time for ministry or service? Those are all huge red flags that you need to slow down and carve time out for what will truly bring significance - a life given over to Christ.

## 4. Lack of Consistent Church Attendance

In times past, Sunday was reserved for the Sabbath. This meant people went to church and spent the rest of the day with their families. In today's world, however, that rarely happens. People often attend church when they don't have another activity vying for their time, or on the way to something else. This sends a message to our children that church is something that can be done only if/when the mood strikes us.

This also robs us of the intimate connection with God we want for our lives. No matter what activity we fill our Sundays with it will never fill the

hole in our hearts for intimacy and connection.

## **5. Unforgiveness**

Often, church sermons focus on behaviors—a litany of do’s and don’ts when it comes to a disciple’s spiritual life. When someone hurts us (especially within the church body) we stuff our feelings, failing to deal with it quickly and effectively. This causes bitterness and resentment to take root, separating us from God. Christians carry this unforgiveness around for months (and in some cases, years) without reconciling with the offender.

Matthew 18:15-17 states, “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”

Churches have to have a format on how to deal with conflict and hurt effectively. If churches can figure out healthy ways to help congregants deal with each other—and others outside the church body in a healthy way, the body of Christ as a whole will be better for it.

## **6. Disregard for the Truth**

So many Christians believe we only need to be kind to one another and forsake our responsibility to speak the

truth in love to each other. Grace is an important part of a Christian’s life.

But not without the balance of truth. Part of being a part of a church fellowship is speaking into each other’s lives for our mutual benefits. Ephesians 4:15 says, “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

We are so afraid of not hurting anyone’s feelings—or worse, not being liked—we miss out on the opportunity to challenge and sharpen each other as Proverbs 27:17 dictates. Although we must earn the right to speak into each other’s lives, once we have earned that right, we shouldn’t be afraid to treat others in the way we would want to be treated, and that includes having someone love us enough to tell us when we are doing wrong.

## **7. Focusing on Behaviors Rather Than the Heart**

“Read your bible more and pray,” is often the platitude we give our friends at church when things are not going their way. While bible reading and prayer are important, it is not the only way to grow in your faith. What about practicing other disciplines? Daniel fasted. Elijah, during a time of silence, was quiet enough to hear the still, small voice of God.

When we reduce the requirements to commune with God to reading the Bible and checking it off of our imaginary to-do-list, we reduce our relationship to one of superficiality and works. God wants us, not because we



can do anything for Him, but because He simply wants to be with us. When we meet with Him out of that same desire, we achieve the intimate connection we crave.

## **8. Gluttony**

While Christians might be good at not drinking, there are other ways Christians lack self-control. They may turn away from drinking or smoking, they often go overboard when it comes to church potlucks. We need to exhibit self-control in all we do, and that includes our eating patterns.

Make good choices in all we do, including our eating. Just because we don't have to follow the laws of the Old Testament doesn't mean we should be able to gorge ourselves on foods that do not benefit us nutritionally. We eat to give our bodies energy so we can serve the Lord, not to abuse it. We must honor God with our bodies, physically, emotionally and mentally.

## **9. Abuse**

Ephesians 5:22 says, "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands." While it is important for wives to submit in times of conflict, husbands sometimes use submission to get their way when it comes to a disagreement. This can result in mental and emotional abuse because a man thinks he can do what he wants when he wants without

suffering any consequences or repercussions of their actions.

The church often glosses over these abuses instead of dealing with them directly. All churches should have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. Although mental and emotional abuse is more difficult to detect, the symptoms of these abuses are detectable if someone knows a victim well enough. Depression, unexplained marks or bruises, a feeling of hopelessness, etc. are signs someone's mental state is unstable. Pastors and other leaders need to have a plan or process in place to help victims heal from various abuses. Victims need to surround themselves in a safe environment with those that can help propel them forward in their healing process.

## **10. Silence**

Christians are sometimes silent when it comes to speaking out about the cultural issues and sins pervading our world. Passively posting on social media about issues does nothing to help promote the gospel. Christians can use their voices to make positive changes in the world. Instead of trolling on social media feeds and creating memes, they can call their government officials and advocate for their point of view. Start by talking to your friends over coffee about the world, but don't stop there. Start a ministry in your church to fix issues. For example, if people are incensed over the new abortion laws, volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center or give to a center that educates women on other alternatives other than abortion.

The church, while not perfect, is supposed to be a reflection of the type of relationship Christ wants with His church. The church, however, is messy. We need to figure out the balance between honoring the Word of God in all things and being a welcoming place for His people who mess up. Ultimately, there is no sin that Christ's blood cannot cover. While there are behaviors the church tends to gloss over, we need to be brothers and sisters to each other and urge us to strive toward the righteousness God wants for our lives.



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SUMMIT  
YOUTH GROUP

# MISSION TRIP

## *Fundraiser*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST • 11:00A - 1:00P**

**SERVANTS STATION  
209 S. CALIFORNIA ST. GALVESTON, IN**



**\$15 - PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN HALF  
WITH PIT-TATOES**

**\$10 - PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN HALF**

**\$5 - PIT-TATOES**



**PLEASE SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE E-TICKETS  
PRE-SALE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT GALVESTON FBC**

**The Summit Youth Group will be sponsoring  
Nelson's Catering & Fundraising @ The Servant's  
Station on Sunday, June 1 from 11a-1p.**

**Tickets can be pre-ordered by scanning the code  
above, or see any member of the Youth Group.**



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**Sunday Schedule:** Sunday School – 9am  
Sunday Worship – 10:15am  
Trekks Church – During Sermon  
Facebook Livestream – 10:15am  
Summit Youth Group – 5-7:30pm

**Deacons:**

Jeff Parker – Chair	Jim Horoho
David Austin – Vice Chair	John Troutman
Aaron Miller – Secretary	Dan Miller

