

# *A Glance at First*



## **A Word from Your Pastor**

Josh Chambers- Senior Pastor

Thank you for reading this brief newsletter! We're excited about what God continues to do in and through His church here at First!

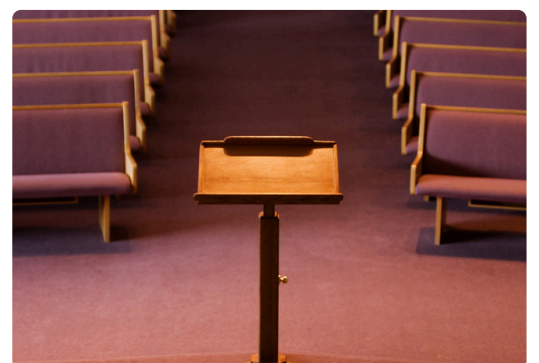
Please read through the newsletter to see upcoming events and updates. I ask that you join me in praying for the Lord to continue to build His church here in Monroe City.

Please be in prayer for our "Serve the City" outreach taking place this month that "gospel-bridges" would be built and people will hear the gospel and respond in faith!

## **Members' Meeting**

APRIL 16 | 6:30 PM

If you're a member of FBC, please make plans to attend the quarterly Members' meeting on this day. An agenda will be available in the sanctuary on April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything you'd like to discuss, please notify the pastor. We hope to see you there!





Church family, we are excited to launch Serve the City this April! Our desire is to reach Monroe City with the love of Christ through tangible acts of service—meeting needs, building relationships, and sharing the hope of the gospel through action.

Starting the week of **April 7th**, we'll be serving in various ways, including:

- Partnering with the Monroe City Nutrition Center for service projects
- Providing lunch for our teachers as a way to encourage them
- Showing appreciation to our first responders
- And More!

If you are available to help serve the school on April 7<sup>th</sup>, please let us know (if you haven't already). We'll have work projects on April 12. We ask that everyone interested in serving on that day to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to get your assignments and to go out and serve.



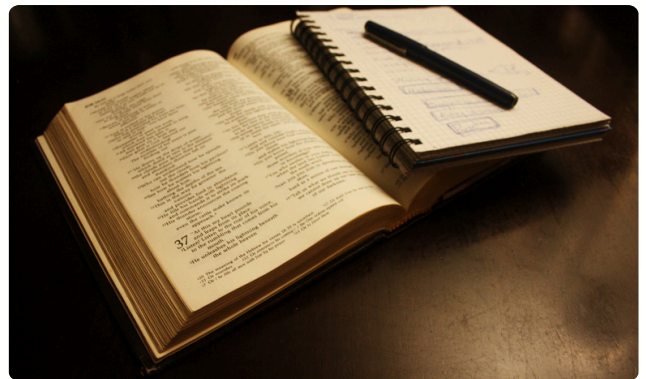
### Meeting

APRIL 28 | 6:00 PM

**Place:** Mary Johnson's Home

**Hostess:** Mary Johnson

**Program:** Marilyn Coupland



### Wednesday Night Bible Study

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 6 PM

Adults, please join us on Wednesday nights at 6 pm as we open God's Word, study, and fellowship together. We're typically finished by 7 pm. We hope you can join us!



## Easter Services

We're excited to gather again this month to celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Below, you'll find a list of our "Holy Week" services. Please make plans to join us!

**April 17:** Maundy Thursday | 6:30 pm

**April 18:** Good Friday | 6:30 pm

**April 20:** Sunrise service | 7:30 am  
(breakfast to follow)

**April 20:** Sunday service | 10:30 am

*We have Easter invite cards available to pass out as we approach "Holy Week." They will be available in the sanctuary April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please grab a few to pass out to family and friends!*

It's time to start collecting for shoeboxes again! This is a wonderful way to share the Gospel and the love of Christ.

We packed 220 boxes last year and have increased our goal to 240 this year. We have put together an Amazon wish list of suggested items that we would like to pack. This will be posted on our Facebook page (Shoebox Ministry - FBC of Monroe City).

You will also find a list of printed needs on the shelf by the office. You may place donations in the red tub by the bulletin board.



*We were able to track the shoeboxes that our church sent last year. They were shipped to the country of Madagascar. Check out the display outside the back of the sanctuary to learn more about that country.*

# Hannibal ‘Options for Women’ Baby Bottle Campaign

You are invited to participate in a Bottle Campaign for The Options for Women Pregnancy Center during the month of May. Options for Women is located at 7A Northwest Plaza in Hannibal, MO.

Baby bottles will be in the church foyer Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please take one per family. Fill the bottle with cash, coins, or check and return to the church Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Make checks payable to Options for Women with a memo ‘Hannibal’. Please give the filled bottle to one of the church staff.

The mission of Options for Women is to confidentially help those facing abortion and parenting decisions in Northeastern Missouri through free clinical, material, educational, emotional, and spiritual support required to make Christ-centered lifestyle choices.

To learn more about Options for Women, go to [supportlife573.com](http://supportlife573.com) or call (573)- 213-5119. You may also contact Anita Groner at (573)- 231-6754.



# April Birthdays

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR MEMBERS!

- April 4- Sylvie Speaks
- April 6- Tera Coleman
- April 13- Amanda Shuck
- April 16- Baylee Powell
- April 17- Tracy Shively
- April 17- Doris Vollrath
- April 17- Allen Mehrer
- April 18- Courtney Chambers
- April 19- Joe McNeil
- April 29- Jeremy Beaver



## BBA Women's Missionary Union Banquet- April 15

Keynote Speaker: Jeanne Todd

Missionary Speakers: Karen Pope and Nicole Moore

Cost: \$15

*All ladies (15 and older) are encouraged to attend*

*Please make reservations by April 7*

*Contact Connie Craig (573)- 221-8490, (573)-231-6400 or  
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## FBC Prayer Chain

**HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?**

Contact [fbcmcprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmcprayerchain@gmail.com) or  
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