

the **Vine**

May 2024



The Church in the Heart of Town, with the Town at Heart.



GRADUATION
RECOGNITION

May 5th

We will celebrate our two graduates with a breakfast in the Life Center beginning at 8:00. Church will provide sausage & biscuits and everyone is asked to bring their favorite morning treat to share. We will also have a time of recognition during the service.

This year our graduates are:

Will Baker and Ethan Templeton

There will be several opportunities during the summer to stay connected and feed your spirit. These fellowship opportunities



The ladies coffee will start back this month at Carriage House. Ladies can drop in anytime between 7-9 on Wednesday May 8th and 22nd.

The Young Adults will gather on May 29th at Andy & LeAnne Shelton's home to try out their new patio! Fun starts at 6:00 and bring the kiddos!

On May 15th pop in between 6:00-8:00 for Hump Day Happy Hour at Simon's.

The Men's breakfast will continue on Thursday's at Backwoods from 5:30-7:30.

**HUMP
DAY**
Happy Hour

Happy Birthday to:

4-Lindsey Denton
6-Steve Robinson
7-Lane Mitchell
 Jake Hall
8- Rodney Wilson
14-Savana Denton
 Theresa Hammons
16- Jenna Hall Fesmire
 Barrett Stevens
18-Mayli Savahl
20-Vicki Mitchell
23- Chip Cary
27- Chipper Cary
 Rhonda Watson
30-June Bryant

Happy Anniversary to:

10-Austin & Emma Scott
20-Dylan & Whitney Jones
27- Danny & Debbie
 DeBerry

Thoughts from *Bro. Mark*



May has arrived and as usual it is a month filled with a myriad of holidays, special occasions, and life-changing events. Among holidays, we find Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Memorial Day, the unofficial beginning of Summer. As far as the Church calendar goes, May offers up Ascension Day (May 9), Pentecost (May 19), Whit Monday (May 20) and Trinity Sunday (May 26). As for those life-changing events, May is the month when another school year ends meaning many students will be facing transitions from lower to higher grades, one school to another, and for a select few the first step into adulthood as they graduate high school. For those graduating from higher education, it is a step into a career.

Here at the church, we will celebrate our 2024 graduates on the first Sunday with a special breakfast, followed by a brief recognition during the service. The next Sunday we will celebrate our mothers. The third Sunday is Pentecost when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and perhaps the birth of the Church. Finally, the fourth Sunday is a celebration of the Holy Trinity. May is a month filled with many special occasions to celebrate.

It is also important to note that May is the last month before many of us will take a much-needed Summer vacation. This means many will be heading out of town for a week of two to get away from work and the normal flow life in general. This will also take many of us away from church a couple of times during Summer. It is also noted that Summertime is often a slower time around the church as we have suspended much of our normal schedule. However, just because the church is not doing as many events which involve participation, this does not mean we have stopped being about our Father's business. Therefore, as you make your plans to travel and leave this community, please remember that the church is still in need of your support, both spiritual and financial.

Your physical support is also important when you are here at home. We do have some events planned for this

Loving ^{IN} Memory

Memorials have been given to the **Whitenton Scholarship** in:

†Memory of Scott Turner

By Glynn Bridgewater
By John & Janet Willis
By Frank & Christy Wilhite
By Roger & Katy Whiteside
By Margaret Gurnewald, Jim and Welch Livingston



T-shirts are still on sale. Order forms are available in the Hospitality room. Please include payment with your form. May is the last month to order shirts.



8:30 Choir

8:45 Coffee in Library

Come join us on Sunday mornings!!

Summer, including a few fellowship events and, for the first time in a while, a Vacation Bible School. This is planned for late June and will be a three-evening event. As most of our children are pre-school age, it will be especially geared toward them. However, as this is the case, we are also planning some special things for the parents. We will also need help so do not be surprised if Macie or Dawn contact you for physical assistance.

As April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, our Communion Offering for May will go toward this important focus. This is not only important as it is a national focus, but also because of on-going partnership with The Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. This is not to mention the fact that child abuse is one of the great evils of this world and not only should, but must be fought on every level. In Matthew 18:6, Jesus tells his Disciples, "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." I cannot help but believe this applies to those who abuse children because not only does it cause great harm in the moment, but it often starts them on a path of either self-destruction or one which leads them to repeat this learned behavior. So let us do what we can and support this very worthy effort.

Blessings,
Bro. Mark



Carson William Wilhite arrived on March 30th weighing 6lb. 9oz. and 19 inches long

Carson is welcomed home by his parents, Will & Tiffany Wilhite and Big brother Brady.



New address for Mary Frances Eastham SomerOak Rm. 107 10790 Highway 64 Somerville, TN 38068

HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH:

- 8th-7:00-9:00 Coffee at Carriage House
- 14th-6:30 Methodist Men
- 15th-6:00 Hump Day at Simon's
- 22nd-7:00-9:00 Coffee at Carriage House
- 26th-12:00 Methodist Women
- 29th-6:00 Young Adults meet @ the Shelton's home



Thursday mornings
5:30-7:30 @ Backwoods

The church offices will be closed
May 27 for Memorial day

Volunteer for us



Coming up in June we are having Bible School for the Pre-K children. At this time we need to recruit some volunteers to help in

feeding the kids, preparing snacks, keeping the nursery for the infants, assisting with lessons and preparing for the lessons each day.

If you can help in any of those areas, please contact the church office.

This month's
Communion offering
Benefits



Information for the
June issue of
"The Vine" needs to be
turned into the
church office no later than:
May 20th

Keeping Us Connected

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Worship

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30-10:30

Sunday School: 10:45-11:45



Friends of Bolivar 1st

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Finance Chair: Jerry Wilhite

Treasurer: Lindsey Denton

Trustees Chair: Mark Gooch

Administrative Council Chair: Michelle Gooch