



# The Good Word



Exalting the Savior • Equipping the Saints • Evangelizing the Sinner

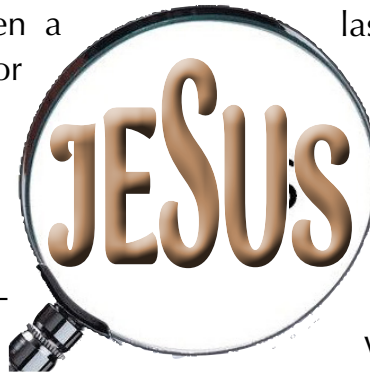
March - April - May 2026

## Keep your focus on Jesus

The Spring quarter is upon us. It seems like the time is flying by. I guess the old saying rings true, "time flies when you are having fun." We have definitely been having fun here at Hermitage First Baptist. The past year has been a whirlwind of activity and ministry for us.

Our Matthew 19:14 building project is practically complete. The new building is an 11,000 sq. ft. addition to our facility. It houses an indoor children's playground with a rock climbing wall and a basketball goal; a full court gymnasium that will accommodate basketball, volleyball, pickle ball and virtually any other activity that is facilitated indoors. Additionally, there is a large kitchen and a stage area for plays, productions and worship services. I almost forgot to mention the upper level that accommodates additional classroom space for our KidsR.O.C.K. ministry.

The new addition to our facility is cause for praising our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. First, because we now have much more space needed to facilitate our KidsR.O.C.K. and IMPACT Youth ministries. Second, we completed this building project in a short seven months. Third, we will not have any significant debt for the new building.



Praise God from who all blessings flow!

Now let me remind us to beware of losing our focus. The truth is we have invested tremendous amounts of focus on the new building over the last several months, and rightly so. Now it is time to utilize the new facility for its intended purpose of connecting and reaching young people for Christ. Hebrews 12:1-2 is a helpful verse that encourages us to set our focus in the right place. The biblical author wrote, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Our focus should be on Jesus and the opportunities that we have to share the good news about salvation through Him. We have great opportunities ahead of us this quarter! Let's get focused together on Jesus and His command to make disciples.

In Christ,  
Pastor Michael

# MATTHEW 19:14 AT HFBC



The Matthew 19:14 Building Project of HFBC's Children's Center & Gymnasium is nearly complete.. It officially began Sunday, Aug. 18, with ground-breaking at the site northwest of the current church.

Nov. 2024 ..... excavation began & rough in plumbing

Jan 2025 ..... concrete

March..... slab poured

June week 1.... 1st group Volunteer Builders arrived for framing

June week 4.... 2nd group Volunteer Builders arrived

July..... 3rd group Volunteer Builders arrived

Oct..... flooring installed

Dec./Jan. 2026.. indoor playground equipment arrived/installed, basketball goals up

A walkway joining the existing Education Building

with the new gym is in progress at this writing. Only a few details remain such as signage, WiFi installation, more thermostats, etc. which are all in progress.

The church's Hospitality Ladies hosted a milk and cookie bar kitchen shower February 1 just before evening worship. Leading up to shower, they offered an Amazon's gift registry for people to purchase select items to stock the new kitchen in the brand new gymnasium. Everyone was invited to fill the shelves with much-needed kitchen items. The shower was also a way to join together to celebrate, give and enjoy the sweetness together. HFBC Children and Youth were invited to join the activities and were offered the chance to open all the Amazon gifts for their brand new building. Young ones helping to unwrap gifts were Addisyn Hunt, Kyliee Lutz and Hunter, Lily and Dakota Holiday.

# Dedication Day



## Matthew 19:14 Building Dedication Day Sunday, May 3, 10:45 a.m.

After a short 7 months, our new Matthew 19:14 Children's Center and Gymnasium are complete with no little debt. A trial run use of the building was held for the church's February quarterly business meeting and we look forward to using the facilities during our annual youth conference March 6-8.

Dedication festivities on May 3 will begin in the gymnasium with worship at 10:45 a.m. (no Sunday School), followed by a potluck fellowship meal (if possible bring extra for visitors) at noon also in gym. Guided tours of the facilities will be given after the meal, and we welcome visiting and view-

ing until 3:00 p.m. No evening service will be held that day.

Mr. Larry Pickering, who generously donated major funds in memory of his family's connection to HFBC, plans to attend. All are welcome, so invite your friends and make plans to attend! This is an awesome addition to Hermitage First Baptist, and we look forward to using the new buildings to further God's kingdom work!

Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.*" ~ Matthew 19:14

## HFBC Volunteer Builders Annual Mission Trip

### Hello Hermitage First Baptist Church Builders!

We are only 3 months away till we get to pay it forward on the Builders Mission Trip!! How exciting is that??

We as a church should be so EXCITED to serve after seeing what happened at our church building project this past year. We had 3 different teams plus our own, that God sent to help us out—what a blessing, and now it is our turn! We're not sure where we are going, we are looking at a couple of



places, but God does; everything is on His time schedule. More details to come as I find out more, just plan on the 1st week of June to serve God. (We will be serving along side Elm Springs). Be praying!

Thank you for your support and prayers in this wonderful opportunity.

Rodger & Tammy McConville

I Peter 4:10—Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 7a.m., in the church's fellowship hall. Studies are specifically geared to areas or issues challenging to men.

**All men are invited to either group - just show up!**

# GOOD BYE YESTERDAY

Hermitage First Baptist  
Youth Conference  
March 6-7-8, 2026

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17



**FREE DONUTS, COFFEE & JUICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 @ 9 A.M.  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Invite someone to join you for donuts, fellowship & Sunday Study afterwards

### Light Up the Lake Results

For several years, HFBC has participated in the Chamber's winter holiday Light Up the Lake event at Pomme de Terre. The Chamber provided the following numbers of impact:

- 31 Nights with millions of lights
- 4,000 Drive-thru vehicles
- 97 Community-built displays
- 31 Gate host groups
- 31 Different nights of music
- 600 Votes cast
- 1,000+ volunteer hours



**18681 Cedar St.,  
Hermitage**

The Fishes & Loaves free clothes closet has been a rousing success. All the donations are truly appreciated.

This spring quarter, the clothes closet will be open every 3rd Saturday from 9:30-2:00. Donations of gently used spring and summer clothing would be appreciated, and we always need hangers.

**The clothes closet is open to everyone, including church members!**

# שמחה JOY Seekers

Leaders: Morning: Annette Bennett / Lori Breshears  
Evening: Nancy Rose / Jeanne Lindsey  
Events: Shanie Kennedy



The Joy Seekers Ladies began a new Bible Study Feb. 10, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." They have two groups, Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m., and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. See below for the ladies spring kick-off event.

**All ladies are welcome to either group!**

**Women's Spring Event  
"Sing into Spring"**  
Sat., April 18 🎵 9-11 a.m.  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Music • Macramé • Motivation**

—Light Brunch  
—Guest Instructor  
Please reserve your spot in advance by signing up between March 25 - April 4

**All ladies are welcome!**

**LET'S SHOWER THEM  
with love**

**March 1 after a.m. worship**  
*Baby Boy Shower*  
Maddie & Dylan Fellers

**April 19 (date change) after a.m. worship**  
*Wedding Shower*  
Faith Baham & Ethan Edwards

**June 7 after a.m. worship**  
*Wedding Shower*  
Avery Adcock & Davin Sawyer

**Watch for announcement of rescheduled Metscher Baby Shower**

# Welcome!

Here at First Baptist, we believe Sunday Bible Class is an important part of our ministry and a vital aspect of the spiritual growth of our church. We invite and encourage you and your family to attend and participate in "Cross Centered" Bible Classes for all ages Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

## Preschool Bible Class

Preschool I (0-2 yrs.) Room 200C  
Jana Tipton, Nancy Brown

Preschool II (3-4 yrs.) Room 200B  
Jeanne Lindsey, Pam Jenkins

## Children's Bible Class

Children I (5 yrs -2nd) Room 104  
Nancy Rose, Carol Pearson

Children II (3rd-5th) Room 102  
Artie Pearson, Lindsay Pearson

## Youth Bible Class

6th-12th Grades

## ADULTS

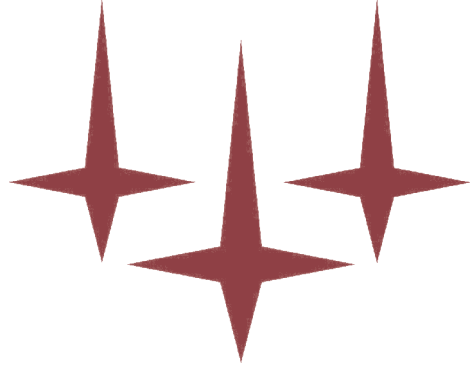
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Sunday Study Bible Classes—9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship—10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.



## Map of our Facilities

*Study to show thyself  
approved unto God.  
II Timothy 2:15a*



*Bible Resource Center, Room 201—  
is available to spend time communi-  
cating with your Lord. You may also  
feel free to use our Bible Resource  
Center to strengthen your walk.*

**SUNDAY  
STUDY** **BIBLE  
CLASSES** **FOR  
ALL AGES**

# HERMITAGE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CROSS  
CENTERED

*"For the message of the cross is  
foolishness to those who are  
perishing, but to us who are being  
saved, it is the power of God."  
I Corinthians 1:18*



2026

MARCH - APRIL - MAY

# Sunday Study Adult Bible Classes

The Education Department is excited to invite you to join us for a new season of study! After two quarters together as one large group, we're transitioning into three smaller classes designed to foster deeper study, meaningful fellowship, and spiritual growth.

Two classes will be mixed adult groups, and one will be a young adult class for men and women ages 18–30 (singles and couples). Over the next 14 weeks, each class will explore important topics through the lens of God's Word in a setting that encourages discussion, connection, and encouragement.

No matter your age or stage of life, there's a place for you. Come get plugged in, build relationships within the body of believers, and grow in your faith alongside others. We'd love for you to join us!

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## LIVING IN THE REAL WORLD

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**Adult Mixed Class || Teacher: Cal Jones || Room 206**

What is real? That question is harder for people to answer now than perhaps ever before. The line between real and fiction is blurred in many people's minds. They are so used to living a lie that it has become their reality.

The greatest threat to our faith is not persecution but distraction; not hatred of God but forgetfulness of Him. We are being formed every day by what we attend to, and if we are not intentional, we will wake up fluent in the language of a kingdom we never chose.

The God of heaven still speaks, but He will not compete with noise, and He will not shout over idols we refuse to silence. Today is not a call to log out, but to bow down—to lay our attention, our appetites, and our affections back on the altar. Choose carefully who gets your gaze, because the voice you listen to will become the life you live.

Some believers have adopted this approach to life. They have turned their spiritual lives into a display. Their personas are more important than their hearts, and their reputations are more important than their relationships with God.

Living in the Real World will encourage learners to honestly examine their lives in light of God's Word. It will confront them with the need to live according to Biblical realities. It will emphasize how the truth about God, the Bible, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church, and future reward and judgment should shape and direct

their lives.

Believers who live in the real world will produce real fruit. Their lives will be useful to God and will bear everlasting results. Believers who ignore Biblical realities are living a lie and wasting their lives. Their fruit, like the digital avatar, is just for show; it has no real value.

This course will confront learners with Biblical realities and challenge them to examine their lives in light of those realities. And it will encourage them to approach life with honesty and with a desire to grow.

## Messianic Christology

**Adult Mixed Class**

**Teacher: Bill Rose**

**Room 204**

This course explores Messianic Christology—the study of Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in the first coming of the Messiah. Presented from a Messianic Jewish perspective, we will examine how these prophecies are fulfilled in the life of Jesus (Yeshua) through the three divisions of the Hebrew Scriptures: the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. We will also consider how Jesus and His disciples addressed these prophecies in the New Testament. The course includes a special Passover study highlighting its fulfillment in Jesus and focuses on the written Torah rather than the oral law.



## MAKING YOUR FAITH YOUR OWN

**Young Adults - Men & Women**

**Couples/Singles, ages 18-30**

**Teachers: Michael & Minnette Baham**

**Room 203**

This quarter we will dive into the practical aspects of the Christian faith. The topics we will discuss are: What is the Gospel? How to share the Gospel, How to study the scriptures for personal spiritual growth, Family Worship, How to discern your spiritual gifts(s), and many more. The goal for the Spring quarter is to help each of us grow in a personal relationship with Christ.

**March Anniversaries**

- 3 ... Cal and Debbie Jones
- 23... Jessie and T.J. Sawyer

# MARCH 2026

**March Birthdays**

- 1 ... Ethan Edwards
- 1 ... Katie Murphy
- 4 ... Mike Whitney
- 6 ... Debbie Richardson
- 13... Mike Smith

- 20... Liauna Metscher
- 20... Caleb Goodloe
- 22... Kaenen Metscher
- 23... Debbie Jones
- 27... Diane Dreyer
- 30... Emma Mikels

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Dylan & Maddie Fellers Baby Shower after a.m. worship Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. Safety Security, 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.	4 IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.	5 Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	6 Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.	7 ----- Annual Heritage Youth Conference "Goodbye Yesterday" -----
8 - - - Youth Conference ends at noon <i>Daylight Savings begins</i> Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. <b>No evening services or activities</b>	9	10 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.	11 IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.	12 Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	13 Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.	14
15 Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.	16	17 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.	18 IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Trustees meeting, 8 p.m.	19 AAA55 Sr. Adults (TBD) Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	20 Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.	21 Fishes & Loaves Outreach Free Clothes Closet open, 9:30-2:00
22 Coffee & Donuts time, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m.	23	24 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.	25 IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.	26 Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	27 Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m.	30	31 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.				

**April Anniversaries**  
 6... Jan and Maurice Pitts  
 18... Dalton & Emma Nikels  
 25... Emil and Michele Edwards

# APRIL 2026

1... T. J. Sawyer  
 1... Gage Johnson  
 6... Kaden Kellison  
 7... Cal Jones

**April Birthdays**  
 5... Hailey Crisler  
 5... April Johnson  
 9... Mary Allmon  
 9... Arabella Dalton

14... Billy Pitts  
 20... Eisie Pearson  
 21... Chloe Pearson  
 29... Annette Bennett

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 <i>Easter</i> Son-Rise Service, 7:00 a.m. Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. Children's activity, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. No evening service	6	7 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.	8 IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.	9 Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	10 Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.	11
12 Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m.	13	14 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m. OCHC use of fellowship hall, 11:45-1:00	15 IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Trustees meeting, 8 p.m.	16 Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	17 Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.	18 Women's Spring Event, "Sing into Spring," 9 - 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Fishes & Loaves Outreach Free Clothes Closet open, 9:30 - 2:00
19 Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Baham Edwards wedding shower, noon (date change) Evening Worship, 6 p.m.	20	21 Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.	22 IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.	23 Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	24 Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.	25
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**May Anniversaries**


- 1 ... Gary and Bonnie Hunt
- 3 ... Jeff and Kim Phillips
- 3 ... Kaenen and Macy Metscher
- 5 ... Brent and Shanie Kennedy
- 12... Kaleb & Melissa Breshears
- 19... Matt and Kristen Johnson
- 26... Jim and Connie Duryee
- 30... Shea and Misty Shaddox

# MAY 2026

**May Birthdays**

- 2 ... Quintin Peterman
- 2 ... Shiloh Pitts
- 4 ... Braden Sawyer
- 12... Melissa Breshears
- 17... Valerie McGrady
- 18... Macy Metscher
- 22... Ray Folsom
- 24... Cole Howlett
- 28... Lindsay Pearson
- 30... Jim McGrady
- 30... Fred Wood
- 31... Nancy Brown

**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Matthew 19:14 Dedication with Worship in new building at 10:45 a.m., fellowship meal at noon, guided tours of building until 3:00 p.m. <b>(No Sunday School or Evening service)</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Fellowship meal, 6 p.m. Business meeting, 7 p.m.  <i>OCHC mammogram bus parked out front</i></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Wheatland Baccalaureate, at HFBC, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Fishes &amp; Loaves Outreach Free Clothes Closet open 9:30 - 2:00  Wedding of Faith, Baham &amp; Ethan Edwards, 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Deacons meeting, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>★ <b>Calendar/Event items for June, July, August to be turned in to office</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Event / Calendar Planning meeting, 6 p.m. IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K., 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Trustees meeting, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  ★ <b>Deadline for Summer qtr newsletter, SS flyer, Volunteer schedules</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Office closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Ladies Morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>IMPACT Youth, 6:30 p.m. Kids R.O.C.K. End of Year Blast, 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Ladies Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Sunday Study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Michael &amp; Mineite anniversary celebration, 7 p.m.</p>						

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*First Baptist Church*



# *Easter Resurrection Sunday Celebration*

April 5 at Hermitage First Baptist

- Son-Rise Service ..... 7:00 a.m
- Breakfast ..... 8:00 a.m.
- Kids/Family Activity ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Bible Classes ..... 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.