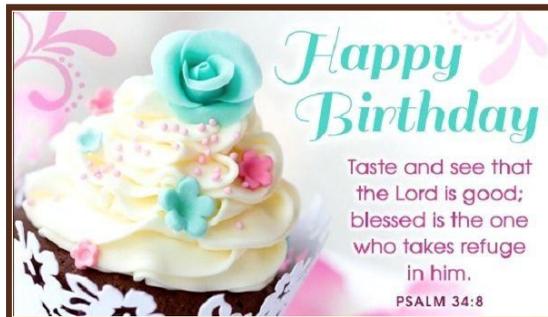


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April Fair	May 1
Collin Crowder	May 2
Sheena Kendall	May 2
Mason Yeomans	May 3
Branch Chastain	May 4
Sue Beck	May 5
Brooklyn Daniels	May 6
Eli Phillips	May 7
Zoe Phillips	May 7
Lois Rogers	May 7
Musa Wiles	May 7
Victor Walters	May 9
Bernie DuBose	May 10
Brent Osborn	May 10
Vaughn Barrett	May 13
Cody Chastain	May 15
Sonny MacBride	May 15
Aleta Crough	May 16
Cale Kirby	May 18
Chase Rogers	May 18
Matt Griffin	May 20
Kristy McNabb	May 20
Joe Rogers	May 20
Sterling Waite	May 21
Ollie Parton	May 22
Gerrell Bishop	May 27
Allison Osborn	May 29
Vie Ledford	May 30

*"All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."
(Psalm 139:16b, NIV)*

The 66th Annual National Observance
May 4, 2017

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

FOR YOUR GREAT NAME'S SAKE!
HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!

O LORD, LISTEN! O LORD, FORGIVE! O LORD, HEAR AND ACT! FOR YOUR SAKE, O MY GOD... DANIEL 9:19

THURSDAY MAY, 4 FROM 8 - 9 A.M.
At Towns County Recreation Center
(Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.)
THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE.
Join us for coffee and donuts, music, fellowship and most of all prayer.

CHILDREN ARE NOT DISTRACTIONS FROM MORE IMPORTANT WORK THEY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK

C.S. LEWIS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

THOUGHTS ON MARY... A young woman, a newborn son...God's Son. How do I care for the Son of the living God? Am I doing this right? Surely, there must have been someone with more experience! What if I do this wrong? Oh how Mary the mother of Jesus must have watched her Son in wonder and anticipation, treasuring up so many things. Mary's faith in God sustained her quivering heart through the lessons of motherhood and as the boy Jesus grew; she, too, grew to understand that she had done all that God called her to do. Mary, in her love for the Father, was given the gift of her Son as her Lord. May we find joy in motherhood as we teach our little ones to follow the Son. **"Do whatever He tells you to do."** (John 2:5)

**CHARM IS DECEPTIVE,
AND BEAUTY IS FLEETING;
BUT A WOMAN WHO FEARS
THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED.**

Proverbs 31:30

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and Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**...courage to stand
...commitment to remain
...compassion to act**

MAY Calendar

- May 3 6PM Spaghetti Supper for Youth Mission Camp
- May 4 8AM National Day of Prayer at Foster Park
- May 7 Youth Sunday
- May 7 2PM Baby Shower for Jessica Rogers-Ledford
- May 7 6PM Baccalaureate at Macedonia
- May 9 12:30-2PM The Necessary Closet
- May 10 6PM Champions Banquet - Youth to Serve
- May 11 1PM Dorcas Sewing for Missions
- May 14 Mother's Day (no evening service)
- May 21 2:30PM Service at Chatuge Nursing Home
- May 21 6PM Sunday Night Serve
- May 25 1 PM Dorcas Sewing for Missions
- May 28 2PM Service at Brasstown Manor



You are invited to a baby shower May 7th at 2:00PM honoring Jessica Rogers-Ledford. Jessica and Joe are expecting a baby girl.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAMPIONS BANQUET
 Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.
 (Youth will serve our Champions!)



As we truly focused on Jesus' passion last week, I was overwhelmed at His love. When we got to church on Sunday, my heart was moved as I talked with a teacher who was pretty sure she was going to start "shouting" over what the Lord had done. She was so excited at the free and unconditional love poured out by Jesus and she was overjoyed to be able to celebrate that each and every Sunday. Now...follow that up with the "Captured by Grace" series we are watching on Wednesday nights and we all should be "shouting"!

Dr. Jeremiah talks about the need to recognize sin in our own lives; because if we believe we have no sin problem, we have no need for a Savior. We too easily become "comfortable" with sin and no longer recognize its deceit. Just as Eve confessed what she knew of God's plan for her, she chose to follow Satan because it seemed to make sense in her mind. How easily we turn God's plan into a lesser thing because it *seems* to satisfy. Kyle Idleman in "Not a Fan" talks about how we remove God from His throne as we choose idols and when we esteem what satisfies our minds, we make a god of ourselves. We claim to have balance as we choose to spend our time and energy on



things of this earth, when the truth is, God doesn't want "balance"...He demands the only place in our lives. As I consider in my own life what that looks like, I wonder "Is God so on the

throne of my heart that everything else is beneath His feet?" It can be so easy for our own thoughts, desires and dreams to replace what God's best plan for us is. We may choose not to call it sin, but in reality that doesn't change

its nature. It is only when we feel the weight of our sin, that we can experience the freedom of His grace. As we look back at the cross may we walk resolutely forward as those who have been redeemed. - Lennie Poteat

Dear Faith Family,
 Jesus said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." We don't have to guess or hope we have it right when we pass away: we can KNOW when we die where we will spend eternity. There are only two options. We can spend all of eternity praising our Savior in Heaven forever and ever or we can go to a Christ-less Hell.

Recently in youth, we looked at Christianity and compared it to some other popular religions around the world. Some religious systems teach that you can have a hand in your own salvation. Some religious systems think that you come back in a process known as reincarnation and if you are good you can escape the cycle of reincarnation. There are even those out there who say that God does not exist. Here is the reality, just because someone does not believe in God does not change the fact that He does exist. That would be like me saying "I believe I will jump off Bell Mountain and it won't hurt me because I don't believe it will." The fact that I don't believe that anything will happen doesn't change the fact that when I jump off the Bell I am going to end up down at the Hospital with a great deal of pain and broken bones.

The same is true once you die, you will face the judgment. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, Hebrews 9:27. The question today is what defense will you have when you stand before the judge? "Well



you see God I volunteered at the thrift store, coached the little league team, sang at the nursing home, looked after my sick mother, and baked the best food at every church function!" But all of these things will fall short. Today is the day if you do not know Him -- I encourage you to accept him as Savior and Lord.

As summer approaches, I am excited about so many great events coming up: Vacation Bible School, Merge, and Homecoming just to name a few. What will you do to help advance His Kingdom this summer? Let us be in prayer together!

Pastor Bradley

Youth Week @ Macedonia

WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2017
 6PM SPAGHETTI FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO BE SERVED BY THE YOUTH TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF MERGE SUMMER CAMP



SUNDAY MAY 7, 2017
 9:45-YOUTH LEAD SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:45 WORSHIP AND SERVICE LED BY YOUTH
 ROBERT ABERNATHY WILL PROVIDE OUR MESSAGE



6PM- TOWNS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

