

MAY 2026

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AMONG THE NATIONS

SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

75TH

NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER

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Thursday, May 7, 2026

Louisburg Middle School Auditorium

7:00 PM



Vacation Bible School

June 8-12

8:45am-12:15pm

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>26</p> <p>10:00am ONE SERVICE ONLY 11:15am all church dinner followed by Quantofy Business Meeting 12:45pm Safety & Security Team Meeting 3:00pm East Central Area Annual Meeting - FBC Overland Park</p> | <p>27</p> <p>1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm American Heritage Girls (meets at Faith Chapel) 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p> | <p>30</p> <p>8:15pm -7:50pm AWANA</p> | <p>1</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC Library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> | <p>2</p> <p>8:00am -12:00pm First Aid/CPR Training 1:00pm -5:00pm First Aid/CPR Training</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p>Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Konnection 11:00 am</p> | <p>4</p> <p>12:00pm -5:00pm Crafter's Corner - FLC 1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>5</p> <p>8:30pm Building Committee</p> | <p>6</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST 9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p> | <p>7</p> <p>National Day of Prayer 7:00pm AWANA attends National Day of Prayer 7:00pm Local observation of National Day of Prayer - Louisburg Middle School Auditorium</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC Library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> | <p>9</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast - FLC 8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's 6:00pm -9:00pm Tristram Busch Graduation Party - Drexel Community Building - RSVP to Melissa by May 1, 913-708-2867</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>Mother's Day Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Konnection 11:00 am</p> | <p>11</p> <p>1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm Deacon Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>12</p> <p>6:00pm Christian Ed Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Board</p> | <p>13</p> <p>7:50am -8:15am Pastor Kami at LHS CATS for CHRIST 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm LHS Baccalaureate 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p> | <p>14</p> <p>6:30pm AWANA AWARDS CEREMONY</p> | <p>15</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC Library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> | <p>16</p> <p>LHS Graduation</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Konnection 11:00 am 2:00pm -5:00pm Zoe Cutsshaw Graduation Celebration - FLC - all are invited</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Deadline for CALENDAR CHANGES for June 1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 5:30pm Women's Night Owl Cafe Book Club - Submerged Apple 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>19</p> <p>11:30am Koinonia Cluster Pastors' Prayer 12:00pm Women's Bookworm Cafe - Youth Room - Submerged - Peitrey 6:15pm Finance Committee</p> | <p>20</p> <p>3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC Library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Men's Breakfast on Summer Break 8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's 9:00am -3:00pm VBS Workday</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>Pentecost Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Konnection 11:00 am 5th Sunday offering to benefit Food Pantry ECA 5th Sunday Gathering Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Konnection 11:00 am</p> | <p>25</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED Memorial Day 1:00pm L.I.F.T. Community Ladies Fellowship - meets at Senior Center 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm Kami - Bethel Board Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> <p>10:00am -11:00am Short-term Women's Bible Study with Jordan Smith 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:00pm -8:00pm VBS Workday</p> | <p>29</p> <p>9:15am Women's United Intercessory Prayer Group - FBC Library 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel</p> | <p>30</p> <p>9:00am -3:00pm VBS Workday</p> |

Remember: you can also view the calendar on the church website - louisburgfirstbaptist.org



JESSE'S JOURNAL

As we move into May, we remain in a steady season as a church. We're continuing in the life of Joseph and working out what it looks like to live on purpose in the kingdom of God in everyday life.

This month we'll finish Joseph's story. It shows us that **the chapter you're in doesn't tell the whole story**. His life moves through very different circumstances, but God is at work in all of them, not just at the end.

That matters for us.

Most of life is lived in the day-to-day, at work, at home, in decisions, and in relationships. Living on purpose in the kingdom of God every day, in every way shows up there, in how we respond, how we handle responsibility, how we treat people, and how we **live when things aren't clear**.

You can't judge the whole story by the present chapter.

Circumstances change. They don't define God's character or the full story of what He is doing. Living on purpose means staying steady, doing what is in front of you well, even when you can't see how it all fits yet.

What would it look like for you to live this part of your life on purpose, every day, in every way?

This month we also have the opportunity to honor the women who have shaped our lives. That influence is often quiet, steady care, strength, patience, and **sacrifice over time**. Much of it isn't always visible, but it leaves a lasting impact.

The National Day of Prayer also falls this month. As we talk about living on purpose, this is one of the clearest ways we do that. **Prayer isn't separate from everyday life, it's part of how we live in the kingdom of God in the middle of it**. If there's one thing worth making space for this month, this would be one of them.

Graduation season also marks change for many. It's a good time to recognize that and encourage those stepping into what's next.

As we move through this month, the goal isn't just to understand Joseph's story, but to live differently because of it. We may not see the whole story yet, but we can choose how we live this part of it.



KAMI'S COMMENTS

May is here... which means the end for many things. Calendars fill with:

Graduation parties

Awards ceremonies

Sports banquets

Closing events for groups like AWANA and American Heritage girls.

And, of course, kids are celebrating the end of school (teachers, too!).

But to me, May means beginnings... because Summer is coming!

ABW Conference: All the ladies of the church are invited to attend the ABW Conference June 4-6 in Topeka! You won't want to miss the fun, fellowship, inspirational speakers, and all-around great time as we girls gather together! Register you and all your gal pals today at abwmcr.org/2026-conference! Come and be a part of something truly special!

VBS: Prepare yourself for a jungle adventure! **June 8-12 Rainforest Falls VBS** will explode on the scene! FBC will be crawling with jungle fun and young adventurers exploring the nature of God! **YOU can be a part of their discovery** by helping before, during, and after VBS! Register today at Louisburgfirstbaptist.org!

Camp: A time away with God, emersed in His word and His presence!

White Memorial: Our camp experience will be "Through the roof" this summer as we explore God's plan for our friendships and relationships based on Luke 5:17-26. **Junior/Senior High Camp will be July 13-17 and Junior Camp (grade 4-6) will be July 20-24.** Our kids will be a part of this impactful week as well as several adults who will be on staff. Keep us in your prayers. **We are believing this year's camp will be a life changer!** Register at abccr.org/abccr-camping

Youthfront: June 29-July 3 and July 6-10 I will be sharing with the youth at Youthfront's Day Camp. It is always a pleasure and a privledge to be a part of this amazing gathering. **Keep us in prayer as I and the team share Jesus with some of His youngest followers.**

Camino: A weekend away from the world, emersed in God's amazing Grace. Several of our congregation will be at Camino 100 from July 30-August 2! If you are ready to encounter Christ and His Grace in a fresh new way, be a part of this life changing weekend! There's too much to tell here, so check with me for details! **A lot can happen in Three days...**

What a summer! I can hardly wait! Make your plans now to be a part of what God is doing here at First Baptist!



WHAT'S UP WITH YOUTH & CHILDREN

AWANA: It has been an amazing year at AWANA! We have seen encouraging growth in the clubbers: both in numbers and spiritual knowledge! This is only possible with the help of a caring and dedicated staff! Their smiles and encouragement every week are nothing short of inspiring! Thanks be to God for each and every one who gives of their time and talents to make AWANA possible! We will have our AWARDS NIGHT on May 14 to celebrate all that God has done in and through the clubbers and staff this year! Please join us! You are sure to get a smile!

Kids Konnection: Sunday mornings bring our young people together for Kids Konnection! Each week we enjoy a Bible study with devotions, games, object lessons, and songs. A very active and fun younger class has formed and grown, so we have two children's church services offered. We are also joined by a member of the support team each week to lend a much needed hand and extra set of eyes for security. We are currently studying the Great Commission so we are READY and SET to GO tell the good news of the Gospel!

Youth: The youth group is a place for Faith... but also for friends, fellowship, and fun! That's what we do each Wednesday night. My heart is encouraged as I see friendships and faith growing as we become unified in our mission for Christ! We are currently studying the Psalms, taking note of what the messages have to say to us today. Turns out, we are not so different from those who wrote these amazing verses so long ago.



MISSIONS HEADLINES



Amy Marcoux
Scholarship Recipient

Amy's home church is First Baptist of Chanute, and she is seasoned in ministry. Amy is studying toward her master's degree in clinical

psychology at Pitt State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. As a part of her practicum, she currently works with at-risk children and their parents two days each week. Her education coupled with her hands-on experience will combine to make her even more effective in ministry.

Amy, we pray for God's every provision during this growing time in your life.

Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have a passion to serve the Lord in whatever way He leads and are active members of an American Baptist Church in the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission. Currently scholarships are \$500.00/semester for full-time students or \$250.00/semester for half-time students.

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in person
ATTENDANCE

| | 8:15am | 11:00am |
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| April 5 | 98 | 81 |
| April 12 | 64 | 74 |
| April 19 | 47 | 69 |
| April 26 | One Service - 111 | |

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

May 18—Deadline for June calendar changes &
Newsletter submissions

*All are invited to attend the
Louisburg High School Baccalaureate Service
on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at
6:30 P.M. at Louisburg High School Auditorium.*



And Our 2026 Graduates are...

High School Graduates

Tristan Busch Drexel HS

Lila Edwards Louisburg HS

Adeline Ellsworth (Glenn Biederman's granddaughter) East Jessamine HS, Nicholasville, KY

Cole Spratford Kansas State High School Diploma

Bachelors Degree

Zoe Cutshaw

K-6 Elementary Education Unified Degree

Pittsburg State University

Ellie Davis

Communication Sciences and Disorders &

certificate in Child Welfare

Kansas State University

Julian Margrave

Interdisciplinary Studies

University of Nebraska, Omaha

Masters Degree

Paige (Anderson) Beadles

M.S. in Agricultural Education and Leadership

Oklahoma State University

UPCOMING EVENTS



Board & Committee Meetings

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, May 5 - 6:30 PM - Building Committee
- Monday, May 11 - 6:30 PM - Deacon meeting
- Tuesday, May 12 - 6:00 PM - Christian Ed meeting
- Tuesday, May 12 - 7:00 PM - Trustee meeting
- Tuesday, May 19 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee

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### CPR/AED/First Aid Training—Saturday, May 2, 8:00am-noon—OR—1:00pm-5:00pm



CPR/AED/First Aid Training will be offered at our church on Saturday, May 2. Everyone is welcome to participate; VBS and Awana volunteers are especially encouraged to attend. Two classes will be offered on this day to help accommodate schedules. Class size is limited to 15 persons. Participants will earn a two-year certification from the American Heart Association – cost of certification is \$20 per person - Participants need to bring this money (cash only, please) to the training. Sign-up sheets are on bulletin board. Class times are: 8:00 am—12:00 pm or 1:00 pm—5:00 pm. Contact Nancy Schmidt with any questions.

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BREAKFAST GROUPS

- WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, May 9, 8:00 AM at Miss B's
- Saturday, May 23, 8:00 AM at Miss B's
- MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, May 9, 8:00 AM FLC
- Following May 9, Men's group will be on Summer Break

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### AWANA Awards Ceremony—Thursday, May 14, 6:30pm

Everyone needs to come out and see what YOU have done! Without the support of our congregation, AWANA would not happen! So please, come and celebrate the smiles and the triumphs with all of our AWANA kids and families!

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WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS -

- May selection - "SUBMERGED" by Dani Pettrey
- NIGHT OWL CAFÉ GROUP will meet on Monday, May 18 at 5:30pm - RSVP to Debbe Apple for location
- BOOKWORM CAFÉ GROUP will meet at NOON at the church on Tuesday, May 19

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| May 1  | Laura Bergman<br>Toby Cummings |
| May 2  | Connie Bond                    |
| May 4  | Elise Haefele<br>Brad Sarver   |
| May 5  | Dale Malaise                   |
| May 14 | John Kelly                     |
| May 19 | Jerry Prettyman                |
| May 22 | Connie Dodson                  |
| May 25 | Janie Prettyman                |
| May 27 | Julian Margrave                |
| May 28 | Cooper Caldwell                |

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.

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| <i>Kim &amp; Dwight Manson - May 1</i>       |
| <i>Carmel &amp; Dale Smith - May 9</i>       |
| <i>Connie &amp; Bill Dodson - May 10</i>     |
| <i>Dottie &amp; Ron Cook - May 19</i>        |
| <i>Jean &amp; Dennis Pierce - May 21</i>     |
| <i>Jo &amp; Bill Roush - May 23</i>          |
| <i>Lisa &amp; Larry Bunce - May 23</i>       |
| <i>Melissa &amp; Francis Busch - May 25</i>  |
| <i>Suellen &amp; Chuck Golladay - May 28</i> |
| <i>Jackie &amp; Brian Mack - May 29</i>      |

*Laura & Mike Bergman  
were married on May 31, 1986.  
Mike passed on August 7, 2025.  
They shared 39 years together.*

**FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET**  
Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it into the church office. Thanks.

**ESPINACA DIP**  
from the kitchen of Melissa Southard

- 4 blocks of cream cheese
- 1 pound Velveeta Cheese
- 4 cans Rotel
- 1 pkg frozen chopped spinach (thaw and squeeze out liquid)
- 2 cups milk
- 1 chopped onion
- 6 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 pint whipping cream
- Jalapeno juice (just a couple of splashes from a jar of jalapenos)

Add all ingredients to a crockpot and cook until all melted and hot.



**NEW BABY**  
\*Joann Hook would like to announce the birth of her 16<sup>th</sup> great niece/nephew! Pierce Lee Cutshaw arrived safely on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 1:44 AM. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces. Pierce is welcomed by his siblings, his parents Rachel & Jake Cutshaw, grandmother Lori Cutshaw and great aunt Joann Hook.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!!**  
On Sunday, April 19, Todd Morris joined the church by profession of faith and baptism. You, too, are invited to become a vital and important part of the warm, caring family of First Baptist Church of Louisburg. Pastor Jesse, Pastor Kami and the deacons are always available to talk with you about your faith journey.