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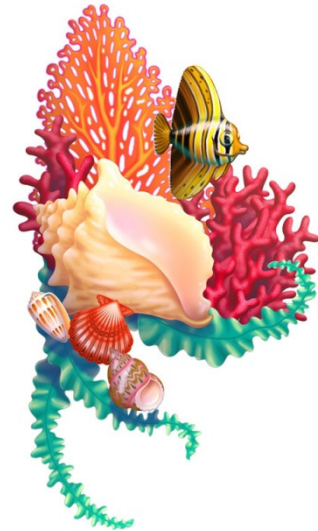
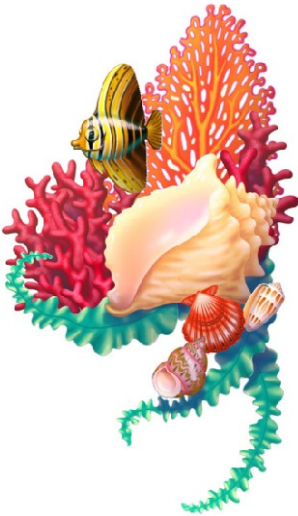
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Vacation Bible School is coming up soon and we still need volunteers! Be praying about how God would have you serve during this amazing outreach to our community. We still need helpers for the following areas:

- Preschool Helper
- Kindergarten Assist. Teacher
- (2) Kindergarten Helpers
- (2) 1-2nd grade Helpers
- 3-4th grade Assist. Teacher
- (2) 3-4th grade Helpers
- 5-6th grade Assist. Teacher
- 5-6th grade Helper
- (6) Snacks/Kitchen Helpers
- Recreation Teacher
- Recreation Assist. Teacher
- (2) Recreation Helpers
- Missions Assist. Teacher
- (1) Missions Helpers



If you are thinking about working during VBS but are unsure and want more information, please call Sandra at 405-3025 or come by the church office.

From the Heart of your Pastor

*“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised”
Proverbs 31:30 (NKJV)*

According to this scripture passage a Godly woman shall be praised. This scripture reminds us that above charm and physical beauty is the characteristic of Godliness. I know many women who could be praised as we remember Mother’s day. I want to briefly mention three.

The first is my mother Ellen Wise. Mom has gone on to be with the Lord now. There is not a day that goes by that I don’t think of her. But mom lives on in her Godly legacy. Her influence is seen in my life, in my sisters’, in her grandchildren’s and in the lives she touched in Hot Springs and around the country. My mom was a prophet in that she saw things in black and white. She got that from studying her Bible. She would not leave the house until her study time was complete. Mom was also a prayer warrior. She prayed so much for all of us and for others. She really understood and supported my ministry with her prayers. Mom was also an evangelist. She wanted her children and grandchildren saved! But she also wanted our friends and running buddies saved too. She worked hard in all the churches in which we grew up. She served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, RA’s and GA’s, the list is too numerous. Mom, thank you for a Godly heritage and I miss you.

The second lady is my mother-in-law, Doris Kreis. Mrs. Kreis served faithfully as a Pastor’s wife for over 60 years. She, too, is a worker serving in almost every position you can imagine. She is a prayer warrior that won’t let you down. She especially worked in the preschool area of church for years because those children needed to start out right. As a Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher, camp cook, mentor to young preachers’ wives, she, like my mom, set a fine Christian example. Mrs. Kreis, thank you for a Godly heritage and for raising my wife!

The final woman is my sweet bride Elizabeth. She works behind the scenes at our church. She is my Godly counselor, supporter, friend and confidant. She makes ministry easier by listening, praying and making our home a sanctuary from a hard world. Elizabeth never complains about the work I do or where God calls us to do it. She, too, is a great mom and fine Christian woman. Honey, I love you and I thank God for you everyday!

-Bro. Gary

THOUGHTS FROM THE YOUTH PASTOR

We Bid Thee Farewell

Here within the next month many things will be changing for our seniors. Some will be going to work, others will be headed to college and a few of our seniors will be headed into the military. They are entering into a world that they believe that they are prepared for. The reality is that very few are ever ready for their life outside of high school, but what they don't understand is that college helps define who and what you are.

This group has been very special to me in many ways. They were finishing their sophomore year when I arrived at Gassville Baptist Church. At first they were stand-offish and didn't really know what to think about this new youth minister that had just come in. To much joy and excitement, we began to form relationships; ones that will last a lifetime. This group of seniors has been through so much and they are stronger for it. I am so proud of them and I am going to miss them dearly.

As a church body we can support our seniors in a couple of ways. First, is to pray for our seniors as they enter into the rest of their lives. They are entering a scary world and they need all the prayers that they can get. Secondly, you can send them cards, emails, texts and letters to let them know that you are thinking about them and praying for them. I know when I left for college all of the little notes here and there made the transition that much easier. Also it let me know that I was being supported by many people back home. Thirdly, you can send them care packages; these packages can have food, snacks, candy and school stuff. When one is in college, to get anything from home is awesome, but to get a package is amazing! You open it with such great anticipation and when you find cookies and snacks in there it gives you a little piece of home. That piece may be what they need to get through the week or semester.

So as our seniors embark onto this great journey, let us support them in the best way we know how...Love them. I bid thee farewell, seniors, and I wish the best for you all. Ya'll hold a special place in my heart and that will never change. I love you guys, and you are always welcome in my home.

-Bro. Hunter



OUR RECORDS



	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13</u>	<u>April 20</u>	<u>April 27</u>
Sunday School:	139	137	129	118
Morning Worship:	195	196	169	198
Evening Worship:	60	62	51	53
Offering:	\$7,135.10	\$3,464.96	\$3,480.61	\$3,985.55



Nursery Workers

We have a number of people who work in our nursery! These people work behind the scenes and make worship more enjoyable for everyone in the sanctuary. Next time you pass the nursery be sure to stop and thank our nursery workers! If you are interested in helping in our nursery one day a month, please call the church office and we will put you on the schedule.



Congratulations to Andy and Karen Schisler and proud big sister Caitlyn on the birth of their little boy James Andrew. He was born on May 5th and weighed 7 lbs, 10oz and was 20 inches long.



This month, our Focus on Ministry is our landscaping crew! We have a group of men that are extremely faithful every week to take care of the grass and landscaping around our building. Next time you see Larry Rose, James Gilliland, Vanis Davidson, Bill Shumate or Norman Brandon Sr., let them know how great the grounds look! If you are interested in helping them, please call Larry Rose at 435-6996.

We need donations for Vacation Bible School supplies! Donations can be put in the big blue box in the downstairs hallway under the bulletin board.

- Plastic coffee stirs
- Large Marshmallows
- Pretzel Sticks
- Goldfish Crackers
- Fruit Loop cereal
- Nutter Butter Cookies
- Skittles
- Canned Pineapple and Pear Chunks
- Pull-n-Peel Liquorices
- Refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Popcorn (bagged kernels)