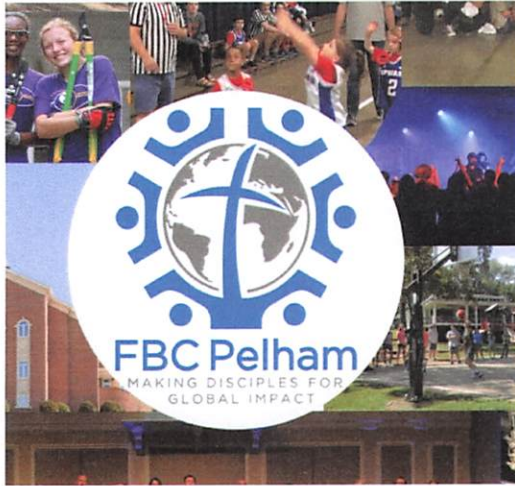


FBC Pelham Vision

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April 2024



A Note From the Pastor

Dear FBC Pelham Faith Family, Grace and peace to you! You will recall that our theme for this year is "More in '24." Our goal is to reach more, give more, go more, pray more and worship more. By God's grace, we are making positive strides in meeting all of these goals! Allow me to take a moment and explain one of these goals. In an effort to reach more in '24, we scheduled six baptism Sundays along with four Discovery Classes throughout the year. Our next Baptism Sunday is April 7. At the moment of this publication, we are thrilled to announce that we have 10 individuals scheduled for baptism on that day! You might recall that we had eight baptisms in February! Also on April 7, we will host our next Discovery Class from 12:00-3:30 PM in the Annex. If you are a new member, prospective member, curious about Christianity, or merely interested in attending Discovery Class, please contact the church office and speak with Marcia Walker to secure your reservation. We would be thrilled for you to attend. That morning of April 7, we will be launching a new sermon series through the book of Acts. We will spend much of the year

Walking through this powerful New Testament book. That evening, I will be traveling with the Worship Choir to the Lovelady Center to help lead in worship. What a fun-filled day and great way to start the new month of April

Also, throughout the month, we will host special events for our Senior Adults (April 9), student UNITE serve day (April 13), a Women's Ministry Event called Secrete Church (April 19), the Children's Musical in the Annex (April 24), a one-day mission trip to Selma (April 27), and of course, we will wrap up the month with our next House of Prayer (April 28). As we always say, there is something for everyone. I look forward to seeing you soon and often. May the LORD bless you and keep you. If you ever need me, please feel free to reach out and always know that I love you and am honored to be called your pastor.

You Pastor and Friend.

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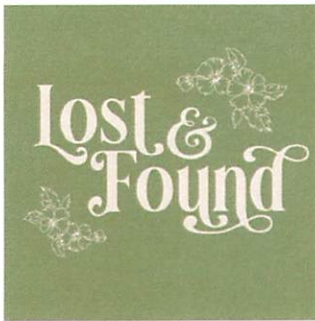
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LOST AND FOUND: Are you missing a pair of glasses? If you called me about a pair of glasses, I think I found them!! I've had two calls for glasses and two calls for umbrellas all in a week or two and lost my list! How about your umbrella? There are over a dozen umbrellas in the Lost & Found box behind the Welcome desk. And there are coffee/water cups (12) in the box as well. Please take yours home.



TABLESCAPES

We are looking for ladies who would like to create one or two tablescapes for the Senior Adult Banquet in May. We've had so many beautiful tables from simple and elegant to complicated and inspiring. No two tables are ever alike and it is always wonderful walking around and taking pictures of them. So if you would like to be part of the tablescapes crew this year, please let **Lori Goodwin** know by email at lgoodwin@uab.edu or by phone at **205-834-2637**. Please sign up today!!!



Our meeting will be on April 1, at 10:00 AM, in the Quad Room. Amanda Claridy, a member of our church, who is affiliated with The Lovelady Center, will be our special guest. Please bring a "gently used" purse filled with lady's hygiene items, such as, lotion, shampoo, hair conditioner, and deodorant. Also, our love offering will go toward camper and/or youth funds so all youth can participate in the church camp activities. Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing each of you at WMU.

NEXT MONTH MEETING: MAY 6, 2024

Greeters



We have a need for more greeters to welcome and seat our members and visitors. If you are interested in this very important ministry, I'd love to talk with you. Please see me at the Welcome desk on Sunday morning or email me at donniesisk@fbcpelham.org.



**Training coming to FBC Pelham
on Saturday, May 11 with
Sam Neugent**

DISCOVERY CLASS

If you are new to FBC Pelham and want to know more about who we are, I hope you will join us for the next Discovery class on Sunday, April 7th. The class includes lunch and information on our church and ministries of the church. If you want more info or to sign up, email me at donniesisk@fbcpelham.org. Please make sure to sign up by Sunday, March 31st.



We have a rare opening in our Baby Nursery for the 9:15 AM hour. If you would like to work in the nursery one or more Sundays a month, please contact Crystal Purkapile at cpurkapile@fbcpelham.org.

Women's Ministry Updates

On April 19th at 6:00 pm, we will have a simulcast of Secret Church focusing on the book of Ruth. This event lasts about 6 hours. The registration link is below, or you can sign up with Pastor Donnie at his desk. The cost is \$10 which will help us cover the cost of the simulcast and booklets. While the Women's Ministry is organizing the event, it's not exclusively for women, so encourage men to register as well if they are interested.

We have a couple of events coming up in May as well. First, on May 3rd, we have Senior Adult Banquet Table Scapes. Be on the lookout for a flyer with more information closer to time. Also, on May 4th, there is an event called FerVent at Shades Mountain Baptist Church with Priscilla Shirer and Anthony Evans. If you want to attend this event, you'll need to purchase your own ticket.

Information about summer events will be coming soon!

Save
the
Date

- April 19th
Secret Church
- May 3rd
Senior Adult Banquet
Table Scapes
- May 4th
FerVent 2024



Women's Ministry Team

Nikki Gantt, Lori Goodwin,
Jackie Spann, Debbie Blackwelder,
Brenna Ferrell, Meredith Whiten,
Cindy Morris, and Laura Leigh Holland

Secret Church Registration Link

Use the QR code to
register and pay the
\$10 registration fee.





April Senior Adult Gathering

**SENIOR ADULT
MINISTRY**

FIRST BAPTIST PELHAM

APRIL GATHERING—LUNCHEON

April 9, 2024
11 am until

Indian Springs Village Pavilion
2635 Cahaba Valley Road
Indian Springs AL 35124

MENU WILL BE
“low country boil” aka “Frogmore stew”
There will also be condiments, drinks, dessert,
and probably some special edible surprises.

**NO RESERVATION NEEDED, NO CHARGE
AND NOTHING TO BRING. YOU ARE ASKED
TO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE COST OF THE MEAL.**

Bring a friend or more than one. Bring yard games, lawn chair, table games-----
something to keep you occupied!





The Thorns of Life

by Linda Story



Luke 8 records the story of a farmer sowing seeds. Some of the seed fell among the thorns and grew along with the thorns. The soil must have been rich enough to support the seed in order for the plant to grow up. It wasn't the lack of good soil and nutrients that caused the plant to die. The thorns that surrounded the plant as it attempted to grow began to take a toll on the plant and eventually the plant succumbed and died.

This reminds me of how circumstances in life can overwhelm a person and cause them to feel as though they are dying. They wonder what happened to them. They were once so happy and loved and served the Lord. They cared about people and cared about life. Now they go through the motions just to get through the day. They are running here and running there, taking care of this person and taking care of that person but never stopping to take care of themselves.

A thorn in your life doesn't imply that your heart is filled with bad soil. Thorns can happen to anyone at anytime and before you know, it can take control of your life. Like a garden, life needs to be cultivated, weeded and watered. Each weed and thorn must be carefully removed. There needs to be a period of rest and a time for watering.

If you are one who finds yourself in a state of constant stress, feeling as though you have lost yourself and are choking to death, I ask this question: What are the thorns in your life?





Kids!

Spring has come and during the month of April, we begin preparing for the end of the school year and planning the summer activities for our preschool and elementary children. The activities for the month of April look like this:

Sunday, April 7 - 5:00-6:00 PM - D-Groups & Mission Friends

Sunday, April 14 - 5:00-6:00 PM - D-Groups & Mission Friends

Sunday, April 21 - 5:00-6:00 PM - D-Groups & Mission Friends

Wednesday - April 24 - 6:15 PM - Preschool Choir & Elementary Choir Annex

Sunday, April 28 - 5:00-6:00 PM - House of Prayer

The children have worked hard on this musical and are excited to present it to us on April 24th in the Annex.

MOTHER'S DAY is coming soon and we will have Parent/Baby Dedication on that Sunday. If you have a child/children that you wish to be included in that special time, please send the following information to my email at lbentley@fbcpelham.org:

Full Name, Date of Birth, Parents Names, Siblings Names (if any), Grandparents' name(s), Child's Photo (preferably in landscape format), and if you want to be in the 9:15 or 10:45 AM service. All information must be received by Monday, May 6.

If you have any questions regarding any of the events above, or about our ministry, please call Jonathan Williams or Linda Bentley at 205-664-0237. You may email us at:

jwilliams@fbcpelham.org

lbentley@fbcpelham.org

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31	1 WMU Meeting 10:00 AM	2	3 Taco Bar	4	5	6 Lovelady Center Workday / serving lunch
79:15 Baptism Class 10:45 Baptisms Discovery 12:00, Annex Lovelady Cntr Worship 6 PM	8	9 Senior Adults Indian Springs	10 Hamburger Steak, etc.	11	12	13 Student Unite Serve Date
14	15	16	17 Chicken Fingers etc.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Dinner 5:45PM Annex Breakfast Children's Musical 6:00 PM Annex	25	26	27 Selma Mission Trip (One Day Church-Wide)
28 House of Prayer 5:00 PM	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	<i>April 2024</i>				