# **May Birthdays**

May 1: Michelle Million	May 11: Chloe Gottwald	May 25: Kendrick Million
May 4: Mary Mosley	May 11: Collin Gottwald	May 25: Emma Grace Million
May 5: Sharron Jones	May 14: Lainey Camp	May 26: Sammy Johnson
May 5: Katie Dobbins	May 19: Reed Eaves	May 28: Ryan Reeves
May 9: Kate Million	May 20: Scott King	May 29: Mark Miller
May 9: Brynleigh Sullivan	May 21: Madelynn King	May 29: Jim Crawford

# **Children's Ministry**

#### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

We are so blessed with the best mothers and mother figures at First Baptist! Thank you for all you do to support us in our spiritual growth and the love you share with us every day.

We love you,

First Baptist Children



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# **May Events**

- > 3<sup>rd</sup>: Men's Prayer Gathering @ 8 pm.
- ➤ 4<sup>th</sup>: Graduation Day & Fellowship Meal.
- 8<sup>th</sup>: First Friends Outing
- ➤ 26<sup>th</sup>: Office Closed for Memorial Day.
- > Refer to calendar for more meetings & events.



#### Staff

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## **SUNDAYS:**

- > Sunday School @ 9:30 am
- > Worship @ 10:30 am

Children's Church after Praise & Worship

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

- Children 6:30 pm
- > Youth 6:30 pm
- College 6:30 pm
- > Adult Groups 6:30 pm

# **BUS SCHEDULE:**

Call the office for a ride.

# **May Servants**

## **Security Team**

4<sup>th:</sup> Richard Dobbins

11<sup>th:</sup> David Rhudy

**18**th: William Simpson

25<sup>th:</sup> Scott King

## **Sunday Nursery Rotation**

Ashlee Wheeler (11th, 25th) Patricia Stanford (4th, 18th)

## **Children's Church**

4th: Rhonda Eaves

11th: Rhonda Eaves

**18**<sup>th:</sup> Teresa Sullivan

25th: Robin Spann

### **Toddler Children's Church**

4<sup>th:</sup> Rachel Eaves

11<sup>th:</sup> Rachel Eaves

**18**th: Julia Persons

25th: Jamie Brown

## **Counting Team**

Katrina Rhudy & Jamie Corbell

## **Mid-Week Kids Helpers**

7<sup>th:</sup> Carson Chiquito

14th: David Sullivan

21st: Scott King

28th: Steve Sloan

## **Wed. Night Nursery**

7<sup>th:</sup> Marsha Graham

14th: Sharon Brown

21st: Emily Hattaway

**28**<sup>th:</sup> Michelle Million

# From the Pastor's Study

## Influence

"You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all" (2 Corinthians 3:2).

A letter of recommendation provides honest insights and establishes clear expectations regarding the individual being referred. If the individual does quite meet what the letter suggests, it may lead to doubts about the integrity of both the recommender and the person being recommended.

In this case, though, the "letters' represented real people—both men and women from the Corinthian church that Paul had discipled. Their lives reflected his influence on them, just as his life mirrored the influence of Christ. Paul wasn't striving to make them Paul-like, but Christlike.

You may not realize it, but you have an influence on many around you! Your influence extends to your spouse, children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and beyond. This reality prompts us to consider: How are we shaping their lives?

To what extent do our lives resemble Christ? This question is crucial for inspiring others to love Jesus, since people often watch us to determine whether our faith is authentic.

This month, openly express your devotion to Christ. Allow others to recognize through your words and actions that you follow Him. Be a letter of recommendation for Christ to those around you.

In Christ, Bro. Brandon

