

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>2 National Day of Prayer - Community Prayer Services 12:00pm Stockton City Park 7:00pm First Baptist Church, Bolivar</p>	3	<p>4 6:00pm Sportsman's Banquet</p>
			Meals On Wheels—April 29th thru May 3rd			
<p>5 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee 5:00pm Trustees 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Benevolence 8:00pm Business Meeting</p>	6	7	<p>8 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	9	10	11
<p>12 Mother's Day Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am No evening activities 6:30pm Baccalaureate Service at Stockton Assembly of God</p>	13	14	<p>15 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	16	17	18
<p>19 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 2:00pm Stockton Graduation 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults</p>	20	21	<p>22 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	23	24	25
<p>26 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	28	<p>29 10:30am Worship at SNH 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	30	31	

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Birthdays
of the
Month

1. Betty Jo Bryant
6. Steve Ewing
Jeanette Schmid
9. Wyatt Turner
12. Brad Belcher
16. Colleen Collier
20. Roger Turner
22. Hannah Ewing
Larry Johnston
24. Blanche Cowan
29. Rachel Wheeler
31. Dixie Dawes

Anniversaries
of the
Month

14. Ed & Sandy Camp
26. Roy & Dorothy Mantonya
27. Jim & Renée Roller
28. Jeff & Michelle Wheeler
Brad & Cindy Hall



Views from the Church Pews

God has called people throughout time - imperfect people, those who had made mistakes, and those who had no idea what they were getting into. However, through God's grace we know that God invites us to serve and then shows us the way to follow. We are not perfect, we don't have all the answers, but we know that we belong to God and that God calls each of us by name. —General Board of Higher Education and Ministry/UMC

What made God choose Moses with a speech problem? Why did He choose David, a simple, shepherd boy? How about Ruth, the Moabite?

In May of 1934, the Christian businessmen of Charlotte, NC, secured permission to hold an all-day prayer meeting at the Graham farm. On that day, a prayer was raised - that out of Charlotte the Lord would raise up someone to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

At 16 years old, Billy Graham was about to experience the transformation of a traditional farm boy into an instrument of God.

Billy Graham walked into the woods one night seeking God's direction for his faith. The answer? The Bible - sealed by a prayer: "Father, I am going to accept this as Thy Word - by faith! I'm going to allow faith to go beyond my intellectual questions and doubts, and I will believe this to be Your inspired Word." —Billy Graham Association

As graduation approaches at Stockton High School, eight of our youth will graduate. Only God knows how He will touch their hearts and move in their lives as they enter this chapter. I asked them to write in their own words the goals God has placed in their hearts at this time. How He is helping them reach their goals? And lastly how this church has helped them hear and feel God's leadership?

The Graduating seniors are in alphabetical order: Miranda Applegate, Dillon Chronister, Josh Ewing, Madison Hall, Josie Pyle, Allie Spurgeon, Fred Stockstill, and Rachel Wheeler. Please enjoy reading their answers and see that their hearts are so open to God's leadership. They like Billy Graham are saying to the best of their ability they believe His Word and by faith they are trusting Him to lead them every step of the way.

Miranda Applegate

I hope to become either an art teacher or a band director and be able to help my students feel the passions I feel. God is helping me with these goals by gifting me with artistic and musical talent and by providing the funds for me to go to college. This church has helped encourage me through my high school years and reassure me that college will be just fine. It has also given me a strong base to live my life upon.

Josh Ewing

I am going to SBU. God showed me this is the right school by placing it on my heart. I felt that this is what He wants for my future. The Church has encouraged me to pray and seek out the answers through prayer.

Madison Hall

My plans are to follow God wherever and whenever He leads me. Thanks to the church for praying for me for my future and everyday life.

Josie Pyle

I plan to attend Missouri State University and I want to major in Physical therapy with a minor in athletic training. I feel that God has blessed me with the gift of encouragement and compassion and He has given me the skills to work with people so I feel that physical therapy is what I'm called to do. God has helped me reach my goals by blessing me with the opportunity to job shadow the CMH physical therapy center. I have received a couple scholarships to pay for college, and I was selected for an interview for a huge scholarship with CMH that would help pay for my tuition but I haven't heard yet if I've gotten it. This church has helped me prepare myself spiritually to face what life has ahead.

Allie Spurgeon

The goal I want to achieve for myself is to get my Veterinarian Technician degree from Crowder College in Neosho. Not only to help animals but to comfort families and owners of suffering animals. Hopefully to one day be working in a zoo. The main thing God has done for me with achieving this goal is not saying no to me. I feel like I'm attending SBU next year and staying home because He still has work for me to do here. This church has helped me by caring so much about me and what I want. They provide tons of support and they are willing to help me with anything. When I think of people that have helped me a lot with realizing what I want to do are my brother Gabe and Coach Lisa Kenney. Gabe has helped as being a sound board and

talking me through things that might not be the best for me. Coach Kenney has helped me with helping me find my work ethic. Being my weights training coach she has pushed me to do things that I never thought I would.

Fred Stockstill

Goals: to be a good person and Christian, and to have good health. Trying to follow God's Word, daily prayer, and to have an unselfish heart. The church has helped by teaching God's Word, helping me study the Bible, praying for me and my health, and prayer grams ... thank you all so much.

Rachel Wheeler

I will be attending SBU in the fall, running track and cross country and majoring in graphic design. After I graduate I want to become active in missions, and get to help children in other countries. God has allowed me to get a running scholarship to SBU. Their cross country and track team goes on overseas missions, and I will be able to be a part of that. I've been able to grow up with great Christian friends and leaders in this church that have been there for me and helped me make the decision of going to SBU. I'm very excited about this new chapter in my life and what God has in store for me.

So Seniors, "So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." Deuteronomy 31:6

As they begin this walk of faith, let's agree to pray often for them that they will never retreat because of any opposition and challenges along the way! Let's pray "that the Lord would raise up someone to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth." -- Judy Ford

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FSBC NEWSLETTER



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Sportsman's Banquet

6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th
Here at FSBC in the CLC.

FREE TO AREA FAMILIES

Guest Speaker:
Jim Grabowski
Former SBU Bearcat & European League Basketball

Men of the Church, please bring:
A-I (Dessert), M-Z (Vegetable)

Rev. Ken Roller	Interim Pastor
Steve Ewing	Youth/Children's Pastor
Judy Ford	Music
Susan Applegate	Secretary
Chad Pyle	Treasurer
Brad Belcher	Deacon Chairman

And one more...sent just in time...

Dillon Chronister

Q: What goals has God placed in your heart as you graduate from High School?

A: A desire to learn more in depth about the subjects that I am truly passionate about. (Social Studies like history and government) Plus, the ever-present challenge of taking on the responsibilities that comes with adulthood.

Q: How is God helping you reach your goals?

A: By providing an excellent support system. The world is a shade of black. Just flip on the news if you don't think so. I wouldn't have any passion to learn or any will-power to be responsible if I didn't have my family or my friends. They are the candle light guide on a dark and stormy night.

Q: How has this church helped you hear and feel God's leadership as you begin this new chapter in your life?

A: Most of the people here aren't afraid to express their beliefs. Controversial or not. Strong leadership is how you handle that diversity. Our struggle in these matters hasn't shaken the power of what truly matters in faith and fellowship. That's pretty inspiration for my future. After all, conflict is everywhere and the test of a strong person comes from over coming.



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND
STOCKTON CITY PARK AT NOON
AND
FBC BOLIVAR AT 7:00 P.M.**

Jim, Renée, Elijah & Anna Roller are on mission in India. If you would like to contribute to their account it can be done through FSBC and designating it "Roller-India Fund".

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