

From front cover

James presents to us four facts about the goodness of God.

God gives only good gifts. Everything good in this world comes from God. If it did not come from God, it is not good. If it comes from God, it must be good, even if we do not see the goodness in it immediately. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was given to him by God and it seemed a strange gift; yet it became a tremendous blessing to him. **The way God gives is good.** It is possible for someone to give us a gift in a manner that is less loving. The value of a gift can be diminished by the way it is given to us. But when God gives us a blessing, He does it in a loving, gracious manner. **He gives constantly.** God does not give occasionally; He gives constantly. Even when we do not see His gifts, He is sending them. **God does not change.** It is impossible for God to change. He cannot change for the worse because He is holy; He cannot change for the better because He is already perfect. This means that we should never question His love or doubt His goodness when difficulties come or temptations appear. **Wait on the Lord!**

Let's pray this prayer together: Lord, we lay our hearts before you as we enter this new month. Meet us exactly where we are. Strengthen our faith, remove our doubts, and grant us the grace to move forward with expectation. **Amen.**

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim & Fran



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The Herald

God's Goodness

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17).

We will get back to this verse of Scripture; now let's look at the month of June and what it has in store for us.



June is the sixth month of the year; and is named after the Roman goddess of marriage. Juno; and it remains one of the most popular months for weddings.

June is primarily symbolized by the Rose and the Pearl; reflecting the transition into summer, love, and purity. June 6th 1944, D-Day marked the pivotal allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. This event played a crucial role shaping modern history. June 21st is Father's day (those who impacted our lives). June 30th is my beautiful wife of 53 years birthday; (Happy Birthday); just in case I forget!

Let's take a look at (James 1:17). One of the enemy's tricks is to convince us that our Father is holding out on us, that He does not really love us and care for us. The goodness of God is a great barrier against yielding to temptation. Since God is good, we do not need any other person (including Satan) to meet our needs.

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Update From the Trustees

- ❖ The agreement with Tabor Pest Control has been terminated since the problem has been solved.
- ❖ The ceiling in the Ladies' SW Bathroom has been repaired.
- ❖ Our Chamber of Commerce membership has been renewed.
- ❖ A committee has been set up to control the church Facebook page.
- ❖ Carl will be mowing & trimming the church property.

Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of **Robert "Bob" Rea**. Bob grew up here at First Baptist and remained a trusted friend to our church as our insurance agent. He was an upstanding member of our community, known for his kindness and integrity.

We especially lift up Mary Ellen and John Aiken, faithful members of our church family, asking the Lord to surround them with comfort and peace in the days ahead.

PANTRY NEWS

We have serviced 540 people in month of April. 25 of those are the homeless. So hard to give them less than a person with a home address. Most have medical issues but we do try to show God's love. Our senior box is a big hit-over 100 given out in April. This is in addition to their other food given. Dollar General on East Main is the best to give us milk along with other fresh fruits. This takes all the volunteers working to pick up food and unload at pantry. Save-A-Lot is our main supplier of food we purchase. Our own John D. Aiken is our trucker for this job. Locals continue to give us fresh eggs. That is why need is great for empty cartons. Also Walmart bags are always needed. Thanking you in advance for your support.



June Blessings (and Lessons)

June teaches us many things: watermelons are seasonal, sunscreen is essential, and God is faithful in every season — even the sweaty ones. As we step into summer, may we walk in gratitude, joy, and maybe a little extra deodorant. The Lord is with us, and that's better than any breeze.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



14th Christopher Langston	24th Stephen Meyer
14th Robert Lewis	27th Paula Borgra
17th Robert and Jane Taylor	28th Marcus Owens
18th Ken & Mary Bolen	30th Fran Jenkel



Our Ministry Team will take the Good News to **Heritage Woods and Helia** this month. Join us!

LADIES INVITED TO COFFEE

All ladies are invited to 1st Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on **June 3rd** at **9:30a.m.** Bring your prayer requests and a friend.



THIS MONTH

June	1st	6:00 P.M.	REVIVAL
June	3rd	9:30 A.M.	Ladies Coffee @ the Buzz
June	5th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry @ Heritage Woods
June	9th	9:30 A.M.	Trustee Board Meeting
June	17th	2:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
June	19th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry @ Helia

WEEKLY

Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service



**June Offering
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