MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 5/2 5/6 5/6 5/9 5/9 5/10 5/10

5/10

5/10 5/15

5/19 5/28 5/30 **Isaiah Davis**

Joanne Capes

Tommy Barfield Evie Thomas Sandra Simpson Lonnie Smith

Hannah Lasher

Jackson Williamson

Rebecca Parkerson Robin Buchanan

Abby Simmons Journee Williamson

Bubba Hammock Deena Simmons Peter Marie

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Our Mission: Here at FRBC we want to help people to KNOW God personally, GROW in the Lord spiritually, And SHOW God to others in word and action

Think on These Things

One of the greatest tools the church has to reach people for Christ and to help Christians grow is the small group. People will stay in a church when they feel like they belong. The best way to achieve this in a small group with other members. In the church today, people can feel a disconnect with other members. Small groups can solve this problem.

If you are not involved in a small group, I would like for you to consider four biblical reasons to become a member:

1. God commands us to be involved: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

God knows that for a Christian to be able to survive and grow in their spiritual life they need other Christians. We are stronger together than alone.

2. Jesus and the early church modeled it:

Jesus had his own small group. He had a group of twelve that He shared His life with for three years. "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." (Acts 2:46)

The early church met together in houses. Today, in places where Christians are persecuted, people meet in houses or other places where only a small group can get together. With the rise in anti-Christian ideas in America, we may one day not be allowed to meet in churches. Where will you meet then?

3. It gives us a place to have true fellowship with other believers: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (<u>Acts 2:42</u>) The biblical meaning of fellowship is being able to share your true feelings, as well as other things with each other. It is a place where you can be the real you. Soon it may be the only place you can openly share your thoughts or ideas without fear of reprisal.

4. It will allow others to help bear your burdens: "Bear ye one anther's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) You may not be comfortable or able to share your needs and burdens with the whole church, but you can in a small group. They will pray for you, love you, and encourage you. They become your family.

The Bible clearly tells us that small groups are very important to the life of the Christian and the church. I hope, considering these scriptures, that you might pray and ask God to help you see what He would have you to do about a small group, and commit to at least four weeks to get involved.

> May God bless you all, Jerry

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (MAY 19)

Sunday School	9:30a
Worship	.10:45a
Children's Church	

GriefShare5:00	0p
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WEDNESDAY (MAY 22)

Adult Bible Study	6:30p
i220 Youth Bible Study	-
Journey Kids - Bible Alive!	

upcoming events

JUNE 02

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion	9:30a
Graduation Recognition Sunday	10:45a
JUNE 12-14	

FRBC Summer Camp @ Big Trees Farm	.9:00a - 2:00p
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ongoing events

If you have a graduating senior this semester, please submit their name, school, future plans, and their photo to the Church Office at 32hnco@gmail.com by no later than May 26th. We will be having a Graduation Recognition Sunday on June 2nd.