# May Birthdays

5/2	Joanne Capes	<b>5/10</b>	<b>Hannah Lasher</b>
5/3	<b>Jackson Williamson</b>	<b>5/10</b>	<b>Abby Simmons</b>
5/6	Tommy Barfield	<b>5/15</b>	Journee Williamson
5/9	<b>Lonnie Smith</b>	5/19	<b>Bubba Hammock</b>
5/10	<b>Rebecca Parkerson</b>	<b>5/28</b>	<b>Deena Simmons</b>
5/10	<b>Robin Buchanan</b>	<b>5/30</b>	<b>Peter Marie</b>

Deacon/Security Rotation	Nursery Rotation		
May 04 Jerry Parkerson	May 04 Michelle Hammock & Karen Huddleston		
May 11 Jacob Thomas	May 11 Kelly Dorrough & Lynn Hammond		
May 18 Steve Thomas	May 18 Deena Simmons & Hannah Marie		

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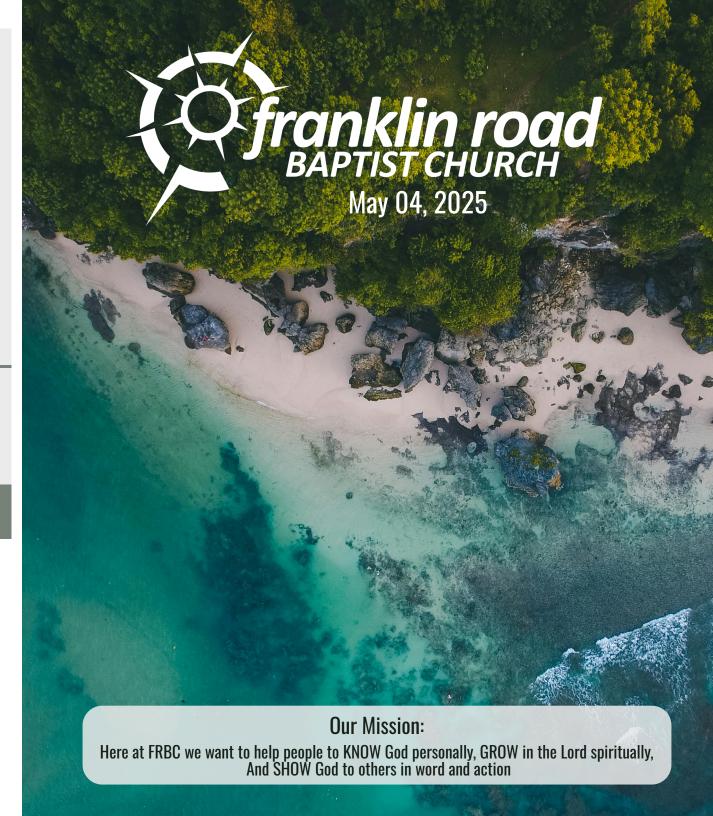
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### Do You Know Why You Believe?

Could you answer any of the following questions? How do you know Jesus really rose from the dead? How can you know the Bible is not just a collection of man-made books and not God's word? Is Jesus really God, or is he just another created man like every other human being? If God is such a loving God, why does He send people to hell?

These are questions being asked by skeptics, nonbelievers, and by people seeking truth about God so they can believe in Him. Sadly, many Christians are unable to give a logical explanation of why they believe what they believe. In our world today, where there is no absolute truth, it is more important than ever that Christians be able to give a logical and factual argument for their faith. Peter shows us that this is a command from God for every Christian when he says, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect," (I Peter 3:15) The technical word for this is apologetics. Although it sounds like we

are apologizing for our faith, it really means we are explaining or standing up

for our faith to honor God.

The challenge of apologetics has become an interesting endeavor for me over the past few years. I have been able for the last two years to attend a week-long apologetics conference held in New Orleans at my former seminary. I have been both challenged and convicted about learning to tell people why I believe what I believe as a Christian and to try and help other Christians to better understand the why behind what they believe. Because if this, beginning this Wednesday, I will be teaching on four basic questions asked by most unbelievers. These questions are:

- 1. Is God Real
- 2. Is the Bible True?
- 3. Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?
- 4. If God is Such a Loving God, Why Is There Suffering in the World?

So if you would like to learn how to answer these questions of the faith, please join me starting this Wednesday night at 6:30 to learn the answers.

- Pastor Jerry

### this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (MAY 04) Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion Worship Service	
Relax @ Rockridge (Bring a picnic lunch, a chair, a if you'd like to fi	and a fishing pole
WEDNESDAY (MAY 07)	
Small Group Bible Study	6:30p
Journey Kids - Explorers	
i220 Youth Group	
SATURDAY (MAY 10) FRBC Thrift Store	8:00a - 12:00n
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## upcoming events

#### **MAY 11**

Mother's Day......All Day