

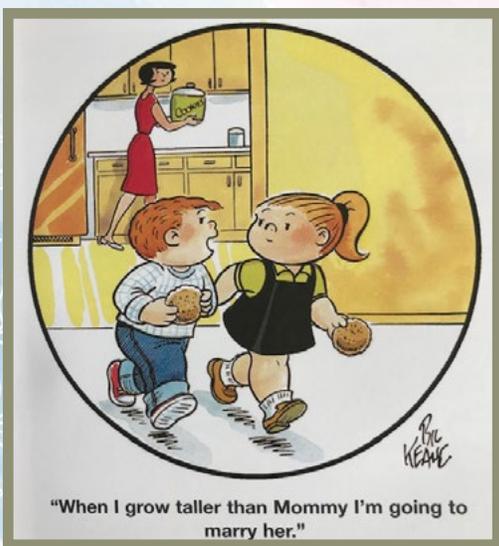
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SEASONED ADULT MINISTRY
SERVING THE GREAT

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MAY 2022

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!
Sunday, May 8



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This newsletter is prepared and emailed monthly by and for 55+ adults of First Baptist Church Trussville, Alabama. Suggested information to be included in an upcoming SAM newsletter may be emailed to sam.news@fbctrussville.org. Printed copies will be available at the church Welcome Center and Events Center.

GREAT INSPIRATION!

Crucify him! She heard those words!

Imagine the condition of her heart as she stood at the foot of the cross looking up at her son, in agony, dying right before her eyes, an innocent lamb bearing the weight of the sins of all humanity. She heard Jesus say to her Woman, behold thy son! And to John who was standing with her, Behold thy mother! Ouch! Mary, the Mother of Jesus is recognized the world over as the mother of Jesus of Nazareth. What she had to endure that day and in the next days is beyond words. Mary was and still is an inspiration from the very day she said to the angel be it unto me according to thy word.

Who are the unique and amazing women who have inspired you? Some are our mothers, grandmothers, sisters and some are our teachers, a boss, a friend, or a mentor.

As you can imagine, I was a "momma's boy" ... after all, I am the baby of the family. My mother died when I was 45. I will always remember God's gift to me, when on that Thursday afternoon, I had planned to take Blake, our oldest son, to play golf and out of nowhere a thunderstorm blew in and preempted our fun. Instead, I took Blake to the hospital, where I had already been earlier that morning, to see my mom. We watched it rain as we sat on her hospital bed tuned in to my mother's favorite TV habit ... the Atlanta Braves. We were there for hours. I didn't know it then, but that was my last conversation with my mother. After her cancer diagnosis, we thought we had several years but it was just three months. I will always remember how God allowed us to visit and reminisce on that rainy Thursday. My dad has always been the musician in our family, but my mother was the singer. She taught me and encouraged me from my childhood to love music and to sing. My dad taught me theory; my mom introduced and nurtured my passion for singing.

Bob

FBCT SEASONED ADULT DAY
Sunday, May 1 • Lunch in Gym (\$2 per person)

Tickets are available for purchase at the Events desk or through the SAM offices.



WOMAN OF GOD

By Jim Hickman

Mary Eliza Greenup was born July 12, 1888, close to the Osage River in the Missouri Ozarks. Her Great-Great-Grandfather, Christopher Greenup, was a member of the Virginia Militia in 1775-76, and became the third Governor of Kentucky in 1804. Her Father, also Christopher Greenup, was a Texas Ranger before settling in Missouri.

Mary Eliza met the love of her life, William W. (Will) Bunch at the only country school in the area. They both attended the local country Baptist Church and were saved and baptized there. In July 1905, Will and Mary eloped, via horse and buggy and were married by a JP on July 11, 1905, the day before she turned 16, and he was 18.

Mary was less than 5' tall, and could drive a horse and buggy, but never learned to drive an auto. By 1921 Mary and Will had four children and a nice Ozark farm. Mary was already known as an excellent nurse and mid-wife. Her great love for the Lord, and her outgoing love and concern for others was apparent, and when Will told her in 1921, he felt God was 'calling' him to preach she was his instant helpmate and minister's wife. Everyone who ever met Mary and had any personal communication with her felt they were her special friend. Conversely anyone who deliberately wronged another was certain to feel her wrath. Will and Mary took the entire family, entered Southwest Baptist College and Academy, in 1922, for Will to study and learn how to be a minister, and Mary to be a schoolteacher.

Together their daring, trusting spirit and great love and interest in all God's Creation led them to many different places. Mary taught school in MO, KA, CO, ID and WY. I personally gave Mary her first airplane ride in 1958, when she was 70, and she loved it. She got her first helicopter ride over the Salmon River of Idaho on her 75th birthday.

Mary was a major love of my life, and the most influential woman of my life, starting with the day I was born. She went to be the Lord when she was 92. She was my Maternal Grandmother.



MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE!

MAY 30, 2022

We salute the men and women from all branches of our United States forces who gave their lives for this country and our freedoms.

Lest We Forget: The Mission, on the marker just outside the WWII Museum in New Orleans identifying a sculpted, life sized group of fighter pilots at a mission briefing. These pilots were created in clay and cast in bronze by sculptor Fredric Arnold, a pilot himself, and one of only a few survivors from the combat missions of his aviation cadet class. Arnold completed this brilliant work at the age of 94 after seven years on the project.

Carol Crain aka Rosie the Riveter was our guest at the January SAM Monthly Luncheon and sparked some special memories in many of us of the strong women who served this country during WWII. Judy Bacon shared this with us: *Rosie represents the many thousands of women who served our Homeland while the war raged in Europe, Africa, South Pacific, Japan. I write this to honor my Dad's unmarried sister, Aunt Lara, who lived with our family and worked as a welder at Naval Base, Panama City, FL during WWII.*

AN EASTER PARADE? KENTUCKY DERBY? NO! A TEA PARTY!

It was Sunday, April 10 and 224 of our ladies (from ages 4 to 94) captured the essence of Afternoon Tea. They were lovely in all manner of hats; the tablescapes were stunning; and the tea and food were delicious! Our first Tea Party for Annie Armstrong raised approximately \$5,000 toward our FBCT Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, which at this writing totals \$136,969. Annie Armstrong was a pioneer in missions leadership at a time (late 1800's) when women were not expected to lead. She served in so many areas of missions ministry across America, including serving as the first executive of the WMU.

"I was in total awe with the experience of the Tea Party. God blessed the event more than I ever could have imagined. I found myself sitting at our table just looking around. There were smiles and laughter... beautiful tablescapes ... hugs precious little girls. Did you see them twirling on the stage? Lots of lovely ladies coming together to help spread the love of Jesus to the lost in North America. What a wonderful afternoon! Jamie Chappell and her team did an outstanding job of making sure our first Annie Armstrong Tea Party was a huge success. THANK YOU, JAMIE. And thank you goes to all the ladies who created the beautiful tables. I enjoyed seeing all the different ideas! To GOD be the glory." Sue Richards



FBCT 3RD ANNUAL LELAND DOCKERY TRIBUTE CRUISE-IN

Saturday, June 4 • Registration begins 8:00AM

Open to public • 9:00AM to 2:00PM

No Registration Fee

www.fbctrussville.org/events/cruise-in



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 1

Turn in your pledge cards; be a part of what happens

NEXT

We will tell the next generation. Psalm 78:4

FIRST MONDAY PRAYER FOCUS

Monday, May 2 • 10:00AM • Chapel

Meet in the Chapel or stop wherever you are and join us in prayer.

Email prayer requests to Sam.prayer@fbctrussville.org

And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the Word of God with boldness.
Acts 4:31



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5

JOYFUL HEARTS REHEARSALS

Thursdays • May 5 & 19 • 10:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

SAM VOCAL BAND REHEARSALS

(Men's Southern Gospel Group)

Wednesdays • 4:55PM • Room D144



NEW ORLEANS TRIP

Sunday, May 15 thru Wednesday, May 18

We will leave after morning worship.

Questions: Call the SAM office 205-228-1006

MEN'S 6:11 BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 12 • 6:11AM in the Gym

Invite a friend and join us.

EDIBLE EDUCATION LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 12 • 11:30AM • Fellowship Hall

\$6 per person

Dr. Anna Melinkoff (OB/GYN) will discuss what's in an Annual visit and why do I need one?

Register [HERE](#)

SAM MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 26 • 10:30AM • Gym

Special Guests: SAM VOCAL BAND

\$6 per person • Reservation required

205-228-1006 or sam.reservation@fbctrussville.org

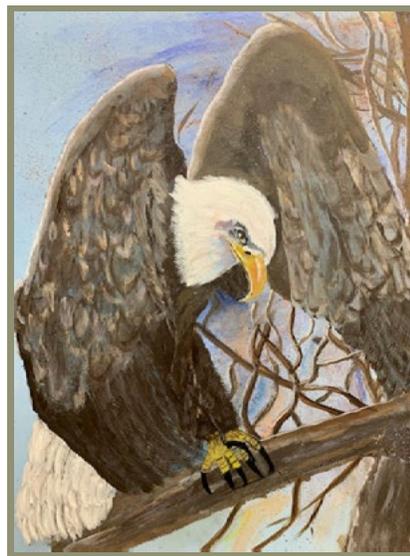
FIFTH SUNDAY

"RED BACK

HYMNAL" SING

Sunday, May 29 • 4:00PM

Chapel



Our own Nita Klosowsky shares with us her love and talent for painting.

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:29-31

CONGRATULATIONS, FBCT STUDENT GRADUATES!

HTHS Commencement Exercises
May 24, 2022

Katanna Abel
Lauren Adams
Abby Arehart
Kylie Argo
Kimberly Bell
Payton Brigman
Grace Brown
Maddy Burns
Lauren Coffey
Sara Crawford
Brooke Crumpton
Katelyn Curd
Mary Grace Davidson
Sydney Davidson
Carly DeSimone
Chrissy Dillard
Deonna Dorsett
Taylor Doss
Diana Gomez
Phoebe Greene
Peyton Hendon
Avery Huffstutler
Katherine Huffstutler
Madison Hutchens
Ella Joganic
Aubrey Jones
Emma Laborde
Landry Motley
Kate Mullinax
Fiona Neely
Maddie Olive
Emily Onofry
Sarah Kate Potter
Emma Puryear
Ella Schappacher
Elizabeth Self
Sarah Senft
Miller Smith
Caroline Summers
Sarah Kate Swann
Mary Teed
Merritt Thimaras
Emma Walker
Ella Wright
Megan Zielke

Gavin Armstrong
Andrew Bates
Joshua Blake
Dawson Blount
Sawyer Caine
Jacob Campbell
Kent Donaldson
Adam Elmore
Drew Gardner
Martin Gravitt
Seth Hacker
Chase Harland
Taylor Jones
Jackson Kendrick
Addison Lockhart
Aiden Lucas
Alton Lucas
Hunter Maples
Luke Mathews
Chris Mauldin
Brooks McRae
Matthew Miller
David Moore
Jaggerd Moore
Jack Pate
Hollis Prosser, Jr.
Riley Quick
Lucas Reaves
Logan Reeves
Jacob Roper
Andy Serena
Bryson Serena
Ryan Shoop
Thomas Stacks
Robert Tate, IV
Carson Treglown
Blaine Whitt
Barrett Willingham
Ethan Womack
Michael Youngstrom
Cayson Zackery



SAVE THESE DATES

SCAM ALERT SEMINAR

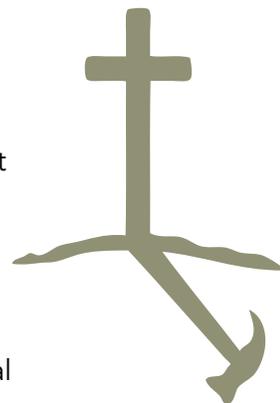
Sunday, June 12 • 3:00PM • Fellowship Hall

Increase awareness .. don't be a victim!
Hear from experts on how to protect yourself from fraud related to home repair, technology, finances, identity theft, romance, credit repair, charity scams and more. This seminar is offered with the support and cooperation of the Trussville Chamber of Commerce.

MEN ON MISSION CONSTRUCTION TEAM

June 11-18 • Ossian, Indiana
\$250 per person. Students \$50

Our SAM goal is to take the largest group of seasoned adult men in the 39-year history of this ministry. It is not necessary that volunteers have special skills. We have work opportunities for specialty workers as well as general laborers, material handlers, kitchen staff assistants and cooks.



SUNDAY STROLL

Sunday, June 26 • 2:00PM

Classic on Noble, Anniston, AL

Meal, Charter Bus Transportation

Mystery Guest Entertainment

Tickets: \$40 per person (limited to 125)

Available May 1 (Online, Event Desk, SAM office)



CELEBRATORS CONFERENCE

October 10 – 13, 2022

LeConte Center

Pigeon Forge, TN

Registration now open • \$100 deposit



NASHVILLE CHRISTMAS

November 30 thru December 2 (limited to 96)

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center

Watch for registration date coming soon.

FBCT WOMEN ON MISSION

Coincidentally, our WMU leader Shirley Lyle and 7 others from FBCT attended the annual WMU RENEW conference held at Gardendale Baptist Church in April, where Tara Dew spoke about the gardener, the vine, and the branches. Shirley said, "the conference was great, and Tara is a great speaker." Tara is the wife of Dr. Jamie Dew, the President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, who our April New Orleans travelers had the honor to meet and spend a little time with while visiting the Seminary.

Shirley also reports just a few other things our WMU ladies have been up to. "On April 12th, our ladies prepared and served the meal for Holy Week at the Methodist Church. So far this year we have been collecting gift cards for a house at Big Oak Ranch, linens for both our missionary house and the Big Oak Ranch House, and art supplies for The Wellhouse. We took the supplies and prepared a chili supper which we shared with the ladies at The Wellhouse (January). We are continuously collecting supplies for and assembling hygiene kits. Lately these have been taken to Serving You. We had our general meeting on March 8th with Russ Borg as our speaker. Our Prayer Shawl group knits or crochets shawls which are given out on an on-going basis to comfort the hurting."

There were 25 prayer shawls knitted and given during 2021. Cindy Carroll was one of the recipients of a prayer shawl given in remembrance of her husband, Ron, who went home last year. A few weeks ago, Cindy, wearing Ron's team shirt, threw out the first ball at the Spring opener for Ron's softball team.



• HOW TO BE • **SAM** with **KEN LASS** **SATIONAL!**

"The Lord has done this for me," Elizabeth said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people." -- Luke 1:25

Since the theme of this month's SAM newsletter is women, it got me thinking about the women of the Bible. If you had to select your favorite biblical female, who would it be?

There would, of course, be the obvious choice of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She is kind of the superstar of biblical women. There is also Mary Magdalene, prominent at the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. Ruth and Esther got to have books of the Bible actually named after them. Sarah gets a lot of attention in Genesis as the wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac. Rahab the prostitute redeemed herself by helping the Jews conquer the promised land. Others like Eve, Jezebel, and Delilah probably wouldn't get many votes because, heaven knows, they had their faults.

One person you may not think of was Elizabeth, wife of Zechariah the priest. The couple was very old and childless, yet they showed relentless faith by continuing to pray for a son. God answered by granting them the miracle of pregnancy. The Gospel of Luke then tells us Elizabeth spent five months in seclusion, with a husband who was unable to speak because he doubted the words of the angel. That had to be tough considering her condition, but she chose to dwell on her blessings, not mourn for her adversity. She praised God for taking away the disgrace of her inability to bear a child.

We might not have heard of Elizabeth at all if she had not been the relative of Mary. At six months of pregnancy, she received the famous visit from the future mother of the Son of God. Mary definitely stole her thunder. Elizabeth could easily have been jealous. Instead, she displayed ardent humility, choosing to praise her relative. "Blessed are you among women" she famously uttered.

When her baby was born, the people wanted and expected to name him after his father, with Zechariah still unable to vocally object. Elizabeth showed courage and bravery, bucking social pressure and tradition by insisting that his name would be John, as the angel had instructed.

The narrative then changes to the birth, life and death of Jesus. That's pretty much it for Elizabeth. We hear virtually nothing else about her. Yet in that handful of verses, she modeled faith, love, humility, and courage. She's not what you would call one of the superstar women of the Bible, but because of her strong Christian walk, she was granted the blessing of giving birth to a boy. Maybe you've heard of this boy. He would grow up to become known as John the Baptist, who would baptize untold legions of people into the faith. He would even baptize Jesus Himself.

I am thankful for the faithful, loving, humble and brave women of our SAM ministry. Many of them have raised children and influenced husbands to grow in their walk with the Lord. They are prayer warriors and friendship ambassadors. They are the backbone of our congregation, despite getting little recognition. Elizabeth would approve.

HIS UNFAILING WORD ... ISAIAH 40:8

By Denise Dockery

Covenant Promise of a seed through the events of History. Galatians 3:16 "and to your seed, that is Christ."

It's the dark years of the Judges, there was no king in Israel and everyone did what was right in his own eyes except for one man named Boaz, a Kinsman Redeemer / Ga-al "do the part of the next kin."

Ruth is the beautiful story of God working providentially through circumstances and through lives of people faithful to Covenant. Hope appeared to be gone for Naomi ... Ruth would need a Kinsman Redeemer in order for the name of Naomi's son to carry on in Israel.

Hope deferred makes the heart sick; hope is an expectation of things hoped for, and Naomi was in great despair. The word Hope "Tiqva," literally means cord. It is the first time hope is mentioned in the bible, but we see this word cord used when Rahab by faith lowered the scarlet cord out of the window for the 2 spies.

With Rahab her hope was with the expectation that the spies would return to save her, and they did! Her faith would be justified. James 2:25; Hebrews 11:31

A journey from the land of Moab back to Bethlehem, Naomi is now a widow, her two sons have died, and two daughters-in-law remain, Orpah and Ruth. "Go!" but Ruth clung to Naomi, "where you go, I go, your people shall be my people and your God my God." Ruth's faith would introduce her to a man named Boaz, a close relative of Naomi's husband Elimelech.

Once it is determined who would become Ruth's kinsman redeemer, the Ga-al, Boaz, would buy Naomi's land and redeem Ruth to become his wife according to the law of the Levirate (Deuteronomy 25). Naomi's son's name would continue in Israel for the land belonged to the child. Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife, she conceived and gave birth to a son and named him Obed.

Two Gentile women who played a powerful role in the genealogy of Jesus, it's not by accident that Rahab lowered the scarlet cord out of her window, or Ruth who followed Naomi and her God for we see them as grandparents in Matthew 1. "Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth and Obed the father of Jesse, Jesse was the father of David the king..... leading up to Joseph the husband of Mary by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. Jesus would be our Kinsman Redeemer.

The women said to Naomi, "*Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel.*" Ruth 4:14 Her hope became a reality.

"In Him (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood." Ephesians 1:7

N'AWLINS ... MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BUT KEEP THE OLD; ONE IS SILVER, THE OTHER IS GOLD

A picture is worth a thousand words. The Catholic Cathedral in Jackson Square in the background is the oldest one in the United States. We captured this picture as we stood outside the Café du Monde reveling in the memory of fresh beignets and coffee, accompanied by a street jazz group and their lively rendition of "When Those Saints Come Marching In." (As an aside, we found that our leader, Bob Smith, is a lover of jazz ... he sang, played table drums with his hands, and did all those repercussions by mouth as the group performed ... it was worth seeing ... so much fun!) Besides the beignets and the over-the-top oysters we enjoyed, what we 58 SAM-ers experienced in New Orleans in April was enlightening ... the past combined with the present and the old among the new. We traveled on the AmTrak train, and we toured in an old streetcar. We worshipped in the old chapel of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary then toured the newly renovated Student Center, where we had the privilege to meet and spend a little time chatting with the Seminary's President, Dr. Jamie Dew. We toured the magnificent WWII Museum filled with history, from the 1942 Harley modified for use during the war, the fascinating display of fighter planes hanging from the ceilings, and the construction of an awesome new museum building and the structure hovering high over it called the "Bollinger Canopy of Peace." Our tour guide through the City and the old St. Louis Cemetery was quite "interesting" to say the least, if you can just imagine his New Orleans brogue. There was so much more and some surprises as well.

We wish our SAM-ers who will be setting out on the May 15 trip to New Orleans a safe and great experience, and we leave you with this. According to the comments we've received from those who went on the April trip, the very best part of the entire trip was the time we took to meet and get to know our fellow travelers and SAM-ers who we did not know, and to spend time with some old friends we hadn't seen in a while.



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