

Upcoming Events

May 2
8:00 am Men's Breakfast

May 7
National Day of Prayer

May 10
Mother's Day

No evening services

May 12
11:30 am Senior Lunch
@ Prevette Greenhouse

May 17
Graduate Sunday

5:00 pm VBS Meeting

May 20
5:30 pm Mission Meal

6:30 pm Missions Night

May 24
No evening services

May 25
Memorial Day

May 31
No evening services

Save the Date
VBS
June 1-4



Marriage Minute



Fire Wife Chronicles by Lizzy Christian

Sing together.
Grab coffee together.
Dance together.
Just do things together.

Pray together.
Cry together.
Dream together.
Just do things together.

Cook together.
Eat ice-cream together.
Work out together.
Just do things together.

Read together.
Watch movies together.
Chase adventure together.
Just do things together.

Wash dishes together.
Finish a project together.
Run errands together.
Just do things together.

Conquer fears together.
Address trauma together.
Plan for the future together.
Just do things together.

Hug.
Kiss.
Wink.
Snuggle.
Kiss hello and goodbye.
Hold hands in church.
Touch shoulders as you watch your kids play at the park or on the soccer field.

Go out of your way to make their day.

Live out your every day chaos together.

In a world that is so focused on self — don't forget that marriage takes two. It's a partnership. A gift from God. Something you have to fight for.

While our kids and responsibilities often demand most of our time and attention, we must carve out intentional time for the person we get to do life with.

Just remember — we are better together ❤️



Mount Vernon Baptist Church Serving in Love. Growing in Faith Newsletter May 2026

Dear Church Family,

As we step into the month of May, we can feel the rhythm of life beginning to shift. The days are longer, the schedules get fuller, and before we know it, summer will be upon us. Vacations, ball games, cookouts, and travel will quickly fill our calendars. And while these are good gifts from the Lord, they also present a quiet challenge: will we drift, or will we be deliberate?

Scripture calls us not to live passively, but purposefully. In Ephesians 5:15-16, we are reminded, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." The call is clear: be prepared, be intentional, and be wise with what God has entrusted to us.

Preparation, for the believer, is not merely about planning events, it is about preparing our hearts. It means guarding our time with the same care we guard our doctrine. It means deciding now, before summer distractions come, that Christ will remain central. That gathering with His people will not

be optional, but essential. That spiritual growth will not be postponed, but pursued. But let me press this a step further. Our goal is not simply to *be together*, but to *grow together*.

It is possible to fill a room and still remain spiritually distant. It is possible to attend every event and yet never truly invest in one another. The New Testament paints a different picture of the church. In Hebrews 10:24-25, we are exhorted, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another."

That word *consider* implies thoughtfulness. Intentionality. It means we don't just show up, we show up ready to pour into someone else. Ready to encourage. Ready to pray. Ready to bear burdens. Ready to speak the truth in love. So as we approach this busy season, let us not settle for proximity without purpose. Let us be a people who prepare our hearts, order our lives, and commit ourselves to one another in a genuine, Christ-centered community.

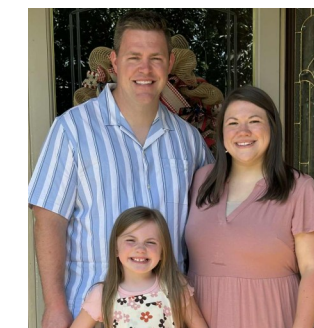
This summer, let's make a conscious decision: we will not drift. We will not disconnect. We will not coast spiritually. Instead, by God's grace, we will grow.

We will grow in our love for Christ. We will grow in our love for one another and we will grow as a church that reflects the beauty of the gospel to a watching world.

Know that I am praying for you that the Lord would strengthen you, guide you, and deepen your faith in this season. May we be found faithful, not just in being present, but in being purposeful.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andrew



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Meet The Deacon



SENIOR ADULTS

The Seniors had a great taco bar and Bingo fellowship in April. While everyone won bingo, Homer York was our lucky winner and needed a bag to hold his winnings. Join us May 12 at 11:30am at Doug and Debbie Prevette's for hamburgers with all the trimmings as well as cobbles. Afterwards Doug and Friends will provide some toe tapping music. We hope everyone will join us! See Debbie or Elizabeth for more information.

Mike Laws

Favorite food: Steak/Beef
Favorite movie: Lonesome Dove or The Goonies
Favorite bible verse: James 4
Super power I wish I could have: To just know things already.

Prayer List

If you have added a name to the prayer list, please remember to give updates or let us know when to remove.

Tony Shaver	John Debroder	Wayne Myers	Dodd Saville
Angie Wooten	Joey Campbell	Donna York	Billy Steele
Melissa Holland	Ace Carter	Daphne Speer	Jerry Elliott
Donnie Seipel	Charles Kurfees	Richard Kurfees	Lorena Elliott
John "Skip" Douglas	Mason Durden	Clay Madison	Jason Day
Teresa Lentz	Oliver Smith	Efren Padilla	Travis Holland
Hal Moose	Randy Holland	Eddie Mitchell	Donna Templeton
Dolly Madison	Nancy Deal	Billie Marie Casner	

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THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 7, 2026



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



May 2 @ 8 am

WMU News

We are providing desserts for North Middle School and Union Grove School on May 7 for teacher appreciation week. Desserts need to be brought to church on Wednesday evening May 6.

Sign up in the church foyer. We enjoyed hearing from the Good News speaker in April about ways to help spread the gospel in schools.

Mission Meal

Join us May 20 at 5:30 pm for our monthly Mission Meal. We will have deli sandwiches, sides and dessert. Proceeds will go to Matthew 25, a local non-profit in harmony helping with food, clothing and power bills for the less fortunate.



May is a designated month for our church family to collect canned goods & hygiene products for the SYBA Food Pantry. Donations can be put in the basket outside of the Pastor Andrew's study or in the foyer.

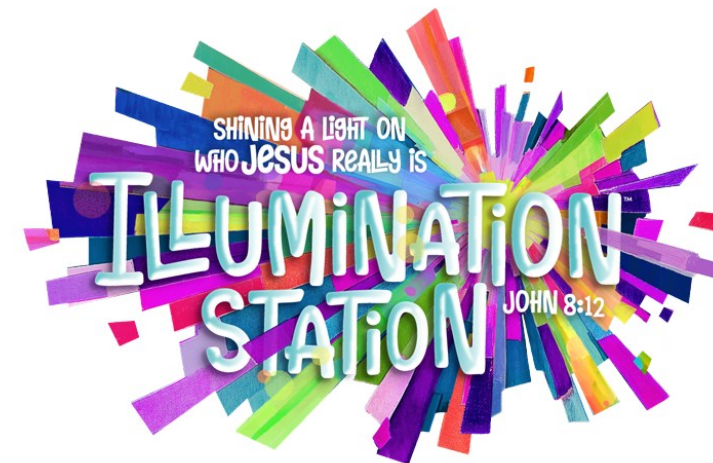
Calling All Grads!!
 If you have a child graduating this year, please let Kathleen Smith know or email the church office by May 13th. This includes younger graduates. All graduates will be recognized May 17th.



Truthgirlz

Www.truthgirlz.org

Suggested donations for incentive boutique and lessons for April is body care stuff (soaps, lotions, body scrubs and sprays). If you have any questions, please see Julie Rupard.



SAVE THE DATE!!
VBS JUNE 1-4
VBS Meeting
May 17th
5:30 pm

Deacons

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