



# The Vision



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE

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**April 24, 2022**



What a glorious day it is to gather and praise the Lord together!

We are grateful indeed our Savior lives and we are grateful First Baptist Church is a church alive with His Love to share! This has been a good week to be thankful for all the Lord is doing among us!

Today we rejoice in the public professions of faith in Jesus by baptism of four precious folks! God is so Good! We love and support Payton, Emmalie, Brandon & Samantha in their spiritual walk with the Lord!

We welcome our guests among us! What a joy you give us to see you here. Relax and enjoy this hour of praise. You are among friends!

Love,

Pastor John & Debbie



***Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.***



**Servants**

In His Service

**May 1, 2022**

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

Small Talk-John Richerson

*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)*

ATTENDANCE

SS-0 Worship- 112

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

	Worship Service	Sunday School
April 3	\$2,279.00	\$95.00
April 10	\$3,084.45	\$48.00
April 17	\$3,078.11	-

Operating Fund

\$8,584.56

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

Trash Bags-\$20.00, Bereavement Fund-\$12.00

Total Receipts (Apr.) \$9,216.29

Weekly Need \$2,700.18

## STEDFAST FAITH

Three years of growing faith and hope, His followers were dashed on the shoal of despair when Jesus was apprehended and killed. Typical of the despair felt by those in Jerusalem were two despondent followers of Christ who left Jerusalem to walk to the village of Emmaus. On the way, they encountered a stranger who seemed to know nothing of the past days' events in Jerusalem. Yet He rebuked them for their despondency, for not recognizing the meaning of the death of the Nazarene. And then He revealed to them that He was the Christ, raised from the dead. "So [the two] rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem...and they told about the things that had happened on the road" (Luke 24:33, 35).

When the two disciples saw that Jesus had been given new life, they received new life as well. Such is the power of the Resurrection; such is the meaning of Easter!

If you grow despondent in the face of life's circumstances, remember the Resurrection---proof that God's power is sufficient to resurrect your faith.

*The Upward Call by David Jeremiah and Turning Point 2015*

**The Following Was Sent To Our Church Website and Asked to be Included In Our Announcements:**

Good evening,

I'm spending some time this evening looking for a family able to open their hearts and home to an exchange student waiting to get their news that they have a family welcoming them for the upcoming school year!

I have several students looking for Christian families and who would like to actively pursue their religion while they are here.

Every kind of family can host (families with children, single parents, retired couples, ect). If you could please share this information, I would so appreciate it. I would be happy to talk with anyone, give more information, and help find a student that matches a family well.

Maria Clor  
Local Coordinator  
STS FOUNDATION  
(260) 388-3777

**Big  
Thank  
You!**

We would like to thank everyone that took part in the Rural King Church Week and brought their receipts to the church.

**The Silence**  
Poet: Edgar Nye

When the burdens of life get too heavy  
And what should be sweet seems as gall,  
I go on a soul-cleansing journey  
That shows me the need of it all.

Away from Life's troubled pathway,  
Through the valley and up the hill,  
To the peak of a lofty summit where  
The pulse of the world stands still;

There I see God's love all about me  
In the wonderful things He has made,  
And peacefully return from the Silence  
To take up my life unafraid.

<https://www.stresslesscountry.com/>

**The Secret Place**

My heart is like a house, one day I let the Savior in.  
There are many rooms where we would visit now and then. But one day He saw that door, I knew the day had come too soon. I said, "Jesus, I'm not ready for us to visit that room.

(Chorus) That was a place in my heart where even I wouldn't go. I had some things hidden there I didn't want no one to know.

But He handed me the key. With tears of love on His face He said, "I want to make you clean, let me go in your secret place."

So I opened up the door and as the two of us walked in, I was so ashamed. His light revealed my hidden sin.

But when I think about that room now, I'm not afraid any more, 'cuz I know my hidden sin no longer hides behind that door.

But He handed me the key with tears of love on His face and He made me clean. I let Him in my secret place. Is there a place in your heart, where you won't go?

*Michael Booth of the Booth Brothers (song)*



**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Church Family:**

Jim Abshire, Bertha Marie Heiny, Carol Williams, Kathy Morris, Evelyn Denney, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Susan Polk, Dee Dee Kaufman, Donna Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Tom Holman, Larry & Peggy Martin, Bob & Catherine Etter & Bob & Dianna Jennings.

**Community: Pray for America,**

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

**Military Personnel:** Skyler Rynard,

Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

**Country** People affected by the COVID-19, Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, the US economy, firemen and medical personnel.

**World:** Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

