

FUMC Bossier  
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Bossier City, LA 71111



## FOLLOWING JESUS IN BOSSIER: A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

*Rev. Donnie Wilkinson,  
Senior Pastor*



### A New Season

After nearly a year of transition, our family will finally be making the move to Bossier the week of May 25.

To say it has been a season of flux would be an understatement. Living in between, between homes, between rhythms, between what was and what will be, has a way of revealing things you might not otherwise see. It stretches you. It tests you. And, if you let it, it forms you.

Along the way, we have learned something about resilience. About letting go of what we cannot control. About trusting that God is present even when life feels unsettled.

I have a sense many of you know that feeling.

The past few years have not been simple for the church either. There has been change. There has been uncertainty. There have been moments when the future felt unclear.

And yet, here we are.

And more than that, something is beginning to take shape.

There is a growing sense that we are entering a new season. A season not defined by what we have been through, but by where God is leading us. A season marked by clarity, focus, and a deepening commitment to our mission: renewing the life of our community by helping all people become fully alive in Christ.

That kind of renewal rarely happens all at once. It unfolds slowly, often quietly, as people show up, as relationships deepen, as trust grows, and as the love of Christ takes root in real lives.

In many ways, that is what this past year has been about. Not wasted time. Not lost time. Formative time.

And now, we step forward.

Grateful for what has been.

Grounded in what is.

Expectant for what God will do next.

I am looking forward to being fully here with you in this next chapter.

Grace and peace,  
Donnie



**Methodist Foster Care**

A Program of Methodist Children's Home

*Foster Care My Essentials (ME) Bags*

**Essentials for children and youth entering into care.**

Many children and youth entering foster care do not come in with the basic essentials to help ease their transition into care. By providing a *ME Bag*, we hope to give each child a sense of comfort during this difficult time. This is also one of the first welcoming signs they see upon arrival. Great care is taken to provide items that are essential, comforting, and fun. We invite you to share in this special ministry by helping foster children settle into their new homes with their very own *ME Bag*!

**Most Needed Supplies**



- Cantu Shampoo & Conditioner
- Cream of Nature Shampoo & Conditioner (Mango, Coconut Milk, or Argan Oil)
- Hair Bonnet
- Suave Deodorant (Fresh Scent Twin Packs)
- Suave Shampoo & Conditioner (Sun Ripened Strawberry or Cherry Blossom)
- Suave Body Wash (Strawberry Delight or Cherry Blossom)
- U Kotex Teens Ultra Thin Pads-Wings



- Kid's 5+ Yrs Toothbrush & Kid's Toothpaste (Single)
- LED Nite-Light (No Bulbs)
- Kids 3in1 Shampoo, Conditioner & Body Wash (Silly Apple or Watermelon Wonder)



- Men' Suave 3in1 Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash
- Men's Suave Deodorant (48 Hour)
- Dr. Fresh or Reach Toothbrush Kit



Thank you in advance for helping to bring foster children a little Lagniappe!

**Thank You!**

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January

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5</b> Traditional Community Worship 8:45a Sunday School 10a Contemporary Community Worship 11a Youth Group 5p	<b>Monday</b> <b>4</b> Silver Foxes Fitness 10a Prayer Ministry 11a Magnolia Manor Communion Day 10:30a Ukulele Gumbo Rehearsal 3:30p	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5</b> Donut Drop 7a Traveling Light Bible Study 10a Life 365 5:30p Leadership Board 6p	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6</b> UMM Breakfast 7a Busy Bee Quilters and Crafters 9a Choir Rehearsal 6p The Good and Beautiful You Bible Study 6p	<b>Thursday</b> <b>7</b> Thursday Morning Bible Study 10a Praise Team Rehearsal 5p Brotherhood 6p	<b>Friday</b> <b>8</b> Silver Foxes Fitness 10a	<b>Saturday</b> <b>9</b> Silver Foxes Fitness 10a
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<b>31</b> Sunday School 10a Combined Community Worship 11a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck 12p Mission Trip Meeting 4p Youth Group 5p						

2026

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# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Kendrick & Tracy Beckett	5/7
Colby & Elizabeth Hillen	5/10
Bill & Becky House	5/14
George & Sherry Herbst	5/17
Dena and Patricia LeBlanc	5/18
Jim & Phyllis Carmack	5/22
Steve & Linda Doss	5/25
Ken & Maysie Allmond	5/27
Mark & Renae Colwick	5/27
Jeff & Linda DeLaune	5/27

## BIRTHDAYS

Shelby Tichenor	5/5
Rachel Halbrook	5/6
Bethany Pollitt	5/7
Tessa Choate	5/8
Brenda Farrar	5/8
Wyatt Finley	5/9
Carol Martin	5/10
Mike Yorba	5/10
Hannah Self	5/15
Andrew Redfield	5/16
Lynn Owens	5/22
Nikki Clawson	5/23
Bill Hensley	5/29
Ella Herbst	5/29
Elaine Cox	5/30
John Shirley	5/30
Nick Wallace	5/30
Carol Kelly	5/31
Emma Moore	5/31

## BIRTHDAYS

Wayne Blackburn	5/1
Ridge Lewis	5/3
Marilyn Tubbs	5/3
Alayna Maytte Garcia	5/4
Jerry Sanders	5/4

## CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH APP

- Register & pay for events
- Check-in for service/events
- Church Calendar
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# FIRST FRIENDS CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER

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May is always a bittersweet time for us. While we are excited to celebrate have accomplished, it is also hard to say goodbye to our sweet friends who have been such a big part of our days. As, we begin to wind down and bring this wonderful school year to a close, our hearts are full of gratitude for each and every one of our students and families. It has truly been a year filled with growth, learning, laughter, and so many special memories. We are excited to celebrate our preschool graduates on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

**Registration for the upcoming school year 2026-2027 is in full swing! Don't forget to register your child before we run out of room!**

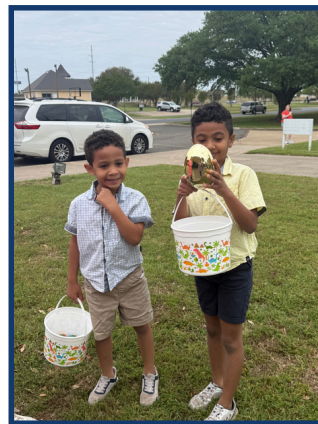
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# A DAY IN THE LIFE

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## Hello First Families!



**Kingdom Quest VBS is Coming!** Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at Kingdom Quest Vacation Bible School!

Join us June 22-26 from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM as kids set out on an exciting journey filled with games, music, crafts, and powerful lessons about God's kingdom. It's one of the most fun and meaningful weeks of the summer—and we can't wait to share it with your family!

### Sign Up Your Kids Today!

VBS is open to kids **completed** PreK 4-5th Grades, and spots fill up quickly! Register early to make sure your child doesn't miss out on this incredible week of faith, friendship, and fun.

Sign up using the registration link, scan the QR code, or contact the church office for help.

**VBS  
REGISTRATION**



### Volunteers Make the Quest Possible!

It takes a whole team to bring Kingdom Quest to life—and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Whether you love working directly with kids or prefer helping behind the scenes, there's a place for you. No experience needed—just a willing heart!

Ways to serve:

- Group leaders & assistants
- Crafts & games
- Decorating & setup



**VOLUNTEER  
SIGNUP**



This is a beautiful opportunity to invest in the next generation and be part of something truly special.

Ready to volunteer?

Sign up using the volunteer link, scan the QR code, or contact the church office to get connected.



Love and Blessings,  
Elisa



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# GET CONNECTED TO A SMALL COMMUNITY

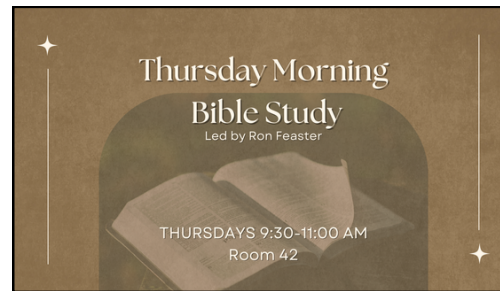
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Tuesday Nights - 5:30-7:30 PM - Kitchen and Cafe  
Life 365 is a Christ-centered community where people of all ages grow in faith, support one another, and live out God's love every day of the year.

## THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Nights - 6:00-7:00 PM - Midyett Room  
The Good and Beautiful Bible Study continues.

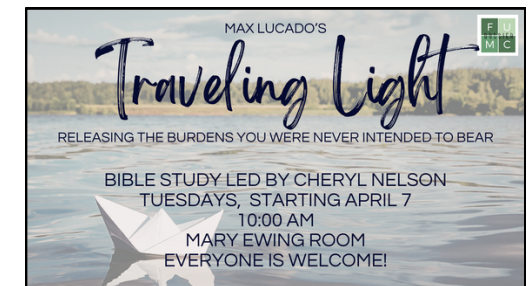


## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 9:30 AM- Mary Ewing Room  
Study is led by Ron Feaster.

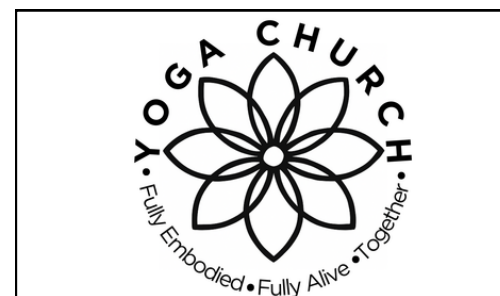
## TRAVELING LIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM - Mary Ewing Room  
Bible Study led by Cheryl Nelson  
Everyone is welcome!



## BROTHERHOOD-MEN'S GROUP

First and Third Thursdays 6:00-7:00 PM Room 43  
Brotherhood is a gathering of men committed to growing in Christ together. We're not trying to build perfect men. We're trying to build faithful ones...the kind who walk with Jesus in the real world.



## YOGA CHURCH

Third Sunday- 4:00-5:30 PM - Fellowship Hall  
\*\*New Date: May 24th! A worship service that blends breath and body with Scripture and Holy Communion. Yoga Church is designed to help us prepare our whole selves-- body, mind and spirit-- to encounter Christ in the reading of the Gospel and in the bread and cup.  
If you long for a quiet, embodied, contemplative space... If you desire to feel more fully alive in God's presence...If you're simply curious... we would love for you to join.  
Please, bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.

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# MISSIONS THAT MATTER

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## MAGNOLIA MANOR MISSIONS

We will serve communion on the First Monday of the month, May 4.



## WOMEN IN MISSION

May 19- 10:00 AM- Room 49  
We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Come join us if you would like to help with our Mission Projects.



## THE GRIT & GRACE MISSION TEAM

May 19- 5:00 PM- Mary Ewing Room  
We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Come join us if you would like to help with our Mission Projects. Everyone Welcome!



## MILITARY FAMILIES MINISTRY

Our mission is to serve those who serve, reflecting Christ's love through community, care, and connection.



## SOUPER SATURDAY

May 30- 8:00 AM - FUMC BOSSIER KITCHEN  
Come pack meals or deliver meals to the home bound & those who receive meals on wheels. We provide meals the last Saturday of each month.



## HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Open Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM  
Helping Hands Food Pantry -Through generosity, compassion, and service, Helping Hands helps to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.  
If interested in volunteering contact Kiersten Whelply.



## UMM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesdays- 7:00 AM  
Our United Methodist Men's Breakfast meets weekly for food, fellowship, and faith. It's a time for men to gather, build friendships, and grow together in Christ in a relaxed, welcoming setting.



## RUSHEON DONUT DROP

Tuesdays- 7:20 AM - Following the Bossier School Calendar  
Every week we gather at Rusheon's crosswalk to greet students with a smile—and a free donut! It's our way of offering a taste of grace to kids as they start their day. With a quick hello, a word of encouragement, and a sugary treat on the go, this ministry helps brighten mornings, build connections, and remind students that they are seen, valued, and supported—one donut at a time.



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# YOUTH MINISTRY

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## SUMMER IS COMING

Summer is almost here—and it's the best time of year! From mission trips and serving at VBS to time away at camp, summer gives us so many meaningful opportunities to grow together. More than just something we look forward to all year, our hope is that what happens during the summer carries into every season that follows. We pray these shared experiences—both with God and with one another—will have a lasting impact on our students' everyday lives. Helping students develop a real, personal faith is at the heart of everything we do. The next time you see one of our students, take a moment to ask how they're seeing God at work in their daily life. You might also ask what they're most excited about as mission trip and camp approach!



Thank you SO much to everyone that gave so generously to our youth mission trip fundraiser. A special thank you to Bill Hensley for donating the beautiful Easter scenes. I am deeply grateful for our church's love and support!

## MAY YOUTH NIGHTS



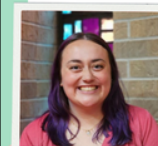
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## FUMC YOUTH MINISTRY



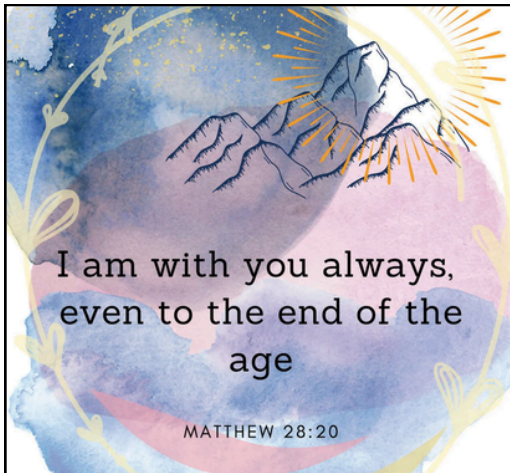
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## A WORD FROM THE PRAYER ROOM

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It happened again! The greening of the earth! Interestingly, Easter arrives in the midst of it all, though nowhere do Jesus or the prophets tie His resurrection to a season. Still, it feels fitting.

Have you noticed a change in your "being" with the beauty and the appeal of change in the season? Folks seem brighter, more optimistic, hopeful. Resurrection Sunday makes Jesus more real to us and life takes on new meaning.

There are some things you can count on, like the changing of the seasons. The sun rising daily, the moon in its place- God's promises, God's love, Jesus' time on earth, the Book that is Holy and true.

God gave us a perfect world and created us to live within it—man, woman, and family. He also gave His people wisdom, skills, talent, will and His presence to fulfill needs and the Spirit to make His world habitable. In some areas we have been successful. Blessings!

Electricity fails; bridges collapse; a friend dies unexpectedly. Things happen. But our creator's work still stands. His Created Beings still need the strength, trust and love of the Creator of All! Help us, Lord, to be ever mindful of our need for you.

"...everyone gets to be young but only the luckiest people get to be old." Thank all of you who contributed to my joyful occasion-101! I treasure each of the cards and good wishes. 102 is on the way--maybe. Freddie Cherry



## FIRST FAMILY FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Our monthly newsletter is a collaboration by all members of our church staff. If you notice any discrepancies please let us know so we can address them.

If your group or class has anything for the newsletter or bulletin you can turn it in at the office or email it to office@fumcbossier.org

Photos, information, recipes, etc. can also be sent to the office as well.

Please, make sure to submit all information for the newsletter by the **20th of the month** to ensure it is included in the upcoming month's issue.

Thank you!

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## THE CHURCH MOUSE

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Hello May,

May, eagerly awaited, appears as "a bridge between spring and summer". All across America flowers in abundance are appearing to make a colorful world. It's a time for "getting ready to plant" and "freshening up the flower beds". May likely was named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. The words "spring cleaning" (the traditional, thorough, deep cleaning of a home, typically done once a year in early spring to remove accumulated dirt, dust and clutter after winter" comes to mind. The origin of this term has roots in the Persian New Year (Nowruz), the Jewish tradition of preparing for Passover, and the Victorian era, when homes were cleaned of soot after winter. Today the word "decluttering" is often used.

May has a lot of special days and Church Mouse knows that many are celebrated by our church members.

- May 1 - May Day ... Maypole dance; children ringing neighbor's door with surprise flowers
- May 5- Cinco de Mayo.... victory of Mexican army over French army (Battle of Puebla, 1862)
- May 10 - Mother' Day
- May 16 - Armed Forces Day
- May 25 - Memorial Day (fly your flag)

Speaking of celebrating, Church Mouse was delighted with the crumbs from the delicious Easter brunch. It takes a lot of people to prepare such a wonderful array of food and FUMC-Bossier has many helpers! The children enjoyed a fun Easter egg hunt filling their baskets with lots of eggs. Lots of preparation for VBS - June 22 - 26 is happening now. Lots of helpers are needed for this special week in summer.

*May Folklore: Among the changing months, May stands confessed  
The sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed!*  
- James Thomson, Scottish poet (1700 - 48)

Till next month,  
Church Mouse



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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### YOUNG-AT-HEART

2ND THURSDAYS EACH MONTH- 10:30 AM-FELLOWSHIP HALL  
May 14- Lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Cost is \$5.00. Call the church office to make your reservation. Our speaker this month is Leslie Santure.

### SILVER FOXES FITNESS

Mondays and Fridays 10:00 AM-Fellowship Hall  
Join our Silver Foxes for a Chair Exercise Class.



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# CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

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**SENIOR Sunday**  
MAY 3, 2026

Trace Choate  
Madeline DeLaune  
Rylie Hadel

Ra'Shaun Morrison  
Aubrey Ramsey  
Jack Henry Smith

Trip Webster  
John Harper  
Wilkinson

**FIRST FRIENDS**  
CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER  
TEACHER & STAFF  
APPRECIATION WEEK  
MAY 4-8

**YOGA CHURCH**

If you long for a quiet, embodied, contemplative space... If you desire to feel more fully alive in God's presence... If you're simply curious... we would love for you to join.

Every Third Sunday at 4 PM  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Please, bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.

Childcare is available.

MOVED TO MAY 24

WED MAY 27 5:30-7:30PM

**SUMMER KICKOFF**

Come roll into summer!! This will be a private skate party for our kids and youth—so don't miss it!

It will be a fun evening of skating, laughter, and fun with friends.

Parents are asked to remain with children 10 and under for the duration of the event.

Make sure to grab your spot by signing up ahead of time!

**HOT WHEELS SKATING PALACE**  
3000 OLD MINDEN RD. BOSSIER CITY, LA

**5TH SUNDAY**  
BLENDED ONE SERVICE 11AM  
POTLUCK 12PM  
MAY 31  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

LAST NAMES A - M: PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH

LAST NAMES N - S: PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR BREAD

LAST NAMES T - Z: PLEASE BRING A DESSERT

THIS HELPS US GET A GREAT MIX OF EVERYTHING! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE A MEAL WITH YOU ALL.



**OUR CHURCH FAMILY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW LOVE!**

WE HAVE TWO MILITARY FAMILIES WHOSE HUSBANDS ARE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED. IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO BRING A MEAL. WHETHER IT'S HOME-COOKED OR TAKEOUT, OR EVEN A GIFT CARD. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS LIGHTEN THE LOAD AND REMINDS THESE FAMILIES THEY ARE SUPPORTED AND NOT ALONE.

WEAVER FAMILY

MOER FAMILY

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE OR CALL THE OFFICE TO COORDINATE 318.742.3823

**KINGDOM QUEST**  
AN EPIC JOURNEY TO DISCOVER GOD'S KINGDOM

JUNE 22-26  
9:00AM-12:30PM  
COMPLETED  
PREK4-5TH GRADES

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# FAITHFUL FAVORITES

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Each month, we highlight a podcast, book, song, or other resource to encourage reflection, growth, and connection in your faith journey. Whether it's music that uplifts, a book that inspires, or a podcast that sparks conversation, our monthly pick is chosen to nourish your spirit and spark meaningful moments in your life. May's picks are from Elisa Hines.



## The Art of the Long Haul - Ryan Leak

Every year in April, Sarah McCurley and I head to the Orange Conference in Atlanta. It's a Kids and Youth ministry conference with smaller seminars just for our areas and big-group sessions for anyone in ministry. The speakers are amazing, the worship is incredible, and it's so much fun that we always leave wishing the whole church could experience it with us!

One talk that has stayed with me all year is Ryan Leak's 2025 talk, "The Art of the Long Haul." I've watched it multiple times, thought about it even more, and wanted to share a few of the big takeaways with you. I loved this talk because it reminded me that success isn't about starting strong—it's about staying faithful over time. Ryan reminded me that God often works through the ordinary, faithful moments we might overlook.

For example:

- In John 6:9, a boy shows up with 5 loaves and 2 fish—but someone had packed that lunch for him. We don't even know her name, yet without that small, faithful ordinary act, the feeding of the 5,000 never happens.
- In Luke 19:30, Jesus sends people to find a young donkey that's never been ridden. Somebody had raised, fed, and trained that donkey—never knowing it would carry Jesus into Jerusalem. God can use ordinary faithfulness in ways we'll never fully see.

Ryan's point? Sometimes God doesn't ask us to lead a big movement or preach a sermon. Sometimes He just asks us to pack the lunch, raise the donkey, or quietly show up. And our obedience—even if unnoticed by the world—is always noticed by heaven.

Ryan tells the story of Archippus, who was encouraged to "see to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord." Sometimes it's not about how fast we go or how perfect we are, it's not about how big or small the assignment is—it's about faithfully finishing what God has called us to do. Ryan talks about showing up even when it's boring, messy, or discouraging, when the job is not something we want to do but it needs to be done. Motivation comes and goes, but commitment and perseverance are what really matter. Stay the course, trust the process, and finish well—your faithfulness matters more than speed. **The long haul is where the real growth—and impact—happens.** And if you're still with me, and you actually go watch this video, come show me the two moves for the long haul! Ryan says you can do one or the other, bonus points if you do both!



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

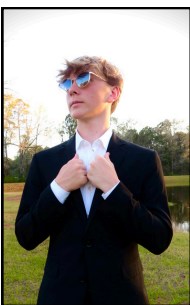
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### Honoring Our 2026 Graduating Seniors!

We are so excited to celebrate our graduating seniors! Each one of them is thoughtful, gifted, and full of compassion. It has been such a joy to walk alongside them and be part of their journey. Since their days in 6th grade, I have had the privilege of watching them grow—not just in age, but in character, faith, and purpose. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life. We have seen God at work in each of them in unique and beautiful ways, and we look forward with great anticipation to all that He has ahead for them. As they step into this next chapter, we invite you to continue praying for them—that they would follow God’s leading, trust Him fully, and walk confidently in the plans He has prepared.

-Sarah McCurley

### Senior Spotlight



#### ★Trace Choate★

Trace is graduating from Benton High School. His plan is to attend LA Tech and pursue a degree in Chemistry.



#### ★Jack Henry Smith★

Jack Henry is graduating from Airline High School. He will be attending LSU Baton Rouge.



#### ★Rylie Hadel★

Rylie is graduating from Captain Shreve High School. She will be going to LSU to study nursing with the goal of eventually becoming a nurse practitioner.



#### ★Ra'Shaun Morrison★

Ra'Shaun is graduating from Captain Shreve High School. He plans to become a firefighter in North DeSoto.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

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#### ★Madeline DeLaune★

Madeline is graduating from Parkway High School. She plans to attend LSU and major in animal science. She has been accepted into the LSU Early Admissions in Developing Veterinarians which is a guaranteed seat in the Vet program when she graduates in 2030.



#### ★Aubrey Ramsey★

Aubrey is graduating from Haughton High School. He plans to pursue his next adventure after graduation.



#### ★Trip Webster★

Trip is graduating from Captain Shreve High School. He plans to join the U.S. Airforce after graduation.



#### ★John Harper Wilkinson★

John Harper is graduating from the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge. He will be attending Loyola in the fall to major in musical theatre.