

Welcome,  
New Life!



The barren branches are pining to be clothed,  
The naked fields long in golden grains to be robed,  
The earth longs deeply for the beauty of petals bright,  
Flowering the drab with various colors of light.

Through the long cold winter, we have hoped for the day  
When spring is fully come, and death has passed away.  
And now the warm sun and green sprouts declare the joy,  
“The arrival of new life,” all of nature’s songs employ.

Nature’s revival each year reminds us all  
Of the life from death to those who follow Christ’s call.  
Though you are dead in trespasses and sins He proclaims  
There is a spring of life for you in Jesus’ name.

And for saints walking in a world that is dark,  
When gloom and anxiety bring death to our heart,  
REVIVAL is ours when we run to our Christ,  
We praise God with creation shouting “Welcome, new life!”  
—Pastor Rusty



*Join us in blessing  
Bailey Richardson and Lauren Lofton  
as they are joined in marriage on May 15.  
Time and distance will prevent us from  
having a traditional shower, so we are  
having a gift card blessing box for them. Amazon, Visa  
or Target gift cards are welcome and may be dropped  
in the wedding box in the Fellowship Hall.*



**Planning Meetings**  
**Tuesday, May 3**  
**6:30—8:30**  
Classroom teachers and  
assistants  
**Thursday, May 5**  
**6:30—8:30**

Crafts, Snacks, Games, Registration  
If you are working in VBS, please attend one of these  
meetings. Volunteers are still needed.

**WOMEN’S CONFERENCE—BLUE RIDGE FBC**  
**GINGER HUBBARD, GUEST SPEAKER**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022**  
**6:30 PM—9:00 PM**  
**A MEAL WILL BE SERVED PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE**  
**(5:00 PM—6:15 PM)**  
**MEAL TICKET—\$10.00—ADMIT ONE**  
**To purchase a ticket or for more information about the event**  
**contact Angelia Hughes (706-455-8378).**



**Painting with a Purpose**  
*The ART of loving God*  
**Art Show & Silent Auction**  
**Sunday May 22, 2022**  
**Following our Preschool/Children’s Choir Program**  
**FBC Fellowship Hall**  
**All Proceeds Donated to:**  
**Highland Outdoor Ministry**

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April was such a blessing as we celebrated our Passion Week services and ended the week with a wonderful resurrection service. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, we took time to thank Bro. Steve Brown and his wife Vanita. Steve has led our music ministry with such integrity and faithfulness. We will miss him, but we are celebrating with him and Vanita as they will have more time to spend with their family. Thank you, Steve, for your commitment to our Lord and His Church. Thank you for your friendship and your leadership. It has been a joy to serve our Lord together.

May is lining up to be a busy month for us. We are celebrating Compassion Sunday on May 1<sup>st</sup> with testimonies and an opportunity to sponsor a child through Compassion International. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Mother’s Day with baby dedications and enjoy a Sunday evening to spend with our families. Graduate Sunday will be celebrated on May 22<sup>nd</sup> during our Sunday morning worship as we celebrate our graduates and their accomplishments. Sunday evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Preschool/Children’s Ministry will present music in the evening service. This will be followed by an Art Show and Auction presented by our Painting with a Purpose ministry. Auction will benefit Highland Outdoor Ministry. As May comes to a close, we see VBS right around the corner as we continue preparing for this great time of ministry to children and families. VBS will be held this year on June 20-24. God has truly blessed us here at FBC Blue Ridge. May we never forget where the source of those blessings come from. (Romans 11:36)

Thankful to serve our Lord together with you,  
Pastor Bob

# MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 COMPASSION SUNDAY</b> Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Worship service at Blue Ridge Nursing Home 2:00 Handbell practice 4:30 Evening Worship 6:00 Business Meeting	2 Aerobics 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting 6 pm	3 VBS Planning 6:30-8:30 A/Y Center College Bible Study 7 pm	4 Home School A/Y Center Regular Wednesday schedule	5  Aerobics 5:30 pm VBS Planning A/Y/C 6:30 - 8:30	6	7 Her Hope Pregnancy Center "Walk for Life" Registration 8:30-9:30 am Walk - 9:30-11:00 am Fannin County Park Register/Donate: www.herhope.me
<b>8 Happy Mother's Day!</b> Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Parent/Baby Dedication No evening service	9 Aerobics 5:30 pm	10 Women's Conference 6:30-9:00 pm Dinner @ 5 pm College Bible Study 7 pm	11 Home School A/Y Center Regular Wednesday schedule	12 Aerobics 5:30 pm	13 Wedding Rehearsal	14 Bailey and Lauren's Wedding 5 pm
15 Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Worship 6:00	16 Aerobics 5:30 pm	17 Men's Prayer Time 6:30 am Fellowship Hall College Bible Study 7 pm	18 Regular Wednesday schedule	19 A/Y Center Reserved 4:30 pm Aerobics 5:30 pm Women's Fellowship Gathering 6:30 pm @ The Pruitt's Home	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Graduate Recognition Children's Musical Presentation 6:00 Art Show & Auction	23 Aerobic 5:30 pm	24 College Bible Study 7 pm	25 Regular Wednesday schedule	26 A/Y Center reserved 5:30 - 7:30 Aerobics 5:30 pm	27 Global Gaits Mission Training A/Y Center 6:00 - 9:00 pm	28 <b>S.A.L.T.</b>
29 Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Communion Evening service 6:00	30 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	31 College Bible Study 7 pm	 <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>WE WILL OBSERVE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>PAVILION PARKING LOT—NOON</b>  <b>JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR OUR FEDERAL, STATE &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,</b>  <b>OUR MILITARY, MEDIA, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, CHURCH &amp; FAMILY</b>  <b>WE WILL MEET IN THE A/Y CENTER IN THE EVENT OF RAIN</b> </p>			

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sun.	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
Mon.	5:30 pm	Aerobics
Tues.	7:00 pm	College Bible Study
Wed.	3:30 pm	Painting with a Purpose—1 <sup>st</sup> grade/up
	5:00 pm	Family Fellowship Meal
	5:45 pm	Short Stories/Tall Truths—Age 3-K
		The Way of the Wise—Grade 1- 6
	5:45-pm	ESL Class
	6:00 pm	Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center
		Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study
	7:15 pm	Worship Choir Practice
Thurs.	10:00 am	Precepts—A/Y Center
	5:30 pm	Aerobics

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**DEACON OF THE WEEK—MAY**

01	Hollis Hope	706-374-3733
08	Mike George	252-341-3385
15	Don Peek	706-632-3369
22	Fred Cochran	850-585-5132
29	Brian Hinman	912-547-1256

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Angelia Hughes	
4	Sarah Leach	
6	Norma Wiethop	Bonita Moss
9	Lesley Salas	Kevin O'Quinn
13	Nelda Bailey	Betty Wilson
14	Hollis & Jeannie Hope (A)	
	Matt & Christine Hinman (A)	
15	Freddie Corbett	Sarah Carroll Debbie Stallings
16	Hugh Gibson	
17	Jeanette McTaggart	
18	Darrell Goebel	Robbie & Amy Cole (A)
19	Christine Hinman	
20	James Weeks	
21	Ella Richardson	
24	Howard Tilley	
25	Cindy Stone	
26	William Stone	
31	Ray Golden	

**GOD BLESS YOU  
ON YOUR  
SPECIAL DAY**

