

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

# Young AT Heart

OF FIRST BAPTIST SPARTANBURG

MAY 2026

Dear friends,

**The longer I live, the more I am certain that there is a deep and steady comfort found in the truth that God is sovereign. He reigns with complete authority, wisdom, and love over all things. In a world that often feels uncertain and unpredictable, this truth anchors my soul. Nothing escapes His notice. Nothing falls outside His control. Nothing is wasted in His hands.**

**This past month, my son, Jacob, got engaged to a wonderful young lady, and they are now planning a wedding. Kerri and I have prayed for each of our children and for His perfect will for their lives in every area. God's sovereignty means that His plan is not only powerful, but perfect. While we often see only fragments of our story, He sees the whole tapestry woven with purpose. Even in moments of confusion, pain, or waiting, He is at work behind the scenes, accomplishing something far greater than we can understand.**

**Scripture reminds us that "His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts than our thoughts." This doesn't distance Him from us; instead, it invites us to trust Him more deeply. When life doesn't make sense, we are not called to figure everything out but called to trust the One who already has.**

**God's perfect plan is not always the easiest path, but it is always the best one. It shapes us, refines us, and draws us closer to Him. What may feel like delay is often preparation. What may feel like loss is sometimes protection. And what may feel like an ending is often the beginning of something eternal.**

**Because He is sovereign, we can rest. Because His plan is perfect, we can hope. Even when circumstances shake us, His promises remain unshaken. He is faithful to complete what He has begun in us, and His purposes will stand.**

**So, take heart today. You are not walking through life alone or without direction. You are held by a God who knows you, loves you, and is guiding every step according to His perfect will.**

**Trust Him, not just with what you understand, but also with what you don't.**

**With hope and assurance,  
Brian**



# SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Warmer weather, flowers in bloom, grass is growing, weeds galore, pollen in the air, allergy attacks — Yes, Spring is with us!!! But aren't we thankful for season changes? Well, maybe not everyone. For me personally, the warmer ones are my favorite, even with some of the challenges and more work to be done. Cutting grass, pulling or spraying weeds, killing fire ants, cutting back shrubs, or just general spring cleaning are some of the "more work." I'm thankful for the strength and energy to accomplish these tasks, or the funds to enlist help if needed. I am also grateful for the kind friends or family members that offer to help.

In Genesis 8:22 (NKJV), God says, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter

and summer, and day and night shall not cease." We see the seasons were ordained by God, so let's try to enjoy each one and have thankful hearts for each day our Lord allows us to have on this earth. May we be busy doing the things that please and honor the Lord and continue to be patient and flexible during our church construction as we continue to saturate Spartanburg, the Carolinas, and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! To Him be the Glory!!

Blessings, Love and Prayers,  
"Sam" Summey :)

## YAH ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS

### Important Trip Information

Register and pay online at [www.fbs.org/yah](http://www.fbs.org/yah) or call 864.596.4110. Forms for 2026 are in the church office  
*Upcoming 2026 Trips: Trip fees are only available for refunds when someone takes your place and pays the fees or the venue cancels the event and gives the church credit or a refund.*

### Helen, GA | May 14 (Waiting list only)

We will travel by luxury motor coach and spend a couple of hours shopping, etc. We will then travel to the Dillard House restaurant for a late lunch. This will be a family-style, all-you-can-eat meal. Full payment is due at registration to secure your spot. Deadline to register is April 30. Bus will be leaving Dean St. parking lot by 8:30 AM. Return around 6:00 PM. Cost: \$45/person (Includes bus ride and meal)

### Williamsburg, VA | August 3-6

We will travel by luxury motor coach. This includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinner meals, taxes and gratuities. Guided tours of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement, the International Learning Center at the International Mission Board and other fun activities.  
RATES: Single \$989 Double \$749 Triple \$679 Quad \$639. **\$250/person registration due by May 15.**

### Pigeon Forge, TN | October 12-15 Celebrators Conference

A time of worship, laughter, and spiritual renewal in the heart of the Great Smokey Mountains. Your registration covers conference admission, accommodations, and wonderful meals.  
RATES: Single \$619 Double \$389 Trip \$319 Quad \$289. Register by June 30 with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 to lock in these rates.

### Save the Dates

**November:** Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Charlotte/Billy Graham Library (TBD)  
More details will follow next month.

### SeniorSalt | December 7

Impact Carol Sing at the Cove with Mark Christian and Friends. Celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing our favorite carols and hearing an inspiring devotional message from God's Word. Bus will leave Dean St. parking lot by 8:00 AM. Return ETA 3:30 PM. Cost: \$65 Bus or \$54 Driving

MINISTRY CONNECT | FBS 864.583.7245  
Pastoral & Senior Adult Team 864.699.4211  
Seniors' Prayer Warriors Team 864.699.4332

## YAH FELLOWSHIPS

Please remember to call by the deadline with reservations and seating preferences. Arrive early for 6:00 PM buffet and for valet assistance.

### MON, May 11

6:00 PM | Dining Hall | Buffet | Cost \$9  
Special Guests: Huntley Gray & Friends  
Call 864.699.4236 to register by WED, May 6.

### MON, June 8

6:00 PM | **HANGAR** | Buffet | Cost \$9  
Special Guest: Heaven Raines  
Call 864.699.4236 to register by WED, June 3.  
**Note: We will meet at the Hangar in June and July.**

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Sanctuary of Prayer (Drop In Experience)

TUESDAYS | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | FBS Sanctuary

### May Women on Mission

WED, May 20 | 9:30 AM | Hangar  
Special Guest: Sondra Biggerstaff, who will be speaking on behalf of mothers of missionaries.

### May ROTO (Senior Ladies Without Spouses)

TUES, May 26 | Strawberry Hill Fruit Stand & Restaurant | Dean St. parking lot: Meet at 8:15 AM. Depart at 8:45 AM. Register online or call 864.699.4211 by WED, May 20. Specify if ride is needed or meeting our party there.

### The Bridge (www.fbs.org/bridge)

There are many different ways to volunteer! Visit our website to see a list of opportunities via POINT, our new volunteer system. Call 864.699.4450 or email at [lsizemore@fbs.org](mailto:lsizemore@fbs.org) with any questions.

### Divorce Care will resume in the fall.

### GriefShare (Register at www.griefshare.org)

SUN, May 3 (last meeting) | 3:30 -5:00 PM | Room 212

### Bible Study Opportunities

WOMEN: Multiple options at [www.fbs.org/women](http://www.fbs.org/women)

MEN: A Better Man | SATURDAYS | 7:00 AM  
Register at [www.fbs.org/men](http://www.fbs.org/men)

### FBS Event Page

[www.fbs.org/events](http://www.fbs.org/events) or scan the QR code.



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[www.fbs.org/yah](http://www.fbs.org/yah)  
[www.facebook.com/FBSseniors](https://www.facebook.com/FBSseniors)

RESERVATIONS | YAH Fellowships 864.699.4236 | YAH Activities or Trips 864.596.4110

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

**1**

Frances Delcalzo  
Angie Davis  
Bert Bradford  
Tim Long  
Laura Blume

**2**

Claudia Barone  
Winky Coleman  
Judean Cohen

**3**

Kitty Cash  
Martha Axmann  
Rhonda Young  
Renee Garner  
John Patrick  
Debbie Bishop  
Barbara Skelton

**4**

Jimmy Hilton  
Karyn Wilton  
Lisa Hill  
Rhonda Turner  
Greg Easterlin

**5**

Sharon Brisken  
Priscilla Massey

**6**

Vickie Turner  
Denise Roof

**7**

Shawn Parker  
Dinah McCall  
Pam Corley  
Gena Hammett

**8**

Brenda Seay  
Eric Bogan  
Teresa Webb

**9**

Becky Moore  
Sherry Smith  
David Fox

**10**

Jimmy Clarkson  
Hugh Brantley  
Troy Stokes  
Brad Thomas

**11**

Kathryn McMillan  
Chris Sudduth  
John Nicholson  
Debbie Pruitt  
Ted Quinn

**12**

Steve Compton  
Duane Ostrem  
Frances Genobles  
Van Clark

**13**

Mark Huminski  
Jerry Humphries

**14**

Glennis Neal  
Sonja Melton  
Alida Gertsch

**15**

Patti Shetley  
Janet Casey  
Phil Kirkley  
David Poole  
Vicki Gregory

**16**

Scott Clubb  
Shirley Allen  
Cecil Yount  
Maria Bates

**17**

David Curry  
Jan Greene  
Tom Sanders

**18**

Bobby Dover  
Julie Hatton  
Barbara King  
Gene Nettles  
Kim Brower  
Linda Tallon  
Joanne Fogle  
Mark Campbell

**19**

Teresa Holliday  
Jeff Burnette

**20**

Patrick Wilson  
Mike Stout  
Mike Humphries

**21**

Ernie Gans  
David Holliday

**22**

Ric Adams  
James Sistare  
Alvin Haney

**23**

Deanna Kenyon  
Brad Nelson  
Dianne Lee  
Dianne Norton

**23 (continued)**

Paula Sides  
Rhett Lancaster

**24**

Linda Merrill  
Sheryn Garrett  
Bob McKenna  
Beth Collins

**25**

Tommy Jefferies  
Dave Edwards  
Steve Hinds  
Suzy Wilbanks  
Bobby Ramsey  
Ed League  
David Brock

**26**

Lynn Turner  
Linda Eshleman  
Harold Long

**27**

Martha Blackstone  
Barbara Wright  
Rhonda Trainor  
Russell Lawson  
Eddie Nolan

**28**

Jack Wright  
James Chapman  
Elizabeth Dunn  
Michelle Glead  
Penny Wyatt

**29**

Fred Thrailkill  
Linda Lewis  
Mark Ward  
Carole Lister

**30**

Brad Allen  
Buddy Keeney  
Joyce Hitt  
Dale Hines  
Brenda McLellan  
Debbie Hipp  
Bill Wynn

**31**

Eugenia Sims  
Ken Roach  
Libby Warlick  
Alice Annas

