

## Fruitful Branches

John 15:1-8

It's spring time. I've been riding around our property checking out my rose bud trees planted as saplings a few years ago. I've nurtured them carefully, planting, watering, and now pruning them to hopefully turn them into beautiful blossom filled trees in early spring. Two rose buds line our driveway currently at our home.

Jesus describes our beautiful relationship we have with Him and His Father in John 15. We are to remain connected to Him as the Vine in our relationship as Fruitful Branches. This is a wonderful picture of a farmer taking care of the grapevines in his vineyard. He cares for them on a daily basis, making sure they are fruitful, healthy and pruned. God the Father and Jesus want us to be the same in their Kingdom's work. The farmer (husbandman) will make sure the vines are healthy. Lying on the ground or placing a rock underneath to prevent too much moisture or rotting. Sometimes it's necessary to even prune away some dead, unproductive twigs to produce a better crop for harvest. The dead, cut-away branches warm his house and family at night.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to end up as firewood!! I'd much rather endure some pruning or even better yet, His loving hands lifting or lowering me to suit His pleasure. He has my best interest in mind at all times. He wants each of us to bear fruit for His glory and His Kingdom's work.

Let's let the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit do the work necessary to help us become, together, the "First Family" who will bring glory and praise to the Godhead, as we continue to become "Fruitful Branches".

Lifting Him Up,  
Brother Rodney

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### VBS 2022

Save the dates! VBS 2022 "Spark Studios"  
July 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8pm.

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## Prime Timers

The monthly gathering of our Senior Saints will be Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at noon for our carry-in luncheon. Kathleen and Tom Eltridge will share their "Journey with the Lord." They were originally scheduled for February but weather prevented us from meeting so we are looking forward to them coming this month. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Rainey, 660-726-3362 ((H)), 816-726-8133 (C) or email: [bbrainey@windstream.net](mailto:bbrainey@windstream.net).

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## Youth

On March 18th the youth went to Cable Dahmer Arena in Independence Mo to see Toby Mac, Crowder, Cain, and Cochran & Co. It was a great night, with awesome music and lots of fun. We left the Church at 3:30pm, drove to Independence for supper, then attended the concert at 7pm. All the youth "LOVED" the music. Earlier in the year we went and saw The News Boys in concert it was also a very fun evening.

We are currently meeting on Wednesday nights at 6 pm at the church during Kids for Christ. We invite any middle through high school students to attend.  
Staudenmaier (660) 822-1873.

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## Holy Week Activities

There will be several breakfasts held for holy week. There will be a Men's Breakfast Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am at the First Baptist Church, and the Men's Breakfast on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am will be held at the United Methodist Church. A Women's Breakfast will be held Good Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am at the First Baptist Church.

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## Office Hours

Starting April 11<sup>th</sup> until further notice, office hours will be as follows:

Monday closed.

Tuesday 9am-12pm.

Wed April 20<sup>th</sup> & Wed May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm, & 1pm-3pm.

Thursday 9am-12pm, & 1pm to 3pm.

Friday 9am-12pm.

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## Disaster Relief Training

There will be a Disaster Relief Training at Chillicothe on April 9<sup>th</sup> for both men and women. If anyone is interested there will be a \$20 fee for people who have already received some training and a \$40 fee for any new people wanting to receive the training. There will be several different trainings offered including, but not limited to food preparation, child care, chainsaw, etc. Additional information can be obtained from Dean Gillespie or James Staudenmaier.

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## KFC

Kids for Christ is winding down. Our last meeting will be April 13. We will have pizza and ice cream to celebrate. We have 54 kids enrolled in KFC this year. They have been such great kids! They are full of energy and are learning so much about the Bible. Our lessons this year have been in the Old Testament and we have learned about the Creation, Noah, the Tower of Babel and Abraham.

I want to send out a big thank you to all of our teachers, food preparers, bus drivers, power point and sound techs, and everyone who has helped in any way. We couldn't have the programs that we have without all of your help and your prayers. I also want to thank Brother Rodney for being there every Wednesday night and greeting and getting to know the kids and adults of FBC Albany.

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## Online Giving

Online giving is available on our web site:

[www.fbcalbany.org](http://www.fbcalbany.org). Click on the link "Online Giving" and you can enter your donation. You also can check the box to add an additional amount to your donation to help cover the processing costs. It is a secure way to donate to First Baptist Albany.

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## FBC Facebook Page

Please like and follow the church Facebook page to stay up to date on events, and to know about cancellations due to inclement weather. You can find us by searching @firstbaptistalbany on Facebook or by going to the following link [www.facebook.com/firstbaptistalbany/](http://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistalbany/)

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**March 2022**

**REGULAR BUDGET OFFERING:**

3-6.....\$3,863.75  
 3-13.....\$2,717.63  
 3-20.....\$7,796.00  
 3-27.....\$1,887.17

**Total: \$16,264.55**

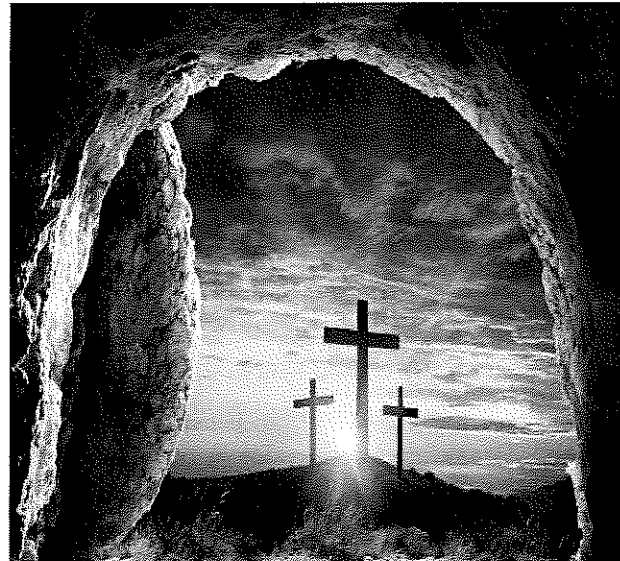
Weekly Average.....\$4,066.14  
 Weekly Budget.....\$4,246.00

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**April 2022**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-9:30pm.....The Fun Marriage Workshop  
 Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am-4pm.....The Fun Marriage Workshop  
 Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30am.....Sunday School  
     10:40am.....Worship  
     4:00pm.....Praise & Prayer  
 Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm.....KFC/TFC  
 Thu 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm.....Choir Practice  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30am.....Sunday School  
     10:40am.....Worship-**Palm Sunday**  
     4:00pm.....Praise & Prayer  
 Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm.....Lucy Wagner Group  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30am.....Men's Breakfast @ Baptist**  
     6:00pm.....Last session of KFC/TFC  
**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30am.....Men's Breakfast @Methodist**  
     5:30pm.....Choir Practice  
     6:30pm.....Deacon Meeting  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00am.....Women's Breakfast @Baptist**  
     .....**Good Friday**  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am.....Sunday School  
     10:40am.....Worship-**Easter Sunday**  
     4:00pm.....Praise & Prayer  
 Thu 21<sup>st</sup> 12:00pm.....Prime Timers  
     5:30pm.....Choir Practice  
     6:30pm.....Finance Meeting  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30am.....Sunday School  
     10:30am.....Worship  
     **11:40am.....Business Meeting**  
     4:00pm.....Praise & Prayer  
 Thu 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm.....Choir Practice  
     6:30pm.....M&M Circle

**FIRST  
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 April  
**NEWSLETTER  
 2022**

**WOMEN ON MISSION**

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm.....Lucy Wagner  
 April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.....M&M Circle

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**DEACON SCHEDULE**

**April**

**Prayers**

3<sup>rd</sup> Craig Gillespie  
 10<sup>th</sup> Junior Hatheway  
 17<sup>th</sup> Bob Crouch  
 24<sup>th</sup> James Staudenmaier

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**OFFERING COUNTERS**

**April**

3<sup>rd</sup> Rick Smith & Dixie McGinley  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jani York & James Staudenmaier  
 17<sup>th</sup> Kelly Manning & Larry Allenbrand  
 24<sup>th</sup> Dixie McGinley & Rick Smith

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**Worship Nursery Duty**

**April**

3<sup>rd</sup> Denise McConkey & Ashley Dunbar  
 10<sup>th</sup> Becky Butterfield & Becky Koch  
 17<sup>th</sup> Karen Gillespie & Britany Staudenmaier  
 24<sup>th</sup> Jamie & Cory Worrell

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**FBC Office Hours: See Article About Hours**  
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**Bro Rodney Dorr email – [pastor.rd@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.rd@gmail.com)**  
**Bro. Rodney Dorr phone – (816)-724-0331**  
**Church website - [www.fbcalbany.org](http://www.fbcalbany.org)**

# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 The Fun Marriage Workshop, Grant City	2 The Fun Marriage Workshop, Grant City
3 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:40am Praise & Prayer 5:30pm	4	5 Office Closed	6 KFC/TFC 6:00pm	7 Choir Practice 5:30pm	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:40am Praise & Prayer 5:30pm Psalm Sunday	11 Office Closed	12 Lucy Wagner 1:30pm Office 9am-12pm	13 Men's Breakfast 6:30am @First Baptist Church KFC/TFC 6:00pm (Last Session) Office Closed	14 Men's Breakfast 6:30am @ United Methodist Church Choir Practice 5:30pm Deacons 6:30pm Office 9am-12pm, 1pm-3pm	15 Good Friday Women's Breakfast 7:00am @First Baptist Church Office 9am-12pm	16
17 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:40am Easter Sunday	18 Office Closed	19 Office 9am-12pm	20 Office Hours: (9am-12pm-1pm-3pm)	21 Prime Timers 12:00pm Choir Practice 5:30pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Office 9am-12pm, 1pm-3pm	22 Office 9am-12pm	23
24 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:40am Business Meeting 11:40am Praise & Prayer 5:30pm	25 Office Closed	26 Office 9am-12pm	27 Office Closed	28 Choir Practice 5:30pm M&M Circle 6:30pm Office 9am-12pm, 1pm-3pm	29 Office 9am-12pm	30

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Smith  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Wilson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe Staudenmaier  
 4<sup>th</sup> River Stamper  
 7<sup>th</sup> Barb Murray  
 11<sup>th</sup> Caleb Ellis  
 12<sup>th</sup> Jenna Bossert  
 Rynknox Miller  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dustin Chambers  
 15<sup>th</sup> Wanda Ellis  
 Dave Hansel

17<sup>th</sup> Larry Stevens  
 18<sup>th</sup> Josh Ellis  
 19<sup>th</sup> Amanda Hamilton  
 Carla Long  
 20<sup>th</sup> Josee Harding  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Paul  
 24<sup>th</sup> Melissa Ebrecht  
 26<sup>th</sup> Lucie Harding  
 29<sup>th</sup> Paul Parsons

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

28<sup>th</sup> Mike & Lori Crawford  
 30<sup>th</sup> Larry & Deborah Stevens