



DELIGHTING IN GOD'S PATTERN

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"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10.



MOTHERS & OTHERS DESSERT SOCIAL

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Tuesday, May 11 | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Bake up your favorite dessert to share and bring along your mother, sister, daughter, friend, neighbor, or any other special woman in your life for this time of fellowship and teaching. A special delight awaits your eyes when you see the beautiful quilts that have been pulled from closets and cedar chests for you to view and enjoy. Please bring a new or like new summer baby outfit for New Beginnings Pregnancy Center to help meet the need of mothers in our area. Sign up at the Heart Life ministry table or contact heartlife@fbcsiloam.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FBC to Host Pro-Life Informational Meeting

Thursday, May 13 | 7-8pm | Fellowship Hall

At FBC we value life! We know that both babies and women in crisis situations are victims of the abortion agenda. FBC is joining with other churches across our state in hosting representatives from the Arkansas Right to Life to educate citizens on what they can do to help stop the abortion agenda. Please join us on Thursday, May 13th, 7-8 pm, to become informed on the realities of abortion and learn about what we can do individually and collectively to stop the abortion agenda in our country. For more information contact Kristi Morgan at 524.0272.



MY MOTHER... & OTHERS

by Brenda Hall

May is the month set aside to honor our Mothers. This is a tribute to honor the memory of my Mother, Verma Clark..and many others.



As a young girl growing up in First Baptist Church, my life was profoundly shaped by many godly women. First and foremost is my mother. But I am also very grateful to many other Christlike women including Hazel Pennington, Velma Lillard, Ethel Sanders, Faye Melson, Irene Ware, Carol Allison, and many, many more.

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ONGOING EVENTS

WMU | 10am | 2nd Tuesday of each month | Rm 247

Led by Loretta Dismang

Heart Life would like to thank WMU for providing the wonderful food for the April Heart Life seminar, Delighting in His Garden!

Heart Life 3D Women's Mentoring | 6:30pm | Wednesdays | Loft

Led by Laura Macfarlan

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to join us at a drop-in wedding shower from 2-4pm Sunday, April 25 in the Parlor as we celebrate the upcoming marriage of Amanda Crandall to John Carter. Amanda's gift registration is at Walmart, Target, and Bed Bath and Beyond. For more information contact Jeannie Abbott at 524.3429.

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower for Katy Gunneman Sunday, May 23 in the Parlor. Drop-in from 2-4pm. She is expecting a boy and is registered at Walmart. For more information contact Sarah Evans at 228.1607.



NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Cricket and David Jackson on the birth of a daughter, Bethany Lauren, on March 26.

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In my eyes, my mother was a saint. She was faithful to raise me and my three siblings in the church. My father was an alcoholic, and very abusive to us, but we never stopped loving him despite many challenges. I remember many Sunday mornings Daddy hid the car

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keys to keep us from attending church, but inevitably, one of those dear ladies mentioned above would “mysteriously” appear at our front door to offer a ride. As a child, I never knew how they knew, but I know now that God used these ladies. I am forever grateful for their compassion and for God’s provision.

I loved growing up in First Baptist. I can remember so many things about the old building downtown: the kids’ music room...the balcony...the baptistry...even the smell of the downstairs basement.

I also remember the nursery building next door, where my mother tirelessly volunteered many hours with another selfless woman—Ethel Sanders (Paula Harp’s mother). Most importantly, though, I remember taking my Mother’s hand and walking down the aisle to the front of the church, telling Brother Clifford Palmer that I wanted Jesus in my heart.

I was so blessed by the wonderful women of First Baptist Church. Each of these ladies was like a patch in my life-quilt – each had a unique purpose in shaping me. Along with my mother, they taught me the importance of serving, to be sensitive to the needs of others, and to be an encouragement to all I come in contact with. Looking around now, I realize that I am now one of “those ladies” at First Baptist Church—and wow, they left behind BIG shoes to fill! I pray that we, the ladies of First Baptist Church, will carry on the tradition of caring, sharing, and serving; that we are pleasing Him; and being the servants that God wants each of us to be. ■



Author Brenda Hall with daughter Kendi Hall DeVore and beloved mother Verma Clark.

CREAM CHEESE FRUIT DIP

Ingredients:

- 1 (8oz) block fat free cream cheese
- 1 (16oz) container fat free sour cream
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Fruit



Steps:

1. Combine cream cheese & sour cream in a medium bowl until well blended.
2. Add brown sugar & mix well.
3. Serve with fruit or mix fruit in dip.

Makes 24 servings.

FLUFFY PEANUT BUTTER DIP

Ingredients:

- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 (8oz) container low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ cup thawed frozen whipped topping
- Fresh apples cut into wedges or other favorite fruits



Steps:

1. Place peanut butter, yogurt, and cinnamon in a large bowl & whisk until thoroughly blended.
2. Use the whisk to gently stir the whipped topping into the peanut butter mixture.
3. Cut apples into wedges.
4. Scoop up some peanut butter dip on an apple wedge & enjoy!

FRUIT DIP

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup lite cool-whip
- ½ cup flavored light yogurt
- Assortment of your favorite fruits



Steps:

1. Prepare fruit.
2. Mix cool-whip and yogurt together until smooth.
3. Enjoy your favorite fruits with the dip.

Recipes from *A-gi-yo-si, The Cherokee Nation Dietitian Cookbook*

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