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# Fox River Life



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### **Do You Love the Church?**

*Paul gives great attention to ecclesiology, the doctrine of the church, in his letter to the Ephesians. In fact, we could say Ephesians answers this question: What is the church? In Ephesians 2:19–22, the chief metaphor Paul uses is that of a building—the household of God. Christians are part of the household in the sense that they have been adopted into the family of God, which is another image that Scripture uses to describe the church. But here the accent is not so much on the family of the household as it is on the house of the household: “[We] are fellow citizens with the saints*

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t and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets” (vv. 19–20a).

Paul says the foundation of this building called the church is made up of the prophets and the Apostles, that is, the Old Testament prophets and New Testament Apostles. Why? It’s because the prophets and Apostles are the agents of revelation by whom God speaks to His people. They delivered the Word of God. Another way of saying this is that the foundation of the church is the Word of God.

That’s why we must pay close attention to our doctrine of Scripture. The attacks launched against the integrity, authority, sufficiency, and trustworthiness of Scripture are attacks not upon a side alcove of this building. They don’t put a dent in the roof of the church. They’re attacks on the church’s very foundation. To have a church without Apostolic authority, without the Word of God as its foundation, is to build a church on sand rather than on rock. The foundation of the prophets and the Apostles is necessary for the entire edifice of the church to stand securely.

Paul continues the building metaphor in 2:20b: “Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.” Christ is the cornerstone, the point that holds the foundation together. Take out the cornerstone, and everything falls apart. “In [Christ] the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit” (vv. 21–22). The church is a new temple built in Christ, by Christ, and for Christ. Obviously, Paul isn’t saying the church is a building made out of mortar and brick, but that we are the stones, the living stones, as 1 Peter 2:5 tells us. Each believer is part of this church just as each stone is part of a building. The church, the new temple, is still under construction. Every day, new stones are added. This new temple will not be finished until Jesus returns to consummate His kingdom. Christ is still building His church, not by adding cement but by adding people who are the stones that hold together in Him.

Paul continues in Ephesians 3:14–19, For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Apostle Paul explains the doctrine of the church so that we might understand what God has done and so that we may understand who we are. And in calling us to understand who we are and what we’re called to do, Paul says that we’re the church. We’re the church that God ordained from the foundation of the world. We’re His people; we’re His household, so let the church be the church.

We’re living in a time of crisis. Many Christians are decrying the decadence of American culture and complaining about the government and its value system. I understand that, but if we want to be concerned for our nation and culture, our priority must be the renewal of the church. We are the light of the world.

Government merely reflects and echoes the customs embraced by the people in a given generation. In a real sense, our government is exactly what we want it to be, or it wouldn't be there. Change in culture doesn't always come from the top down. It often comes from the bottom up. The change we need to work for, chiefly, is renewal within the church. As the church becomes the fellowship of citizens of heaven who manifest what it means to be the household of Christ, and when the church walks according to the power of the Holy Spirit—then the people of God will shine as the light of the world. When people see that light, they will give glory to God (Matt. 5:16). This will change the world. But Paul says, first of all, let the church be the church. We must remember who we are, who the foundation is, who the cornerstone is, who the head of our building is, who the Lord of the church is.

Do we love the church? I doubt if there have been many times in our history when there has been as much anger, hostility, disappointment, and disillusionment with the institutional church as there is today. It's hard not to be critical of the church because in many ways the church has failed us. But if the church has failed, that means we have failed. We are called to serve the church in the power of God the Holy Spirit.

We, the church, have been made for this task by the indwelling presence and power of God's Spirit. Yet, we are called not so much to rise up but to bow down. And if we bow down to our Lord, as Paul says in Ephesians 3:14, the church will be the church, and our light will pierce the darkness.

In His Name & For His Glory,  
Pastor Tim

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are making some changes in Children's Church. Beginning Sunday, April 14th we will be having two classes. There will be a class for 4-6 year olds and a different one for 8-10 year olds. We are excited that so many kids are coming and are loving hearing the Word of God. They are all fast learners and are responding well to what they are being taught. We were so proud of them when they recited their Bible verse for the church. If anyone has a passion to teach children and a passion for having them learn the Word.

Questions please contact Carol, Angela or Ryan.



## Sunday Evening Services Schedule

**May 5 —No Evening Service**

**May 12 —No Evening service**

**May 19—Prayer @ 5:00pm**

**May 26—No Evening Service**



Financial Update 2024  
Budget needed weekly: \$ 2836.35  
Contact Mark Wildenberg 920-378-3380  
with questions.



Women's Prayer  
Wednesdays at 9:30am

Women's Bible Study  
Thursdays at 1:00pm

Men's & Women's  
Bible Study  
Saturdays at 8am

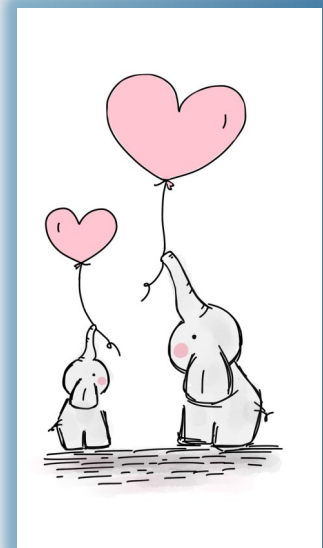


**May 5**  
**Ray Rudzinski**

**May 12**  
**Jeffery Smith**

**May 19**  
**Kyle Tubbs**

**May 26**  
**Bob Abitz**



**Please contact the Church  
Office at 920-734-6162 or Carol  
Smith at (920) 475-8727 to  
volunteer for Nursery  
Ministry.**

## Mission Board

### Mission Board Members

Ray and Ellen Rudzinski, Mark and Nancy Wildenberg, Rick Hinz

### Next meeting May 6th

The church is sponsoring three new Cebu children

4 year-old Samuel

7 year-old Jaireh

11 year-old Guada Mae

Let us support them with our money and our prayers

**On May 5th we will be honored to have with us our Missionaries to Moldova Roman & Emily Citac and their two young children Henry & Jasette. We will have the pleasure and the privilege of hearing from them about their ministry and lives during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to stick around on that day to come and support them.**

***Our ministry at Care Partners in Fox Crossing will continue on Thursday May 2 at 10:30 am feel free to join us as we share a worship service with the residents.***

**Our next Praise Connection is planned for June 14. Host to be announced.**

We are planning a fun outdoor event in July that might include water and food. Stay tuned!!!

Questions? Call Lynn Abitz





## Single Women's Ministry

The **Single Women's Ministry** will be meeting on May 5th , meet at Perkins Restaurant at 2:30 pm.

May 22 at 5:30 Single Women's Ministry Meeting at Lois Peeters 's house: 607 Kramer St. Kimberly

Any questions please contact Lois Peeters at 920-419-4921

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Here at FRBC, we have a prayer chain meant for the sharing of prayer request needs and for sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new Prayer request email address:

[Prayer@FoxRiverBaptist.com](mailto:Prayer@FoxRiverBaptist.com)

**Care to be part of the prayer chain?**

Email or call Becky Godfrey at

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*May*

# Peanut Butter



Help us reach our goal of 1,000 Jars!

May's Birthday

- 01** Ian, Dohms B-day
- 04** Ryan Smith B-day
- 04** Jeffery Smith B-day
- 10** Asher Ovenshire B-day
- 17** Lois Peeters B-day
- 20** Scott Smith
- 29** Tim Godfrey

May's Anniversaries

- 26** Laura and Aaron's Anniversary



## Intentional Discipleship

The Saturday morning Bible Studies will start at 8:00 am. Feel free to join at anytime.

The Thursday afternoon Ladies Bible Study will resume Thursdays at 1:00 pm. We are continuing our study in 1 Peter.

## Sunday School:

We will be continuing our Sunday School Curriculum this winter and spring with the next book in the series which is Unit 19. The title of this unit is Living for Jesus. The books are in the Fellowship Hall where we meet for Sunday School and the price is \$5, if you are not able to pay pick up a book anyway.

# DISCIPLESHIP





## Women's Ministry

We are also working on a Craft Day, which is planned for May 18. We hope to do a craft that can be an outreach to the residents of Brewster Village. Yes, we are thinking ahead for our yearly Christmas gifting to these dear people. So, mark your calendar for the first Craft Day of 2024—May 18, and watch for details in the coming weeks.

Is anyone interested in another trip to Amish Country? This idea is also in the works. We've picked a date, June 15. As details solidify, we hope to have a plan for a wonderful day of Christian fellowship and lots of fun. We surely had a good time last year!

**Our next meeting will take place May 1st.**

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**