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Camellia Baptist Church

# HEARTBEAT

**WEDNESDAYS**

5:00pm Fellowship Supper

**THURSDAYS**

6:00pm Pickleball

**MAY 3**

9:00am Men's Skeet Shoot

**MAY 4**

8:00am Senior Adult Appreciation Breakfast

**MAY 10**

9:00am Student Beach Day at Gulf Shores

**MAY 11**

Mother's Day - No Evening Classes

**MAY 13**

9:00am Sewing for Missions

**MAY 18**

Graduate Recognition

5:00pm Reach Camellia Outreach

**MAY 24-31**

Panama Mission Trip

**MAY 25**

No Evening Classes

**MAY 26**

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

**MAY 28**

11:30am Brotherhood Lunch at Captain D's



Camellia Family,

The month of May tends to be a season of transition. The weather is turning warmer. The flowers are blooming. School is ending. Sports seasons are finishing. Families are gearing up for the Summer. As we enter into May, I'm reminded of the words in Ecclesiastes 3:1: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." May is a season of both growth and gratitude—a time to reflect on God's goodness and prepare our hearts for what lies ahead.

Senior Adult Day within our church is May 4th. We are so grateful for the Young at Heart in ministry and for all the senior adults that God has blessed our church family with. Many have been with Camellia since Day 1 and others are relatively new. But the Lord is using all of you to strengthen and bless Camellia. We are so grateful for our senior adults and grateful that we get to celebrate you this Sunday.

This month also brings with it the blessings of Mother's Day, an opportunity to honor the godly women who have shaped our lives with love, wisdom, and faith. To all the mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers in our church family: thank you. Your prayers, patience, and perseverance are a testament to God's faithfulness. Proverbs 31:28 says, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." We praise God for you and lift you up in prayer this month.

May is also a time when many of our students prepare for graduations, transitions, and new chapters in life. At Camellia, we have three students graduating from high school this year. Let us, as a church, surround them with encouragement and godly counsel. Let us pray for them as they enter into this new season of life.

As we move deeper into the season, I encourage you to recommit your heart to spiritual growth. The same way our gardens flourish with sunlight and care, our souls thrive when we remain rooted in God's Word and active in His service. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9).

Most importantly, we have an opportunity every Sunday to join with our brothers and sisters in worshiping the risen Christ and reigning Lord. Let us not take this for granted. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Bro. James



*May Meal Delivery*

**We need one more volunteer to serve on Wednesday, May 28!**

**REACH**  
**Camellia**

**May 18 5:00pm**







*In appreciation of our*  
**Senior Adults**  
 (60 and over)

we invite them to a

*Continental  
 Breakfast*

SUNDAY MAY 4

Please drop by the  
 Clayton Shaw  
 Fellowship Hall area  
 between 8:00 and 8:40.

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## CBSM: Upcoming Events

May 10 - Beach Day at Gulf Shores

May 18 - Graduate Recognition



## "There Is Nothing Broken That God Cannot Repair"

Are you a handy person with the ability to fix or repair most anything? If so, I envy you! I was not blessed with such ability. I had to replace the igniter on our gas oven a few months ago (with the help of YouTube of course!). For me it was truly "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". When something does break or need fixing, I am tempted to just throw it away or put it on the curb for someone else to pick up.

In the "Gospel Project" Sunday School material and on Wednesday nights, we have been in the book of Judges. Throughout scripture and especially in Judges, we see the brokenness of humanity in Israel. Judges 2:11 says, "And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals." To call Israel back to God, He would give them over to their enemies and then raise up unlikely deliverers. Just in the past few weeks we have studied about Barak, the fearful, Gideon, the doubter, and Samson, the womanizer.

These accounts remind us that God isn't like me. He doesn't put the broken out on the curb but uses them to fulfill His great and mighty purposes. We sing a song entitled "I Am Not My Own" which states, "There is nothing broken that You (God) cannot repair." You are not too far gone for repair and you are not too broken for God to use. If God can use the fearful, doubters and womanizers, He will use you and me too! Pray to the Lord for Him to use you for His glory.

In His Service,

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Graduates will be recognized during  
the Sunday morning service on  
Sunday, May 18

## A Gift That Lasts to our Graduates

As a church family, we want to bless our  
three graduating seniors with something  
lasting and meaningful—God's Word, filled  
with encouragement from you.

On the front table of the sanctuary, you'll  
see three journaling Bibles set out. Each one  
will be gifted to a different senior in our  
student ministry.

Here's how you can participate:

1. Come anytime before or after a service or  
during the week.
2. Highlight a meaningful Bible verse—  
something that encouraged you,  
shaped your walk, or speaks to this new  
season.
3. Write a short note of encouragement in  
the margin or inside cover.
4. Repeat the same verse and message in all  
three Bibles so that each graduate receives  
the same blessing.

Let's surround these seniors with Scripture  
and the love of their church family. Your  
words could be exactly what one of them  
needs years from now.

Thank you for investing in the next  
generation!

