## *est.1975* 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!



May 18 5:00pm





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Food for Thought — May 2025





### **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.

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Children & Students — May 2025







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:

- 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.
- Write a short note of encouragement in the margin or inside cover.
- 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!

#### PRAYING SCRIPTURE

for Vacation Bible School

Mark 1:35 ESV

"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, [Jesus] departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he praved."

Pray for the volunteers that we would humbly depend on the Lord in prayer in everything this week. Pray that even with busy schedules and late nights, we would be diligent to find time personally to seek the Lord in his Word and in prayer.

#### PRAYING SCRIPTURE

for Vacation Bible School

Colossians 1:28-29 ESV

"Him [Christ] we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me:

Pray for the volunteers that we would proclaim Christ with all wisdom this week. Pray that children and their families would not only come to know Christ, but would continue on a path of maturing in Christ as a part of a local church body.

#### PRAYING SCRIPTURE

for Vacation Bible School

2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

Pray for our many volunteers that they would rely on God's sufficient grace to provide everything that they need to abound in good works this week to one another and to the children and their families for His glory.

#### PRAYING SCRIPTURE

for Vacation Bible School

Colossians3:23-24 ESV

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

Pray for volunteers to know that whether leading crafts, leading games, teaching lessons, making snacks, etc., they are serving the Lord. Pray that they will find motivation and encouragement in that truth, especially when serving is tiresome or difficult.

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PRAYING SCRIPTURE for Vacation Bible School

2 Timothy 3:15 ESV

"and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Pray for the children who will attend VBS that they will become acquainted with God's Word and that the Holy Spirit would use the Word in their hearts to bring them to saving faith in Jesus, whether now or sometime in the future.

#### PRAYING SCRIPTURE

for Vacation Bible School

Matthew 13:23 ESV

"As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Pray that the hearts of the children would be like the good soil as they hear the gospel-that they would receive it and bear fruit . Pray for grace for the teachers to clearly communicate the gospel this week.

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