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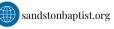
- EASTERN HENRICO COUNTY FISH For the month of May we will collect dry, instant milk,
- ATTENDANCE Last Sunday there were 261 in Worship and 178 in Bible Study.
- COMMUNITY MISSION OUTREACH MEETING May 8th in the BG at 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bring your ideas for community outreach projects and help us plan Friday Fun Nights which run through Summer, Contact Sandy Tyler with questions (804)334-9839.
- GRADUATE SUNDAY—Our annual youth/graduate Sunday is coming up on Sunday, May 18th! If you have a high school or college graduate you would like recognized during this service please send their name, school, a picture, and if applicable, what future plans they have to Justin at ibluntsbc@gmail.com to be included in the slideshow & also to Heather at sandstonbaptist@verizon.net to be included in the bulletin.

Deadline to submit information will be May 13th.

- OCC FISHING KIT UPDATE— Thank you for your assistance so far in helping Logan's grandmother, Loma Lambert, collect items to prepare 200 fishing kits for our 2025 shoeboxes. Medicine bottles are almost complete. We only need about 30 more that are size 3" tall with a 2" opening. We also need the items listed below. Place your donations in the container in the back hallway behind the sanctuary next to the OCC Cross, Thank you! Denise Harcum
 - -Corks with holes in the middle
 - -Small and medium hooks
 - -Split shot weights
 - -Sinkers
- OIAM POSTPONED After prayerful consideration, we believe it would be best to move OIAM to the fall. As the church is currently undergoing an important season of transition, with the appointment of a new full-time pastor. We deeply respect the time, energy, and care that our church is investing in this next chapter, and we understand that this has understandably made it challenging to give Operation InAsMuch the level of attention, planning, volunteerism, and preparation it deserves. We are excited about what this mission can mean for our church and our community, and we want to ensure that when it takes place, it reflects the heart, enthusiasm, and excellence that define our church's outreach efforts. We'll be in touch soon with updated plans and a new date for the fall. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and partnership. With gratitude, SBC Missions Team
- S.H.O.W. As SHOW is winding down for the school year, the last Sunday to donate food will be Sunday, May 4th. Dena will be doing her last shopping trip on Monday. She would like to thank everyone for supporting this mission all year, both with food and financial donations. By the end of the year they were packing 78 bags weekly. You can still tithe donations, designate it to go directly to S.H.O.W. Thank you, Dena Crider

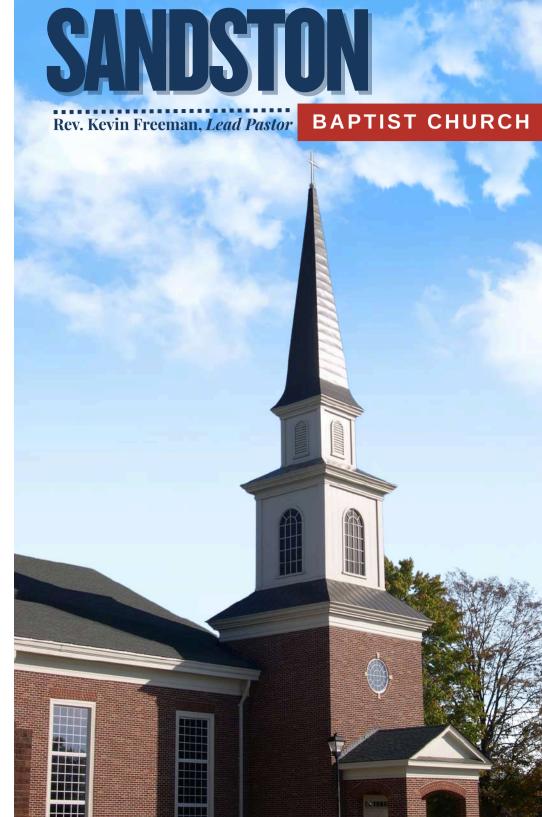








Prayer Needs: prayer@sandstonbaptist.org Church Office: sandstonbaptist@verizon.net



THE WORSHIP

May 4th, 2025 • 9:00 AM

OF

We are to be a body of Christians who glorify God through Worship, teaching, ministering, and sharing the Good News of Jesus to all.

Thomas C. Blunt
Minister of Music

Justin T. Blunt
Minister of Youth
& Families

Lindsay Horne Minister of Children & Families

His Last Command, Our First Concern.

Matthew 28:18-20

Announcements	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Opening PrayerLindsay Horne	May 4th	May 5th	May 6th	May 7th
Opening Praise"All Creatures of our God and King" "Raise a Hallelujah"	Welcome Rev. Kevin & Karen Freeman!! 9:00 am Worship	Cinco de Mayo 10:00 am Note Writing 11:00 am Williamson Group 6:30 pm Men's Basketball	2:00 pm VanLear Group	6:00 pm GriefShare 6:30 pm Youth, Adult Choir & HIS Group
Scripture	10:15 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Portuguese Ministry	Thursday May 8th 11:30 am Friendly/Singles Club @ Carini's	Friday May 9th	Saturday May 10th
Praise Song"Graves into Gardens"		5:30 pm Brotherhood 7:00 pm Deacons		
WelcomeJustin Blunt • Dismissal to Children's Missions	Safety	DELIVER	ies for	USHERS/GREETERS SCHEALIE
	Today Sunday, May 4th	Thursday	, May 8th	Today Sunday, May 4th
Praise Songs"Lead on Good Shepherd"	Jonathan Schaefe	r Alan Wa	atts	Don Clark
	Keith Oliver	Thursday,	May 15th	Sandy Lambert
Offertory PrayerKen Weaver	Ken Weaver	Larry Me	eador	Linda Marsh
Adult Choir"Just as I am/I come Broken"	Offertory Prayer			Cindy/Irving Wright
	Ken Weaver	WEDNE	SDAY	Dwayne Tyler
Message	Next Sunday, May 11th	···· Sat	ety	Tracy Applewhite
The Great Advance: Advancing to Multiply Joy Acts 13:4-52	Marc Welenteychi	k Wednesday	, May 7th	Next Sunday, May 11th
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Invitation"Wonderful Merciful Savior"	Matt Bailey	Wednesday	, May 14th	Pat/Dennis Hawes
	Offertory Prayer	Mark Gw	inn	Wally Carter
Benediction	Matt Bailey			Dwayne Tyler
				Dwayne Tyler

Kevin Freeman / General Adult	Kevin Freeman / General Adult		
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- 4. In what practical ways can you serve God this week that would bring joy to you and others?
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