



# Bible Biz



## Weekly in the Word Opportunities:

Sunday: Sunday School 8:45 AM  
Worship Service 10:00 AM  
BYG (Bible Youth Group) 5:00 PM  
(check calendar for BYG events)

Wednesday: KCJam 5:30-6:30 PM

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6 PM: Ebenezer Bible Study  
Contact Connie Bazemore (912)659-2188

## Bible Lutheran Church Office Info:

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## NEWS & NOTES May 14, 2023

### Happy Mother's Day!

#### Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Betty & Nick Robinson in memory of Jean Stanley and in honor of Jean Robinson.

#### THANK YOU KCJAM!

You each bring me so much JOY with your singing -- I would like to treat you to Dairy Queen this Wednesday, May 17th, from 5:30pm-6:30pm. See you there! -- Karen Hall

#### Christian Ed News

Bible will be celebrating our high school and college graduates during our worship service May 21st. Our graduates this year are: Conrad Vorel and Cohen Zipperer (high school); Caroline Dasher and Victoria Hall (college). If we have missed any church member who is also graduating, please contact Dawn Vorel at (912) 507-1876.

#### Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is May 28th. All are reminded to wear RED in celebration of Pentecost!

#### Memorial Fund Donations

The family of Ronnie Jones requests that all memorials be made to the GRITS Women's Group at Bible Lutheran Church. Ronnie's life was filled with the joy of giving to others. The family feels that it would have been his wish for his legacy of giving to continue by supporting the work of GRITS.

#### Thank You for Your Generosity

Earlier this year, you, the congregation, approved for Bible Lutheran Church to bless a variety of

organizations with a financial donation. Those checks have now been issued. Through your generosity, the following groups have been blessed:

Habitat for Humanity, Pregnancy Care Center, Manna House, Maritime Bethel, Treutlen House, Blue Sky Acres, The Dive Savannah Foundation, Effingham County Lutheran Ed. Committee, Wycliff Bible Translators (DeLoach), Wycliffe Bible Translators (Shaneyfelt), Hosanna Helpers, CRU, Promise 686, GRITS, and FCA at both area high schools.

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Listening for the Promise  
Weekly Devotional Sola Worship Resource  
Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2023

*“In the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”*

*-1 Peter 3:20b-21*

In many Lutheran churches, the baptismal font has an octagonal shape to it. I must admit that for many years, I did not know why. I just assumed it was a certain preferred style during a certain time in history. It turns out that there is a significant theological reason to the structure of the fonts. The verses above from 1 Peter 3 serve as a backdrop and explanation as well. A baptismal font that is octagonal in shape has eight sides, naturally. The eight sides represent the eight persons that were spared during the flood in the days of Noah. Thus, it makes a direct connection to the life-saving gift of baptism.

Sadly, many have trouble seeing Holy Baptism as God’s work. Our human brokenness would rather see Holy Baptism as a human work, “our work.” Sinful and broken humans desire to turn it into an offering to God, instead of recognizing it as a gracious gift of God that restores life, forgives sins, and brings salvation. Holy Baptism saves you, as St. Peter says (see v. 21). Unfortunately, some insist that it has no such power. Rather, it is viewed that the human will has made it’s solemn choice, it’s decision to follow God and to forsake all, rather than fall away from Him.

As Lutherans we understand this “man-made” idea of Holy Baptism to be dangerous. It places us sinful human beings in the role of God, when in reality we have no power over our salvation whatsoever. Holy Baptism is a gift of grace, not a human work. “Baptism, which corresponds to (the flood in the days of Noah), now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (v. 21).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of grace you bestow on us through baptism. Grant that we would be kept safe in the holy ark of the Christian church. Renew us daily in the promise we receive at our baptism, that we might be united in a resurrection like Christ’s. In Jesus’ name, amen

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**Church Council Officers 2023:**

President: Andy Dasher (912) 663-4244

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Secretary: Richard Hall

## May 14 - May 27, 2023

### **Joke of the Week:**

Bob, a young man agreed to baby-sit one night so his friend, a single mother, could have an evening out. At bedtime he sent the youngsters upstairs to bed and turned on the football game. One child kept creeping down the stairs, but every time Bob sent him back upstairs to bed. At 9pm the doorbell rang and the neighbor asked if her son was there. "No", Bob replied. Just then a little head appeared over the banister. "I'm here, Mom, but he won't let me go home."

Sun. 5/14	8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	Sun. 5/21	8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Christian Ed. Comm. Meets after worship  HONORING GRADUATES SUNDAY
Mon. 5/15		Mon. 5/22	
Tues. 5/16	10 AM Quilter's Group Meets	Tues. 5/23	10 AM Quilter's Group Meets
Wed. 5/17	5:30 PMKCJAM Party at Dairy Queen 7:00 Adult Choir Practice	Wed. 5/24	Last Day of School for Effingham County 7:00 Adult Choir Practice
Thurs. 5/18		Thur. 5/25	
Fri. 5/19		Fri. 5/26	
Sat. 5/20		Sat. 5/27	



### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

6/5 - 6/9 Vacation Bible School at Ebenezer Retreat Center  
(High School students report 6/4)

SUNDAY SERVANTS		May 14	May 21	May 28	June 4
	Acolyte/Crucifer	Jake Waldhour	Ella Rutland	Gracie Rutland	Brooks Burnsed
	Altar Care	Connie Bazemore			
	Announcer	Travis Bazemore	Travis Bazemore	Travis Bazemore	Ramona Kessler
	Children's Moment	Katie Whitten	Katie Whitten	Katie Whitten	Leslie Dickerson
	Council Servant	Michelle Batchelor	Michelle Batchelor	Michelle Batchelor	Jimmy Helmly
	Communion Asst.	Connie B/Karen W			
	Altar Flowers	Betty & Nick Robinson	Robert & Phyllis Rollins	Connie & Earl Bazemore	Martell Hall
	Head Usher				
	Lesson Reader	Cheryl Dasher	Leslie Dickerson	Connie Bazemore	Julie Thompson
	Livestream	Worship & Music	Worship & Music	Worship & Music	Worship & Music
	Musician-Comm.	Kimberly Bazemore	Karen Warnell	Karen Hall	Karen Warnell
	Musician-Service	Kimberly Bazemore	Karen Warnell	Karen Hall	Karen Warnell
	Nursery Assist.	Beth H/Ann L	Marci B/Brooks B	Katie W/Carrie N	
	SS Opening	Ramona Kessler	Ramona Kessler	Ramona Kessler	Dawn Vorel
	Yellow Ribbon Hst	Evangelism	Evangelism	Evangelism	Evangelism
ATTENDANCE 4/30: SS: 45 WORSHIP: 135 LIVESTREAM: 9					
LESSON READINGS 5/21: Acts 1:12-26 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11					

## BIBLE CONNECTIONS

Interested in being part of a service group or Bible Study? Here's a list of contacts for you.

- \* Adult Choir  
Karen Hall (912) 547-0353
- \* College Connection  
Lauren Collum (912) 675-3572
- \* Local Mission  
Connie Bazemore (912) 659-2188
- \* GRITS (Gals Rich in the Spirit)  
Beth Helmly (912) 657-3539
- \* KC Jam (Children's Choir)  
Karen Hall (912) 547-0353
- \* MOB (Men of Bible)  
Ron Morgan (912) 547-1717
- \* Wednesday Fellowship & Prayer  
Church Office (912) 826-2710
- \* Youth (BYG)/Youth Planning  
Amanda Rutland (912) 665-2206

## Helping Hands - Always Needed



Can you help with our Habitat for Humanity mission? Go to their website, [habitatec.org](http://habitatec.org), to sign a waiver prior to going to the worksite.

Worship Servants Needed - sign-up sheets for 2023 are on the table in the hallway, please sign up to serve. Altar flower sign up sheets are there as well.

Nursery Assistants needed contact Marci Burnsed at (912) 547-5021

LOCAL FLORISTS: New Life (826-4261)  
Red Roof (826-7231) Carlsons (754-9116)  
Bloomingdale Florist (748-8821)