FIRST THINGS FIRST

May 2025



TEACHER APPRECIATION

On Tuesday, May 6th, we delivered some goodies to Altavista Combined School for Teach Appreciation Week! We are grateful for the wonderful teachers (and former teachers) in our community.

OUR CHURCH IS GROWING!!

On Sunday, April 27th, 5 individuals joined our church fellowship! Be sure to welcome Linda Harding, Tim and Jennifer Teegarden, and Carlton and Sharon Gunter to the FBC Altavista family!





WELCOME BABY HAYDEN!

Wyatt Jordan's baby, Hayden, was born the evening of Wednesday, May 7th. Everything went well and we can't wait to meet him!

DEEP THOUGHTS

I spent some time with family in Georgia for a couple days last week. While I was excited to finally see my nephews play baseball, I must be a bad-luck charm because they lost every game I saw (which was 3). However, one loss was due to a controversial call. Apparently one of the players did not touch the home plate while running in. While parents made their frustration known, it made me wonder: what prevents us from following through in our lives?

This could apply to anything from doing chores around the house to nurturing our faith. Perhaps we procrastinate, or get too busy. But in the end, we must find a way to accomplish the day's tasks. And prioritizing our relationship with God will ultimately prepare us for coming home to eternal life.

OUTREACH

On Monday, May 19th, we supplied Altavista High School with some bottled water for their senior picnic.

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on June 29th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the flowers, gift card, cards, and other expressions of kindness for Administrative Assistant Day. It meant a lot. As I have said many times, I am so very blessed to work with the amazing, wonderful people at First Baptist. Thank you. Blessings,
Donna Ruff

LIGHTS

You may notice a few things out of place as Alden continues the LED light conversion. He is trying to get as much done before leaving for training as possible!

PASTORAL UPDATES

Orders have been approved, hotel reserved, and flights have been booked as Alden prepares for his training in Newport, RI. He will fly out of Roanoke on Sunday, June 8th at 10:30am and land back in Roanoke on the evening of July 31st. Rev. R.G. Rowland will be filling the pulpit in Alden's absence.