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(church name)

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VBS times: 9-11:30AM

For more information, call: 828-632-4225



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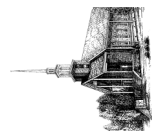
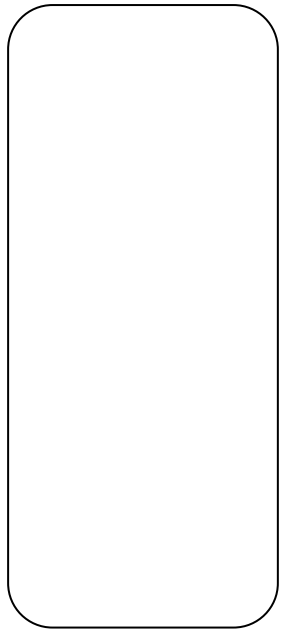
*Monday-Thursday*  
*9:00 AM—5:00PM*  
*Closed Friday*

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I haven't played tug-of-war in years. Y'all may remember the game from schoolyard playgrounds or VBS activities. Two teams form a line on their respective sides of a rope, and the two teams pull against each other. Christians are participating in a tug-of-war with each other, but we should be pulling in the same direction. We fuss and fight over various issues, but we could change the world for God in a mighty way if we'd just work together. There are a few recent events that brought this to the forefront of my mind.

First, the Juneteenth event (June 15<sup>th</sup>) at the Alexander County Courthouse Park reminded me that Christians often divide ourselves by race. I joked that the only "white" (Caucasian) folks at the opening ceremony were the ones on the program, i.e. the town and county government officials and myself. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous quote accurately describes American Christianity even decades later: "Eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of America."

Second, further clarification on the rift among Southern Baptists came out at the Southern Baptist Convention's meeting in Indianapolis this month. The Convention voted to expel First Baptist Church of Alexandria, VA due to the church's ordination of women for ministry. According to a Baptist New Global article, 7,300 of the 10,000 registered messengers voted on this issue, and 92% voted to expel FBC Alexandria. Another issue in Indianapolis that caught my attention involved church planting and women in ministry. North American Mission Board President Kevin Ezell clarified that the NAMB won't assist with Baptist General Convention of Texas affiliated churches who want to plant

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more churches. The issue that separates the two entities is that the BGCT won't adopt the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message, a more complementarian statement than the 1963 BFM in terms of the role of women. In other words, since the BGCT as a state convention won't affirm submission of women to men, the NAMB won't support church planting. According to an article in the Baptist Standard, Rev. Dustin Slaton (pastor of FBC Round Rock) said that the NAMB has accepted decades of the church's financial investment, but it won't help FBC Round Rock plant churches to reach the growth of the Korean community in a nearby town.

The issue of the role of women in ministry and race are only two of the many topics that divide churches from each other. Sadly, these issues shouldn't keep churches from working together for the betterment of God's Kingdom. Imagine if each of the churches in our community pooled our resources, time, and talent together for the sake of a spiritual renewal/revival event or an event to help the needy of Alexander County. If we looked past denomination, color, and small theological differences (KJV/non-KJV, women in ministry, etc.), so much more could be done for God. In Acts 2:42-27, we see the church working together and living peaceably like Christian people. Note that the fruits of their devotion to God and their work together: "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47b NIV).

Pastor Scott

Articles mention above:

<https://baptistnews.com/article/day-before-voting-on-law-amendment-sbc-removes-church-that-is-mike-laws-neighbor/>

<https://www.baptiststandard.com/news/baptists/namb-chief-addresses-church-planting-and-the-bgct/>

## Let's take a Trip



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**Newton Performing Arts Center**  
**Country Christmas**  
 Saturday, December 7, 2024 7:30 PM  
 Cost \$50.00 Bus leaves the Church at 6:30 PM

## Update on Karen Fox

Karen Fox and her family, including two of her grandchildren and daughter, visited Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Teton National Park in May. Their adventure, which is well deserved, surely provided them with cherished memories and a refreshing break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Although, every family vacation needs a little twist, and this one came with a one-night flight layover going home. Still, they had a great time!

## Star-Spangled Banner



1812 was the year that Fort McHenry was bombarded and with its fall, rose a significant piece of American literature and symbol of pride.

A young lawyer by the name of Francis Scott Key was on a nearby truce ship when he witnessed the attack on McHenry. Although there was great despair over this defeat, Francis Scott Key, and many in his company, found the American Flag still intact. He was so overcome by this symbol of hope that he penned the Star-Spangled Banner.



[Family Camp Showtime's](#)

**Stay tuned for more information to follow in the coming month.**

FAMILY CAMP is a laugh-out-loud comedy that is sure to touch the hearts and tickle the funny bones of every family member from eight to eighty.