

April 19, 2026

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### Giving Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the back of Morgan Hall for tithes and offerings. We invite you to pick one up or ask an usher for help if you need a giving envelope.

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### What does an offering of service look like?

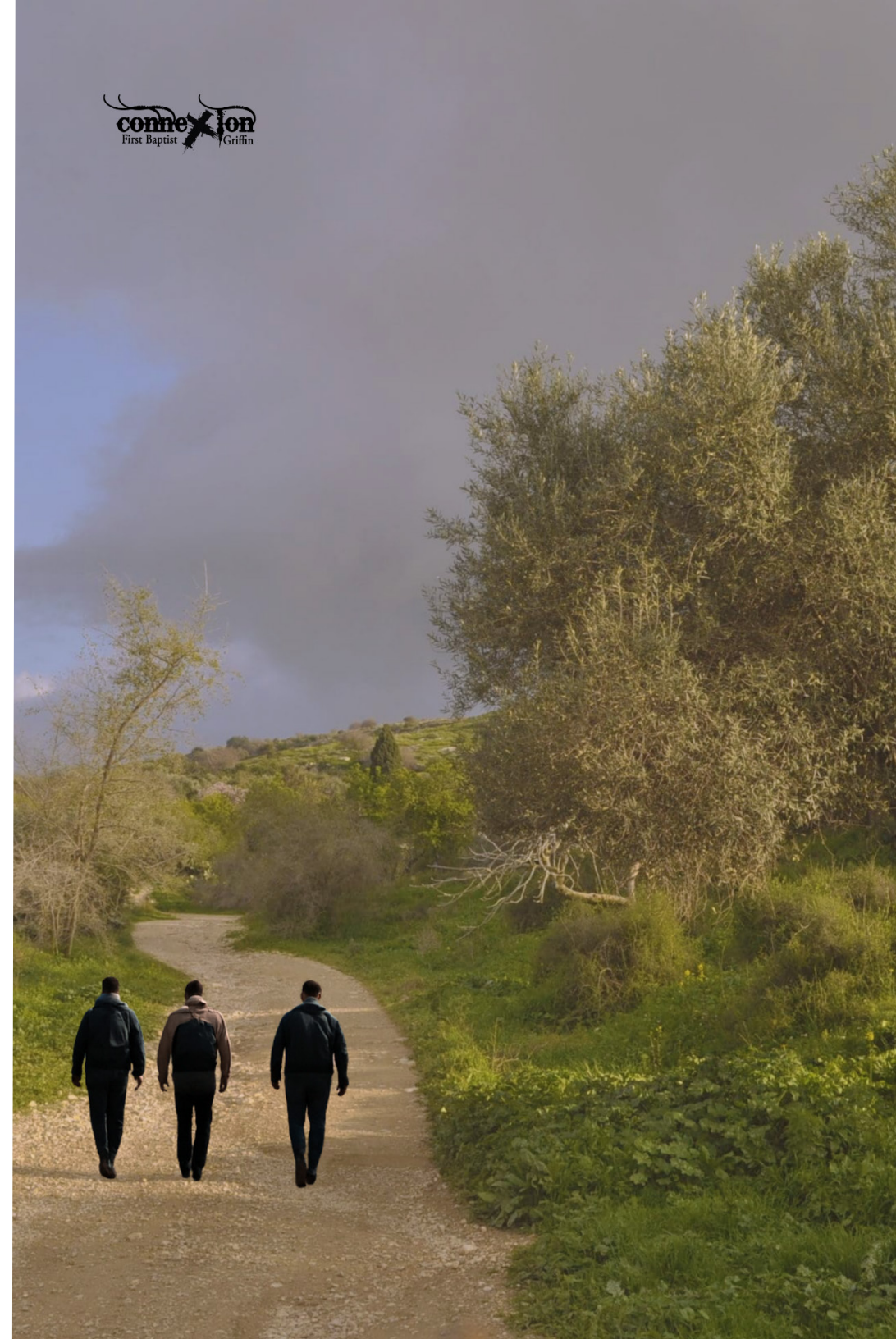
Hosting a successful ministry event takes a lot of time and planning. Zeke Harvey (pictured at the bottom left) welcomed the Men's Ministry at his tree farm on Sunday, April 12, for a Master's Watch Party. He and Chase Hassey and other men spent weeks preparing for this opportunity for men to have this time to fellowship with one another and break bread together.



## Sermon Notes

Luke 24:13-35

Stories that Matter: Astounded  
Steven Norris preaching



# Connexion Worship

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*How Good It Is  
Jesus Be the Name  
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus  
I've Witnessed It  
What He's Done*

Adam Pugh  
Orietta Russom  
Ellee Hilley  
Orietta Russom & Caroline Brehaut  
Orietta Russom

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35 Jeff McLean

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,<sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"<sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Floral Arrangements

If you would like to place flowers in the church in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Alice Blake or call the church office.

## What's Happening @ FBC

### Childcare

Childcare for babies through age 3 is available on the preschool hall. Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the Time for Children. Following this time, children are welcome to join the Children's Leader for Children's Worship in Education Building Room 207. Parents should pick up their children from Room 207 immediately following the service.

### Worst Case Scenario Children's Leader Training

Join us on April 25th for a fast-paced, interactive training where we tackle real-life ministry "uh-oh" moments and figure out the best way to respond—together. Come ready to think, laugh, collaborate, and leave feeling more prepared than ever to lead with excellence—even when the unexpected happens. Registration is open online at <https://bit.ly/KidMinTraining26>.

### Guest Speaker Coming to FBC: Invite your Friends!

Dr. Samuel Smith, Director of the History Graduate Program at Liberty University, will be with us on May 6th for both a lunch and learn talk and an evening lecture on the topic of Baptists and Religious Liberty in America. RSVP for the lunch at [fbcgiffin.org/guest-speaker](https://fbcgiffin.org/guest-speaker).

### Women's Ministry Annual Women's Retreat at Callaway Gardens

Ladies, registration for the women's event of the year opens tomorrow, April 13th. Get away with us to Callaway Gardens from October 23-25, 2026 (with an optional day on October 22). Learn more about the retreat at our website: [fbcgiffin.org/womens-retreat](https://fbcgiffin.org/womens-retreat).

### Graduate Recognition

Is someone in your household (associated with FBC) graduating this year? We want to celebrate with you! Please let us know by completing a brief questionnaire at <https://bit.ly/fbcgraduate26>.

### Camp Fundraiser

Please consider participating in our fundraiser to help send kids to summer camp. In the welcome areas, you will find envelopes with dollar amounts listed. Simply take an envelope, place your donation inside, and drop it off in the church office.

### VBS Registration

Kingdom Quest Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 8 through 11th from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Registration is open online at [fbcgiffin.org/childrens-ministry](https://fbcgiffin.org/childrens-ministry).

### Wednesday Nights

The Wednesday fellowship meal on April 22nd will be shepherd's pie, green beans, yeast rolls, and cookies. Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Morgan Hall. Learn more & RSVP at [fbcgiffin.org/wednesday-nights](https://fbcgiffin.org/wednesday-nights).

### Sign Up to Help in the Community Garden

The Community Garden is ready for action, and we need your help to tend it through the growing season. You can sign up for a week at this link: <https://bit.ly/fbcgarden26>.

### Veterans' Information

Help us celebrate our veterans this year! If you or your loved one affiliated with FBC are a veteran, then we want to recognize your service. Please complete the brief survey found at <https://bit.ly/fbcvets26>.

## Welcome

If you are a guest, please fill out the information below and drop it in the offering basket.

Name

How can we contact you? (email or phone)

## Prayer Request

How can we pray for you?

Would you like for us to share this request with the congregation?

Yes No



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Ellee Hilley, Minister of Worship Arts  
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