

# MESSENGER

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We, the family of Fredericksburg Baptist Church, are on mission together

During the season of Lent, some our children spent six weeks digging into scripture and theological concepts focused around baptism. This was the classroom portion of our baptism program which concluded on Wednesday evening at the home of "master communion bread maker", Susan Graham. The children actually gave her that official title, but I certainly think she has earned it!

Each child added ingredients, mixed the dough, and watched carefully as the dough began rise. We talked about why our church shares in this meal and what Jesus might have been trying to teach us the night he served it to his friends. We discussed what it means to have active faith and how our individual giftedness makes the church whole. Then, we rolled up our sleeves and got our hands a little dirty kneading the dough.

After popping the loaves in the oven, we gathered around a dining room table and took turns serving one another brownies. I watched as they passed the tray around letting each person choose a brownie before serving the next and wondered to myself what it might have really been like to be with Jesus during that special meal. I imagined it to be a little loud and chaotic just as this dining room was complete with spilled lemonade, brownie crumbs, and laughter. I felt gratitude wash over me as I watched Susan joyfully open her home to these children and teach them not just how to make bread which is an act of love on its own, but also teach them what it means to serve and to welcome and to care for.

I am so thankful for the adults in our community who consistently remind these children that they are not just the future church but also the present church and who take the time to pour love and goodness into them. As we move into the next phase of our baptism class which is pairing each child with their own "Church Buddy," I am feeling really hopeful for the Church, both our church and the Church at large. If we continue to ground ourselves in the biblical examples Jesus gives us of welcoming, serving, and loving one another, we will continue to pass on a life changing faith- and that is definitely something to celebrate!









# **Among Our Family**

### -In the Hospital-

<u>Tanzania Hospital:</u> Tuyishime Emmanuel (grandson of Barawiha Ezekiel and Hakizimana Rose)

#### At Home Under Hospice Care: Annie Mae Jones

## -Congratulations To-

Ryan & Brittany Snellings on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Elizabeth, born on March 31st. Proud grandparents are Van & Tammy Snellings

# **Stewardship Summary**

Ministry Budget	
Weekly Needs	\$28,667
Sunday, March 31	\$17,768
Y-T-D Total	\$282,018
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$90,653
Undesignated BUOH in Missions	
Sunday, March 31	\$225
Y-T-D Total	\$18,883
Watering the Roots Capital Fund	
Sunday, March 31	\$225
Y-T-D Total	\$8,422

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# **March Memorials**

## **In Memory Of**

Ministry Fund – for ROLAND GALLAHAN, given by Phillip Gallahan; Victoria Harrison; Jim & Ann McGlone; Al Rothschild; Cynthia Terrazas; Bill & Marla Tignor; Dianne Watson; Marian Wiltshire; Bill & Nancy Young...for DAPHNA MARSH, given by Susan Albert; Rosa Carpenter; John & Rosemarie McKeown; Vicki & Jerry Silver; Bill & Marla Tignor; Marian Wiltshire...for PARKE PIERSON on his BDAY March 22<sup>nd</sup>, given by Gail Hylton...for GERALDINE SELF on her BDAY March 23<sup>rd</sup>, given by Gail Hylton...for DONALD SPARKS, given by Christopher W. Grant; Ron & Donna Guidry; H. Alan & Janice L. Hall; Sylvia A. Just; JoAnne Kinnamon; the Family of Chuck McCormade; Ruth Ellen Richardson; Marian Wiltshire; Bill & Nancy Young; Richard & Katherine Young

Organ Restoration Fund – for **DAPHNA MARSH**, given by Jane Sthreshley

Music Ministry – for DAPHNA MARSH, given by The Mary Martha/Caverlee/Perry Sunday School Class; Van & Tammy Snellings; Dianne Watson; Bill & Nancy Young

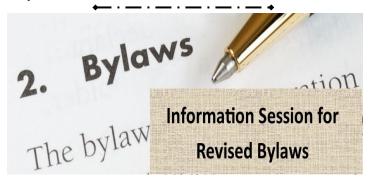
**Benevolence Fund** – for **DAPHNA MARSH**, given by Lynette Kendall Farmer

**Youth Ministry** – for **GLENN & JEAN BLAIR**, given by Glenda Gotshall

#### In Honor Of

Ministry Fund – for BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY, given by the Maria Scott Mission Circle

Organ Restoration Fund – for *MISS CLAIRE GASSIE*, given by Catherine Ryder



# Will be Held Via ZOOM on April 18 at 7:00pm

All members are encouraged to participate in the information sessions so that an informed vote can be realized at the November meeting.

Copies of the proposed bylaws are available through the church office, or they may be accessed at fxbgbaptist.org/bylaw-revisions.

ZOOM login information will be available closer to the meeting date.