

Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Cody Fox, Pastor

WELCOME

Week of April 27, 2025 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

There will be a **VBS Organizational Meeting** after services this morning. Anyone that can help with VBS is requested to stay for a few minutes. VBS is scheduled for June 8th – 11th this year.

Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, **Quarterly Business Meeting** followed by our Mid-Week Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday:	J.M. Whitson (Apr. 21 st) Carl Ballard (Apr. 22 nd)
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How Do I Know?

How do I know that Christ is risen? What proof have I to give?
He touched my life one blessed day and I began to live!
How do I know He left the tomb that Easter long ago?
I met Him just this morning, and my life is all aglow.
How do I know that endless life He gained that day for me?
His life within is proof enough of immortality!
How do I know that Christ still lives rich blessings to impart?
I know it's true because He lives and reigns within my heart!
Eugene M. Harrison

WISHING

I wish I'd gone from Galilee,
Along Judea way;
I wish I'd been with Jesus
When He stopped to rest that day.
I wish I'd seen the children come,
Their faces scrubbed and clean,
Their mothers seeking eagerly
The blessing of the King.
I wish I'd seen their trusting eyes
As they came flocking there

Bringing wilting bunches
Of flowers picked with care.
I wish I'd seen Him take them up,
And bless them one by one.
I wish I'd heard Him say the words,
"Suffer them to come."
But most of all I wish that I
Might more humble be,
More like these precious little ones,
When He receiveth me.
Irene Bennett

Thursday, National Day of Prayer



What Came Before the National Day of Prayer?

The first call for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting was made at the First Continental Congress in 1775. Abraham Lincoln called for a National Day of Prayer in 1863 amidst the turmoil of civil divisions. However, it was not signed into law until 1952 by President Harry S. Truman. According to the National Day of Prayer website, on April 17, 1952, Public Law 82-324, Section 119 was passed, stating that:

"The President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

In 1979, the official National Prayer Committee (NPC) was formed, and the first observance organized by the NPC was held at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. in 1983. However, there was no exact day given for yearly observance.

When Was the National Day of Prayer Enacted?

In 1986, Bill and Vonette Bright pushed to amend Public Law 82-324 to set an exact day for the observance. Senator Strom Thurmond worked the bill through the Senate, while Congressman Tony Hall championed it in the House of Representatives. On May 5, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed Public Law 100-307. The new law stated:

"The President shall set aside and proclaim the First Thursday in May in each year, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

The annual National Day of Prayer Broadcast features speakers and musicians from around the world who gather together for a televised event. Beyond that, the National Day of Prayer website also lists ideas for community, church, and small-group events. Ideas include prayer walks, candle-lit vigils, or neighborhood block parties.

