

### May At A Glance

- **May 3**– Special speaker Neil Mammen– author, apologist, international speaker, engineer -Believing the church is the answer to our nation’s problems, FSBC 6 pm
- **May 3**– Beloved a Women’s event sponsored by Lifeline, 6:30-8pm
- **May 4**– Rock Solid Children’s musical, both 8:30 and 11am services
- **May 6**– Coffee Stop- “A Mother’s Heart” by Kathy Hart, 7-8:30pm
- **May 11**– Parent Dedication, registrations due by May 4
- **May 11**– Mother’s Day

### Coming Soon...

- **June 1**– Discovering First Southern Class begins
- **June 9-13**– Unplugged Kids’Camp
- **July 14-18**– Agency D3 VBS

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## The Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn

By Pat Hollomon

The greatest kept secret in Topeka, and probably Kansas, is the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn.

About ten years ago Christians for Life, Inc. received land for the purpose of building the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn. A place where families who have lost children to abortion, miscarriage and still birth can recover from their broken hearts.

The loss of a child for any reason is an enormous burden for people to carry. Families who have lost children to abortion, miscarriage and still births struggle with the loss of these children. Christians for Life has been called to the unique ministry of providing a place for these families to grieve. There are no cemeteries for these little ones. No graves to visit, no where to grieve them.

The first phase of the memorial ground is well on the way to completion. The first memorial stone has over 100 names on it. This memorial in the heartland can draw hurting families to a place of comfort and healing.



There are trained Christian counselors who will walk with post abortive women through the grieving process and help them get to the place that they want to memorialize their child by placing their name on the monument.

Christians for Life holds yearly memorial services for new names that have been added to the memorial. Each family is provided a LIFE CERTIFICATE with the name of their

child and a photo of the memorial. These services and certificates have been used greatly by God to comfort, heal, and restore individuals and families.

Please pray that this healing place will become well known in Topeka and the state. One in every six women in a local church has experienced an abortion in the past. That means that our church probably has several women who are still struggling with the regret, pain and sorrow of an abortion. They may have never shared their story with anyone.

We will help them through the difficult process of naming and memorializing their unborn baby.

For families who have lost babies to miscarriage and still birth we can provide that safe environment to memorialize their child.

For a tour of the memorial or for more information please contact Pat Hollomon at 272-2027.



## May Birthdays



**May 1-** Crandel Lindsey, Robert Bates, Diane Nicholson, Samuel Moylan, Alec Fewell

**May 2-** Mary Horner, Patrick Swindall, Kristina Grimes, Beth Davis, Ruebee Buckholtz

**May 3-** Leland Heifner, Mason Holmberg

**May 5-** Cheryl Welch, Linda Cohagen, Sarah Majstorovic, Alex Raines

**May 6-** Melissa Hutton, Amanda Driggers

**May 7-** Norma R Hall, Malissa Votaw

**May 8-** Tim Koch, Aaron Morrow, Kale Stone, Abby Simpson, Brandy Stewart, Nikola Majstorovic, Lorenzo Estrada

**May 9-** Betty Carter, Alan

Locke, Stephen Hart

**May 10-** Liam Howard

**May 11-** Susan Hollaway, Gary Helmick, Brianne Lyman

**May 12-** Krystal Wall

**May 13-** Melody Heifner

**May 14-** Angela Leibold

**May 15-** Ron Whitmire

**May 17-** Fray Gideon, Steven Bolejack

**May 18-** Sheryl Berroth, Trent Smeltzer

**May 19-** Jay Overley, Jennifer McFarlane, MacKenzie Howard

**May 20-** Bethany Freerksen

**May 21-** Jack Bell, Mike Kelso

**May 22-** Lora Biesenthal

**May 24-** Aiyanna Davis, Max Seusy

**May 25-** Janice Rickel, Janette Quigley, Cody Sun

**May 26-** Sharyn Hulter, Wendee Guyle

**May 27-** Nelda Buckley, Tammy Smith, Michael Keatley, Jordan Wilkinson

**May 28-** Karli Schrag, Chelsey Peterson

**May 29-** Louis Dolton, Cathy VanAtta

**May 30-** Lillian Reutzel, Laura Higbee

**May 31-** Loretta Watkins, Monica Brown, Deona McGee

## Things to Celebrate and to Anticipate

The Saturday before Easter was a beautiful day for Easter egg hunts and family fun at Gage Park. Our 5th & 6th graders, their leaders, and families stuffed and hid 3,000 Easter eggs in AnimaLand before swarms of young children found them. Thank you to all who donated eggs and candy for this successful event. See more pictures on [Spotted.CJonline.com](http://Spotted.CJonline.com).



That Saturday evening was our first regular Resonate, Saturday evening service. There were 111 people in

attendance at the service. Amazing testimonies are already coming out of this service and the people it is reaching.



Easter Sunday brought record breaking numbers to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Many new people were invited to join us, some who had never been invited to a church before.

May 6-Our children pre-K through 6th graders are performing Rock



Solid the musical for both morning services. The kids and leaders have put hours of work into this humorous musical with a message all of us need to hear.

May 11- Mother's Day and Parent Dedication. If you would like to take part in this special occasion please contact the church office at 272-0443. Registration forms are due May 8.

July 14-18 is FSBC's annual Vacation Bible School program. Teachers are needed! Call Donna Doel at 554-4640



# Activities For Women



Tuesday, May 6  
In the Coffee Stop Room  
7-8:30pm

"A Mother's Heart"  
My Story Moment with special guest Kathy Hart from Caring Pregnancy Outreach.

A young mother's story will be shared as circumstances in her life forced her to give her baby up for adoption. Another mother tells of her experience she had in adopting a baby which added joy and happiness to her life.

We will have a donation box for CPO that evening. (See the list to the right)



Coffee Stop will have a Friendship Salad that evening. Everyone is asked to bring something to add to the salad. We will provide the salad greens.

This will be our last Coffee Stop until the fall. We have been blessed by many great My Story Moments that have helped to encourage us to be the women God wants us to be.

For more information:  
Sharyn Hulter- 608-7408  
Starrlyt Rodgers- 249-9476



Only two Tuesday mornings left this year!

May 6 & 13 at 9am

A Christian fellowship for women of all ages

Come enjoy speakers, prayer, food, and fellowship

Questions contact Pat Dolton at 271-0994

### Suggested Donations for Caring Pregnancy Outreach:

- New and gently used maternity and baby clothes
- Packaged diapers
- Baby blankets
- Bath items for baby
- Cash

*Bring donations to Coffee Stop on May 6 or leave in the box in the front foyer during the month of May*



Find joy in the journey of life walking with a sister in Christ. We all grow and our burdens are lightened as we walk together. For questions or more information about Women's mentoring contact Suzie Paslay at 608-0713.

*Requires a 12 week commitment*



May-July: If you will miss the fellowship of other Moms on Wednesday nights now that the kids' activities are over call Lara Murphy at 785-806-1629 to find out about the Mom's Connect Wednesday Summer Small Groups and Park Nights.

All ladies are welcome especially those who have not been able to attend because they have been teaching on Wednesday nights.

Children are welcome too! There will be childcare on Small Group nights and fun for all on park nights.

Call for dates and locations.



For: Mothers of babies to 4 year olds

Where: Preschool area at FSBC

When: 3rd Fridays of the month, from 10-11am

Contact: Sarah Noble at 819-4087 for more information



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*"Glorifying God through lives transformed by  
the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ"*

### Join us for Worship and Bible Study!

Traditional Worship: 8:30 a.m. | Small Group Bible Studies: 9:45 a.m. | Contemporary Worship: 11:00 a.m.

*And now our new Saturday Night Service, Resonate, at 6:00 p.m.*

## Note from the Pastor

By Pastor Gary Smith

We have a lot to celebrate! How exciting it was to see all three of our services at Easter this year full of people ready to worship the resurrected Jesus Christ! We owe so much praise to God as He has once again allowed us to see more people attend First Southern at Easter time than in any other time in the churches history. You should stop and offer a prayer of thanks and ask God to help us to really welcome these new

folks and to help them to become disciples On Mission, enabling them to reach One More as well, and to ask them to join us in seeing God move Once More (again and again).

We also have a lot of work in front of us. As we move into a new era of our churches life we will need more serving and giving to support the expansion of multiple ministries and facilities for the church. So, I invite you to answer

"Yes" when requests are made for people to serve. God will bless you in your unselfishness and selflessness.

Appreciate you church!

### Articles Wanted!

Let us know what is going on in your ministry this summer. Submit June articles or story ideas by May 15 to [sm2mommy@yahoo.com](mailto:sm2mommy@yahoo.com)