

May Activities

(See online calendar for complete list.)

www.fbcopv.org/calendar

May 3rd -- Communion & New Member Welcome @ 5pm

May 9th -- **Marriage & Money Workshop** @ 9am.

Register at fbcopv.org/money. No cost to attend.
Contact Sis. Merrie Allen

May 9th – Tech Savvy Seniors Workshop @ 11:30am.

Contact Dea. Eddie Johnson.

May 9th & 23rd -- Wellness & Fitness @ 8:00am. Contact
Sis. Marlene Carter.

May 10th – MOTHER'S DAY

May 16th – Clothes & More giveaway of clothing, food,
and other items. Location is park next to 8616
Progress Blvd. Contact Sis. Kimberly Troy.

May 19th – Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Contact Min.
David Hill or Dea. Ed Leonard.

May 29th – Progress Village Christian Academy
Graduation @ 6pm

REMINDER CL SLOAN Scholarship Donations Being
accepted now. Consider donating today. \$25K Goal
this year to support our students.
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Choir of the Year, Director, and Worship Minister of the
Year support is appreciated for our First Family. Visit
the site at www.floridagospelmusicawards.org/

Looking Ahead

Women's Prayer Breakfast (June) and Women's Retreat (Sept)
WOW has begun to plan for both of these events. See website
and ministry leads for details.

First Baptist Church of Progress Village

"Run The Race Right"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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May 3, 2026

Romans 3:27-28 (KJV) *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

I. My _____ life entry fee has been paid in full. (RECEIVE)

Romans 3:25-26 (KJV) *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*

A. Jesus _____ my admission into **Heaven**
with His blood.

1 Corinthians 9:24 (KJV) *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*

B. You cannot be saved by works, so **running** only
works AFTER **redemption!**

II. My _____ life represents my gratitude for my eternal gift. (RACE)

1 Corinthians 9:25 (KJV) *And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.*

A. Only what we do for _____ will last.

1. **Material** Believers (Money & Possessions)
2. **Famous** Believers (Recognition & Applause)
3. **Power** Believers (Influence & Control)
4. **Pleasure** Believers (Comfort & Sensual Enjoyment)
5. **Honor** Believers (Status & Respect)

Matthew 6:2-5 (KJV) *Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*

B. Self serving gains may pay **today**, but will **fade** away.

III. My _____ rewards are determined by my _____. (REWARD)

1 Corinthians 9:26 (KJV) *I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:*

A. I don't run for salvation, but when saved, I run _____.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV) *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

B. The **intensity** of my discipline should reflect the _____ of Christ's death.

MESSAGE REFLECTIONS:

If my life were to end today and I am asked, "Why should I get to go to Heaven," what will my answer be?

If I am certain I will be in Heaven, what actions in my life now demonstrate my appreciation to God for such a privilege? Will the work I've done speak for me, or speak for God?

PRAYER—God, thank you for your complete sacrifice allowing me access to eternal life in Heaven with you. I understand I did not earn it and do not deserve it, so I am especially grateful. Show me ways in my life to honor you and the gift you have given. Please forgive me for times I was just going through the motions of religion. Help me find the intensity of loving you through my life's actions, not because I have to, but because I want to out of love and appreciation to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.