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MARCH 2018

Holy Week & Easter at First Baptist Church

Palm Sunday

High Attendance Day in Sunday School, 9:30am
Easter Worship, Dr. Tony Hopkins, Preaching, 10:30am
Easter Egg Hunt, Martha Franks Villa, 4:00pm

Holy Week Wednesday

Family Night Supper, 5pm
Holy Week Worship, Dr. Danny West, preaching, 6pm

Good Friday

The Music & Words of Holy Week, Addrian Wilson,
baritone, 6pm
Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service & Breakfast at Thomason Shelter, 7am
Sunday School, 9:30am
Easter Worship, Rickey Letson, Preaching, 10:30am

Holy Week Voices, March 25-March 30

This year our theme for Holy Week is Holy Week Voices. Throughout the week, we will welcome guests as they come to lead us through preaching, music and reflection on the season. On Palm Sunday, Dr. Tony Hopkins, Senior Minister of First Baptist Greenwood will preach while Tony's wife Carol will be our guest soloist. On Holy Week Wednesday, Dr. Danny West, Professor of Preaching at Gardner-Webb Divinity School will be our speaker with music by our own FBC musicians. On Good Friday, we will have a meal in Bobo Hall that includes the scripture of the season along with music from Addrian Wilson, a baritone, who is Minister of Music at First Baptist in Anderson. All of these occasions will help prepare us for Easter and we hope that you will join us for this very meaningful and rich week together.

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:45am Blood Pressure Checks 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Marjorie Taylor Tim Cook William Yates	10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Mary Lou Copeland	8am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study Margaret Jackson Brooke Werts	12pm Lenten Study & Lunch Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Miriam Corley David Hardy Julie Hill Jason Marlett	Barbara McCraney Peggy Prescott	Barbara Sanders Maritom Hardy Kelsie Little	Nancy Thompson Grayson Cooper
10:00am ONE MISSION Commitment Sunday	10am Senior Adult Game Day 2:30pm WMU Season of Prayer at Razor Chapel 4pm Prayer Team Sara Heavner Ann Poole Jo Lynn Wilson Rickey Letson Kay Henderson Alan Langston Lance Robertson Keri Burroughs	8am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study David Motes Joel Jacks Lindy Segars Abby Davis	12pm Lenten Study & Lunch Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Peggy Roberts Doris Davis Johnny Goode Mark Freeze Ashley Coggins Tommy Cox Lindsey Burroughs Miles Brown Linda Dell Tennent	2pm Knitting Group 4pm CWA Trip to see Anderson Follies 6:45pm LBA Hogfest	16	17
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Deacon's Meeting Barry Putnam	8am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Handbells Ronnie Sanders Linda Yarbrough Stewart Jones	12pm Lenten Study & Lunch Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Neill Martin	Joy Turner	23	24
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 4pm Egg Hunt at The Villa Bobbie Wilson McKenzie Little	10am Senior Adult Game Day 3pm Drop-in for FBC Members @ Martha Franks 4pm Prayer Team Ruth York Earl Craine Michael Buhrmaster	8am Men's Study 11am CWA Meeting 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Handbells Maxine Bennett Keri Tumblin Katie Forsyth	6pm Holy Week Service - No preschool, children or youth activities, Nursery for 3 and under	Steve Hobbs	30	31

Wednesdays

5pm Supper 6pm Adult Studies 6pm Kids on Mission	6pm Children's Choirs 6pm Youth Worship 7pm Adult Choir
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Sundays

4:15 Youth Handbells 5pm Youth Choir 6pm Youth Group	6pm Men's Study 6pm Women's Study 6pm Adult Study
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The Incredibly Valuable Journey of Lent & Holy Week...

When I went to Harvester Island, Alaska last Fall, one of the real unique aspects of the experience was the journey involved in getting there. My trip was in late August and early September of 2017, but, the preparation began in December of 2016. Between December and August, there were forms to fill out, payments to turn in, regular communications to read and lots of travel arrangements to make. In other words, this definitely wasn't one of those adventures where you could decide you wanted to make the trip one day and hit the road the next. It took preparation.

Once the day of the trip arrived, the journey wasn't a quick one. I left from Greenville on a Thursday afternoon, flew to Atlanta and then on to Anchorage. This first leg of the trip was followed by two nights in Anchorage and then an early Saturday morning flight to Kodiak Island, Alaska. From Kodiak, there was another four or five hour wait before the final float plane trip into Harvester. Like many other people who made the journey, I remember thinking on that Saturday afternoon that we arrived, "I can't believe I am finally here!"

Let me say it this way. The week on Harvester Islander was a wonderful experience. But, the long, winding road involved in getting there made the trip even that much more special.

Lent and Holy Week are the journey that we are invited to make as we march toward Easter Sunday. It all started two weeks ago as we celebrated Ash Wednesday while remembering our humanity and humility in light of God's goodness and grace. For forty days this Lenten journey will continue as we pray, read scripture, worship, have lunch and reflection opportunities on Lenten Wednesdays and as we think every step of the way about what it means to live as Christ's followers in light of Jesus' sacrifices and love. The preparation will intensify as we reach Palm Sunday, Holy Week Wednesday and Good Friday. Again, through these experiences we will pray, sing, read scripture and be reminded of Jesus' life, death and passion. Every step of the way, with each service and through each opportunity for reflection, we will have the chance to again realize the transforming power of the Easter event.

Yes, we can show up on Easter having done nothing to get ready for the day and still experience the wonder of Resurrection. But, a dedication to and willingness to take the long, winding Lenten road from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week and to Easter will only make our experience of the Resurrection that much more meaningful, profound and transformational....**Rickey**

One Family - One Mission Commitment Sunday, March 11

Sunday, March 11 is an extremely important day in the life of our church. This is commitment Sunday for our One Family - One Mission Capital Campaign. To date, we have received over \$1,000,000 in advanced commitments to the campaign. But, our goal is \$1,750,000 which means we need everyone's help to reach our ultimate goal. On March 11th, we will not have Sunday School. We will meet at 10:00am in the FLC for breakfast items, juice and coffee with our service starting at 10:30. We will make our pledges as part of this time together. Please make it a priority to be present on March 11.

Women's Ministry

During 2018, FBC Women's Ministry will host a series of **Breakfast Devotions** with the theme of *Seaside Escape*. We'll use items commonly found on a beach vacation to remind us of God's love and purposes for us as women and girls. Come, relax, and enjoy time together studying God's word. Breakfast Devotions will be in Bobo Hall from 9:30-10:15am (the Sunday School hour) on March 18, May 6, August 26, and November 11.

Truth Be Told Art Painting Event

Tuesday March 20 6:30 to 9:30

Must register online or reserve a spot by calling the church office. \$30 per painter

Sunday School High Attendance Day will be Sunday, March 25. We will have a "doughnut fellowship" in the Rotunda (with juice and coffee) beginning at 8:45am. If you have been away from your Sunday School class for a while, this is a great opportunity to "re-start" and become involved again. If you are not involved in a Sunday School Class yet, this would be a great day to get started!

Our next **Adult Sunday School Leaders Meeting** will be Sunday, March 18 at 8:45am in the Conference Room.

Get Connected in Sunday School! FBC Laurens can sometimes feel like a big place, but Sunday School provides a wonderful opportunity for us to connect and study the Bible together in a smaller community. We offer a wide variety of Sunday School classes for people of all ages. If you are looking for a Sunday School class, please contact Tommy Cox at (864)984-7500 or tommy@fbclaurens.org. We would love to help you find a place to connect!

Our **Spring Trip to Allendale** will be April 27-28. We will leave late Friday afternoon (April 27), spend the night in Orangeburg and work in Allendale all day on Saturday (April 28). We will return home late Saturday evening. Cost for the trip is \$55 and the deadline to register is Wednesday, March 14. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Tommy.

Orlando Youth Choir Trip

June 18-23, 2018

The Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, FL

SonPower is a powerful, action-packed week of exhilarating worship, engaging mission projects, enriching Bible study, and enlightening music rehearsals that culminates in a LIVE recording session for students that love music. Students will spend every minute of the event's five days growing musically, emotionally, and spiritually. Call Adair for more information!



FBC Children's Ministry

Spring Forward With One Mission is on Sunday, March 11th from 10-11:30am in the FLC! There will be no Sunday School on this day. Our 4&5 year old preschool choir and 1st-5th Grade Children's Choir will be performing. Nursery is provided for children ages 3 and under in their regular Sunday School rooms during this time.

Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, March 25 from 4-6pm at The Villa! This is for children ages infant through 3rd grade.

Holy Week Service is on Wednesday, March 28th at 6pm in the Sanctuary. No preschool/children's activities this night. Children are encouraged to attend the service. Nursery is provided for children ages 3 and under.

Flashlight Egg Hunt is on Friday, March 30 from 6:30-8:30 at the home of Kevin & Elizabeth Franklin. This is for children in the 4th & 5th grade. Bring your flashlight and Easter basket!

Born To Be Brave Tour for boys, dads and father-like figures is on Friday, April 13th. This is a one-night, father-son adventure where you'll learn to lead your son in becoming a Godly man! This is for boys ages 7-17! Tickets are \$17. Bus will leave the church at 3:45pm and return by 10:30pm! Let Elizabeth know if you would like to purchase tickets!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have 2 church-wide VBS workdays planned! Please let Elizabeth know if you can attend one of these sessions: Saturday, April 14 or Saturday, April 21 from 9am-4pm. Lunch and childcare, if needed, will be provided! All skill levels are encouraged — we have a job for everyone!

Senior Adult Opportunities

CWAs

Our CWA's (Comfortable with Age) will have its March meeting on Tuesday, March 27, at 11am in Bobo Hall. Dr. Bill Childers will be our guest as he discusses healthcare for senior adults. Our meal will be prepared by Til Culbertson and will be \$7 per person. Call the church office to sign up or sign up on the pew pads.

SENIOR FOLLIES FOR OUR SENIOR ADULTS

The senior adults will travel to Anderson on Thursday, March 15, to see the opening night of the Anderson Senior Follies! We will leave from the church parking lot at 4:00 and have supper together in Anderson. The program is at Anderson University at 7:30, with a pre-show that begins at 7:00. Tickets are \$20, and you'll also be responsible for your supper. Tickets are first-come, first-serve, so come by the church this week and purchase your tickets!

SENIOR ADULTS TRAVEL TO KENTUCKY!

April 23-25, our senior adults will travel to Kentucky for a tour of the Ark Encounter. On our trip we will also see the Creation Museum, take a tour of Kentucky Horse Country, see Cumberland Falls and stop at the Great Smokies Flea Market! We will travel on a chartered bus and stay at Hampton Inn. The cost of the trip is \$310 for double occupancy. That price includes our 3 dinners during the trip. Call the church office to sign up or sign up on the pew pads this Sunday. Seats are limited!

MINISTER ON CALL

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us! The minister on call schedule is:

March 5-11	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
March 12-18	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
March 19-25	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
March 26-Apr 1	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631

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Budget Needs YTD: \$165,024.31

Budget Giving: \$157,772.47

Meet our Newest Members!



Matt & Nicole Firmin