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MARCH 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Jim Yarbrough Sephania Gillespie</p> <p><b>Festival by the Sea</b></p>	<p>7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Nancy Creech Tim Cook William Yates</p>	<p>7am High School Breakfast 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 1pm Norton WMLU 3pm Children's Handbells Mary Lou Copeland</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday Service 12pm @ Episcopal Church lunch following @ FUMC Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Margaret Jackson Brooke Werts</p>	<p>Miriam Corley David Hardy Julie Hill Jan Marlett</p>	<p>1 <b>Festival by the Sea</b></p>	<p>Phase One Workday 10am Linda Dickens Dianne Belsom</p> <p><b>Festival by the Sea</b></p>
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<p>10 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Nancy Thompson Grayson Cooper</p>	<p>11 7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team</p>	<p>12 7am High School Breakfast 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Handbells Ann Poole, Jo Lynn Wilson, Kay Henderson, Rickey Letson, Alan Langston, Keri Burroughs, Lance Robertson</p>	<p>13 Lenten Lunch FUMC 12pm Wednesday Night Activities: See Below David Motes Joel Jacks Lindy Segars Abby Davis</p>	<p>14 Peggy Roberts, Doris Davis, Linda Dell Tennent, Johnny Goode, Mark Freeze, Tommy Cox, Ashley Coggins, Miles Brown, Lindsey Burroughs</p>	<p>15 Tyler Crofts</p>	<p>16 Tyler Crofts</p>
<p>17 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Laura Dennie Julia Kerber</p>	<p>18 7am Middle School Breakfast 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>19 7am High School Breakfast 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study Barry Putnam</p>	<p>20 Lenten Lunch FBC 12pm Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Ronnie Sanders Linda Yarbrough Juan Monroy Stewart Jones</p>	<p>21 2pm Knitting Group FBC Kindergarten Spring Music &amp; Art Program 6pm Jessica Holman Neill Martin</p>	<p>22 Joy Turner</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below</p>	<p>25 3pm Drop-in for FBC Members @ Martha Franks 4pm Prayer Team McKenzie Little</p>	<p>26 11am CWA Meeting Ruth York Earl Craine Michael Buhrmaster</p>	<p>27 Lenten Lunch FBC 12pm Wednesday Night Activities: See Below Maxine Bennett Keri Tumblin Katie Forsyth</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Steve Hobbs</p>	<p>30 Dianne Bryan</p>
<p>31 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Dawn Reynolds</p>	<p>4:15 Youth Handbells 5pm Youth Choir 6pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>Sundays</b> 6pm Men's Study 6pm Adult Study</p>	<p><b>Wednesdays</b> 5pm Supper 6pm Adult Studies 6pm Kids on Mission</p>	<p><b>Wednesdays</b> 6pm Children's Choirs 6pm Youth Worship 7pm Adult Choir</p>		

### ***On the Way to Our Destination...***

Though it is only late February, we are starting to talk about summer trips at our house. Part of the question we always wrestle with is not only the places we are going but also what it will take to get to those places. The same is true in the church. It is never just the end of the road but also the journey itself that are important. I am thinking a lot about this from two standpoints these days - our Capital Campaign work that is starting soon and our celebration of Lent & Easter.

By this time next year, we hope to have new education and music space, a new youth area, a renovated chapel and a needed kitchen in the FLC. Right now, the journey is starting in full force toward those goals. In fact, our expectation is that it will begin this month! I am happy to report that as of now, our renovations are slated to start on March 18 with Phase One which includes all projects except the education and music space. Those will begin later this summer. In this same issue of *The Tie*, you will see an opportunity for you to help us get ready for the Phase One work and information about purchasing the pews of Easterby chapel that will not be kept after the renovation is done. I hope you will consider taking advantage of one or both of those opportunities. We are right where we want to be with the Capital Campaign work. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to our church!!!

At the same time, we are entering into the season of Lent which is all about the journey toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday. I hope you will take advantage of these special days. If you work in town or are retired, strongly consider joining us for the noon lunches and study on Wednesdays. If you can't participate there, do pick up a copy of *The Cross* which is the free devotional guide we are offering for Lent this year. Both the times together and the devotional guide for private or family use will help each of us to arrive at Holy Week fully ready to experience the power of Christ's death and resurrection.

The pathways to our destinations are so very important. I hope to meet you on the roads we'll be traveling...*Rickey*

### **Worship at First Baptist - March 2019**

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| March 3  | <i>An Overwhelming Gospel</i><br>Luke 4:38-44   |
| March 10 | <b>Lent Begins/Blessing Our Renovations</b><br><i>God In the Every Day: A Burning Bush</i><br>Exodus 3:1-14 |
| March 17 | <b>Haiti Mission Team Report</b><br><i>God In the Every Day: Bread</i><br>John 6:22-59                      |
| March 24 | <i>God in the Every Day: Light</i><br>John 8:12-20  |
| March 30 | <b>Youth Choir Leads Worship/Communion</b><br><i>God in the Every Day: A Shepherd</i><br>John 10:1-21       |

### **Lenten Opportunities - 2019**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> this year. One of the rich blessings of the season in our community is the chance to join with fellow believers for a number of opportunities for study and worship during these days as we make the 40 day journey toward Holy Week. Below you will see the opportunities for March.

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| March 6:      | 12pm: Ash Wednesday Worship at Church of the Epiphany followed by lunch at First UMC<br><br>6pm: Ash Wednesday focus in Adult & Youth Studies |
| March 13:     | 12-1pm: Lunch & Study at First UMC  |
| March 20 & 27 | 12-1pm: Lunch & Study at First Baptist  |

**Our Lent/Easter Devotional Guides** will be available for you and your family beginning Sunday, March 3. *Journey to the Cross* looks closely at the devotion of Jesus as He made His way toward Calvary. The devotional includes both a Bible Study Guide and a Scripture Reading Guide. These free guides will be located outside the main office and on the tables in the Rotunda. Only one per family please

**New Adult Bible Study beginning Wednesday, March 13!** *The Seven Sayings of Christ* from the Cross will explore the seven utterances of Christ from the cross, and how these words encourage us to be good stewards of our hearts, lives, and mission. Tommy Cox will lead this study each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Conference Room.

**The 2019 Spring Allendale Mission Trip** will be April 5-6. Cost for the trip is \$60. You may register for the trip on the pew pads or by contacting the church office. Deadline for registration is Sunday, March 10. If you have any questions, please see Tommy Cox. (tommy@fbclaurens.org).

### **2019 Alaska Mission Team Forming June 13-21, 2019**

We will be visiting North Pole, Alaska again this summer to work with SEND Missionaries Mark and Nicola Faires. There will be projects for all skill levels. We have space for 10-12 participants. Expected cost is \$1,000-\$1,250 per person. Please see Rickey if you have questions or interest. Deadline to sign up is April 1.

# FBC Children's Ministry

- March 3 - 2yr-5yr old Preschool Choir sings during worship. Practice at 9am in Sanctuary.
- March 9 - Children's Musical Rehearsal for those with SPEAKING PARTS & SOLOS from 9-11am
- March 20 - Catherine Gambrell with Laurens County Hospice will speak to our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kids on Missions classes - Please send a snack item to share with families who use their support (a list of suggested items will be sent home from Kids on Missions)
- March 21 - FBC Kindergarten Spring Music & Art Program at 6pm
- March 23 - Children's Musical Rehearsal for those with SPEAKING PARTS & SOLOS from 9-11am
- March 24 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Children's Choir sings during worship. Practice at 9am in Sanctuary.
- March 27 - No Kids on Missions for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders. We will practice our children's musical from 5:45-7pm on this night.

## Phase One Workday - Saturday, March 2, 10am

We are excited to announce that Phase One of our renovation work will begin on Monday, March 18. Phase One includes the new Youth Suite, new FLC Kitchen and the renovation of Easterby Chapel. In advance, we need to clear the spaces where work will be taking place. We want to do this on Saturday, March 2nd at 10am. We will need help for no more than two hours. If you could volunteer to assist us that morning, please sign up on the pew pads or call the church office. If you have questions, please see Rickey or Tommy.

## Own An Original Pew From Easterby Chapel

As part of the redesign of Easterby Chapel, the current pews will be replaced with pew chairs. The decision has been made to allow members of the church to purchase the current pews. They are available on a first come, first serve basis. While there is no set fee, we ask that anyone reserving a pew make a donation to the Capital Campaign in the amount that seems appropriate to you. There are 18 pews available. They are all 9 1/2 feet long. To reserve a pew, you must contact Emily in the church office. We will have two days for pick up of pews. The first pick up day will be Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am. A second pick up day will be announced at a later time.

## 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 4-10	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
March 11-17	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
March 18-24	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
March 25-31	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424

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## Extra Innings Friday, March 15

Before construction begins March 18 in the FLC, let's send the old youth room out with a bang. After watching the LDHS baseball game against Greenwood, we will head to FBC for plenty of food, fun and fellowship until midnight. Invite your friends to come and join us for all the action.

## Meet our Newest Member!



Will Brink with Jeff, Anna, and Dylan