



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# THE TIE

**APRIL  
2020  
SPECIAL  
EDITION**

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## APRIL 2020 BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Susan Little          | 7. Johnathan Griffin | 16. Sylvia Wells   | 21. Kris Hornberger   |
| 3. Terrell Kesler        | 8. Jesse Burroughs   | Keith Tollison     | Anna Grace Taylor     |
| Frances Sumerel          | 9. Laralynn Harlan   | Hannah Finley      | 24. Adam Taylor       |
| Freddie Fridy            | Stephanie Thompson   | Cole England       | 25. Randy Downs       |
| Will Prescott            | 11. Canady Little    | 17. Mattie Dasher  | Mary Cooper           |
| Bindy Bridgeman          | Carol Ann Martin     | 18. Calvin Owings  | 26. Madge Strickland  |
| 4. Seth Reynolds         | Ben Little           | Shelia Putnam      | Guy Jackson           |
| 6. Bryson Schultz        | 13. Jimmy Addy       | Christopher George | 28. David Hardy       |
| Mary Elizabeth McCameron | 14. Mary Ann Hawkins | Lindin Gault       | John Kerber           |
| 7. Billy Cain            | Donna Fletcher       | 19. Larry Thompson | 29. Elijah Hornberger |
| Mary Ann Burroughs       | 15. Richey Cook      | Mason Addy         | 30. Celita Strickland |
| Barry Lynch              | Jacob Freeze         | Monica Taylor      | Will Jenkins          |
| Hannah Riddle            |                      | 20. Carter Vincent |                       |

### *The Importance of Adapting...*

Churches are notoriously slow to adapt. This can be good in that sometimes holding on to and treasuring the past is critical as we seek to keep alive foundational principles that should never change. A failure to adapt can also be bad when it keeps us from taking advantage of new resources, ideas or ways of presenting ourselves simply because we don't want to change or take the time to learn to do new things. Right now, with COVID-19, we are being forced to adapt as we harness the technology of today in order to keep alive the foundational faith principles of worship, study and the need of God's people to be with one another. I want you to know that we are working hard to adapt here at FBC Laurens. And, I thank you that you are willing to adapt alongside of us. Through using the resources of today, we can and we will continue to find good, valuable, creative ways to be the church and to carry out our mission as a church even in these days. And, I fully believe that we will come out of this on the other side more prepared to minister in the future because of some of these very changes we have been forced to make. We will get through this...Rickey

### **Current Opportunities for Study & Worship**

Even while our normal programming and activities are suspended, we are still offering numerous ways for life at FBC to continue. Here are some of those opportunities...

**Worship:** A service is posted each Sunday for you and your family to watch at any time. The service is available on our website or App. A 25 minute audio service is available each week on WLBG Radio (860AM) at 11:05am each Sunday as well.

**Daily Devotional:** Our App features a daily devotional from *Reflections* including scripture, a thought and prayer for the day.

**Sunday School:** Several FBC Sunday School classes are meeting virtually each week. For more information about a class opportunity that you can join, contact Tommy at fbclaurens.org.

**Wednesday Prayer & Reflection:** Each Wednesday updated prayer concerns, announcements and a brief scripture lesson are offered on our website. This offers an ideal brief, midweek experience for families to use at the dinner table or another more convenient time in the middle of the week.

**Men's Small Groups:** Our Men's Small Groups continue to read the book *Growing Deep*. While our groups are not meeting, weekly questions are being sent out for individual study.

**Youth Devotionals & Fellowship:** Are happening regularly. Students and parents will be notified weekly as opportunities and events arise.

**Holy Week:** please take note of special Easter opportunities in this same issue of *The Tie*.

### **Worship in April**

April 5	<i>Love Came Near</i>	Matthew 21:1-11
April 12	<i>Empty &amp; Full</i>	Matthew 28:1-10
April 19	<i>Loving Proof</i>	John 20:19-31
April 26	<i>You Never Know Who is Near</i>	Luke 24:13-35

### **Welcome George Lewis & Haymes, FBC Youth Interim Workers**

We are excited to share the news that George Lewis Compton and Haymes Harlan will be working with our Youth during the interim period. They will begin their service immediately by offering virtual youth opportunities to compliment other resources FBC is providing during these days. George Lewis and Haymes will offer leadership alongside our Ministerial Staff and other Adult volunteers not only this spring but throughout the summer months as well. You may remember that both George Lewis and Haymes have served us before as summer youth interns and that they both grew up in our Student ministry.

The **FBC Golf Fellowships** are tentatively set to begin in April. Currently, these dates are Thursday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 28 at Lakeside CC. The cost per golfer is \$20. We will play a 9-hole, Captains Choice format following our devotion time at the Lakeside scoreboard. You may sign up by contacting the church office, or by emailing Tommy at [tommy@fbclaurens.org](mailto:tommy@fbclaurens.org). Registration deadlines are April 14 and April 26.



**Kindergarten Registration** for 2020-21 continues! Visit our website for information.

**Social Distancing Egg Hunt, April 3-12!** Have your kids decorate/color paper eggs and hang them in your front window or make an "egg tree" in your front yard....be creative! Take a car ride or a walk and see how many eggs you can find!

**Parents, check your email** for a great way for your kids to take "Sermon Notes from Home"! A fun activity for your family church time each Sunday morning! Also check your email each Wednesday for Kids on Missions lessons!

### **FBC Holy Week Resources**

**Holy Week**, which is the period between Palm Sunday and Easter, is a special time of reflection, worship and prayer for people of faith. This year, Holy Week will be very different as we will not be able to be together in person. However, we are providing several meaningful ways for you to grow during these days. Below are the resources that we hope you will take advantage of in these days.

**Daily Devotionals:** Are available on the FBC App. If you don't have the App, it can be downloaded on the Apple or Android platform.

**A Holy Week Service of Reflection & Prayer:** This written piece will be focused on key texts of the passion story in the gospels and will guide you through an intentional personal time of prayer. It would be ideal to use for reflection on Holy Week Wednesday or Good Friday. This resource will be available starting Wednesday, April 8.

**Holy Week Communion Video Opportunity:** This brief video will feature music, a meditation and a service of communion that you can use with your family. You will need to have available a small roll, loaf of bread, cracker and grape juice that you and your family can use. The service will be available beginning Wednesday, April 8 and may be used for a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday experience.

**Easter Worship:** Join us Easter Sunday on WLBG at 11:05am or by watching a special prerecorded Easter service on our website or App.

### **March First Baptist Financial Report**

March Needs (Five Sundays): \$105,552.25  
March Giving (Through 3/31): \$95,226.04