

HEART



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STRENGTH

THE TIE

APRIL 2022

*He is not here
He is Risen
Matthew 28:6*

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- Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunrise Service on the Square in Laurens at 7:00am. (Dr. David Hull speaking), worship in our sanctuary at 10:30am.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Susan Little	1 2
3 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull preaching Freddie Fridy Frances Sumnerel Will Prescott	4 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship 6pm Adult Bells Seth Reynolds	5 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions 5:30 Golf Fellowship Lakeside CC	6 Wednesday Schedule See Below Lenten Lunch 12pm 1 st Presbyterian Mary Elizabeth McCameron Bryson Schultz Alana Noble	7 Mary Ann Burroughs Billy Cain Barry Lynch Jonathan Griffin Hannah Riddle Marianne Allmond	8 Jesse Burroughs	9 Laralynn Harlan
10 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull preaching Palm Sunday 2pm Egg Hunt @ The Villa No Youth Group	11 Carol Ann Martin Canady Little Ben Little	12 No Children's Music & Missions	13 No Wednesday Activities Jimmy Addy	14 6:30pm Maundy Thursday @ 1 st Methodist Bill Aiken Mary Ann Hawkins Donna Fletcher Christopher McCall	15 Good Friday Sanctuary Open all Day Church Offices Closed 6:30pm Good Friday Service Episcopal Church 6:30pm Flashlight Egg Hunt Richey Cook Jacob Freeze	16 Hannah Finley Sylvia Wells Cole England
17 Easter Sunday Schedule Dr. David Hull Preaching 7am Sunrise Service on Square 1 st -5 th Grade Choir sing in worship No Youth Group No Men's Group Mattie Dasher	18 6pm Adult Bells 7pm Deacon's Meeting Christopher George Calvin Owings Sheila Putnam Lindin Gaut	19 7am Men's Group 11am CWA Meeting 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions Mason Addy Monica Taylor Larry Thompson	20 Wednesday Schedule See Below Mary Lawson Thompson	21 2pm Knitting Group 5:30 Golf Fellowship Lakeside CC Anna Grace Taylor Kris Hornberger Parker Wilson	22	23
24 Sunday Schedule See Below Dr. David Hull preaching Preschoolers sing in worship 5pm Children's Musical Splash Kingdom Adam Taylor	25 6pm Adult Bells Randy Downs	26 7am Men's Group 3:15pm Children's Music & Missions Guy Jackson Madge Strickland	27 Wednesday Schedule See Below	28 David Hardy John Kerber	29 Elijah Hornberger	30 Will Jenkins

Sundays

9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00-7pm Youth Study	6pm Adult Bible Study 6pm Men's Group
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Wednesdays

5-7pm Canteen area open for BYO supper 6-7pm Children's Choir & Missions	6pm Youth Group 6pm Adult Bible Studies 7pm Adult Choir
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TRANSITIONS

David Hull

James A. Harnish was the Pastor of the Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida. In his 1993 Easter sermon, Harnish told the story of a little boy who was “not exactly happy about going to church on Easter Sunday morning. His new shoes were too tight, his tie pinched his neck, and the weather was just too beautiful to be cooped up inside ... As he sulked in the back seat, his parents heard him mutter: ‘I don’t know why we have to go to church on Easter, anyway; they keep telling the same old story and it always comes out the same in the end.’”

And aren’t we glad! We come to Easter worship to hear that same old story, and fortunately for us it does come out the same each year. The tomb is empty! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! We keep telling the same old story because we need to hear it again and again. In the resurrection we find our hope. In the life of Jesus on that Sunday morning we find the meaning for our lives. Keep telling that same story again and again, I say!

Easter Sunday is April 17 this year. On that day, you will have two opportunities to hear this story. The ending will be the same, but the perspective of the two stories is different. I invite you to join the downtown churches as we worship together on the Square at 7:00 a.m. on Easter for a Sunrise Service. (Note that it is on the Laurens Square this year and not in Thomason Shelter.) We are taking the service to a place that is central in our community and the service is open to all in the community. I will be preaching from Mark’s version of the Easter story (Mark 16:1-8) as we explore “Scary Good News.” Then at 10:30 in our Sanctuary we will have a glorious Easter worship experience and hear again John’s account of the resurrection (John 20:1-18) as we think about “Sowing Tears . . . Reaping Joy.” It is the same old story, and “it always comes out the same in the end.” Aren’t we glad! Hallelujah.

CWAs (Senior Adults)

Our next senior adult program and lunch will be Tuesday, April 19, at 11:00am in Bobo Hall. We’ll have a short program together and then enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Til Culbertson. The cost of the meal is \$5.

Martha Franks Fellowship

Our church members who live at Martha Franks enjoy a time of fellowship together each month. Our April fellowship will be Monday, April 4, at 4:00pm in the Chapel at Martha Franks.

Preaching Schedule through Easter

April 3	Lavish Love John 12:1-11	Dr. David Hull
April 10	Palm Sunday <i>Who Is This?</i> Matthew 21:1-11	Dr. David Hull
April 17	Easter Sunday <i>Sowing Tears... Reaping Joy</i> Psalm 126 and John 20:1-18	Dr. David Hull

Lent and Holy Week Opportunities in April

Traditionally we have come together as Main Street Churches to journey through Lent and Holy Week together, and we have continued this tradition together this year. The following is a list of upcoming Lent/Holy Week opportunities during the month of April:

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Prayer Chain for our Pastor Search Committee

Would you pledge to pray at the same time everyday for our Pastor Search Committee and for the person that God is preparing to be our next minister? We are asking our church family to pray at the same time everyday until we have called a new pastor. You may sign up in 15-minute increments from 6:00am to 11:00pm. Call the church office to sign up, or sign the schedule at church on Sunday! *The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16*

Our FBC Golf Fellowships continue in April! We will have two outings this month, with the first being Tuesday, April 5. Our second April date will be announced soon, but both rounds will be played at Lakeside CC. We will play a 9-hole, Captains Choice format with a shotgun start at 5:30pm. Cost is \$25 per golfer. Sign up by contacting the church office, or tommy@fbclaurens.org. Registration deadline is 5:00pm on April 4.

FBC Kindergarten is looking to hire more part time staff for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested, applications are available from Emily in the church office. Please contact Mary Beth Kennedy for any questions. (864) 684-6951.

Children's Spring Musical

Our children's spring musical is called Splash Kingdom. In the musical, the children are taking a trip to a water park called Splash Kingdom which symbolizes the Kingdom of God. Our children are learning that Jesus is the Living Water; they are learning the ABCs of becoming a Christian. Through the music and drama the children are learning that we are all sinners in need of a lifeguard who is Jesus Christ and that neither our money nor our parents can get us into the Kingdom of Heaven! What valuable lessons for our children to learn! Encourage your 1st-5th graders to join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00. The musical will be Sunday, April 24 at 5:00.



April 10: Easter Egg Hunt from 2-4pm at The Villa at Martha Franks for children Birth-3rd Grade

April 15: Flashlight Egg Hunt from 6:30-9pm at the home of Kevin & Elizabeth Franklin for 4th & 5th Graders

April 17: *Easter Sunrise Service on The Square at 7am
*1st-5th Graders will sing during the 10:30am worship service
*Don't forget your fresh flowers to place on the cross!

April 24: *Preschoolers sing during Worship
*Splash Kingdom Children's Musical at 5pm

April 2: Our last Wednesday night together! Let's end with a bang and enjoy THE WILDLIFE GEEK together! Pay special attention to our times: 5-6pm our Preschoolers will gather for the event (with a parent or grandparent) and from 6-7pm our 1st-5th Graders will gather for the event! Location TBD.



Dates to Remember

No Sunday or Wednesday Night activities April 10-17 (Spring Break)

Worship on Wednesdays - April Series, "Break Trail"

If you've ever gone hiking before, especially in the winter, you know that "breaking trail" is something you do when you encounter deep snow that's tough to navigate. When that happens, one hiker usually goes ahead of their group and clears the way so others can follow behind more easily. A trail-breaker is someone who goes ahead, who makes a new way, and who invites others to follow along behind them. In so many ways, that's exactly what Jesus did for us. He broke a new trail just by existing, but he did so much more than that too. In this 6-week Easter series, we'll read the stories of Jesus breaking new trails as we discover that Jesus never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.

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:

Mar 28-Apr 3	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
April 4-10	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
April 11-17	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841
April 18-24	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
April 25-May 1	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424

Financial Record - March 2022

March Needs:	\$87,331.20
March Giving:	\$88,136.32
2022 Giving to Date:	\$250,279.63
2022 Needs to Date:	\$283,826.40

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RECREATION MINISTRY

Summer Recreation Schedule Coming Soon! Be on the lookout for the calendar of Recreation events for the whole family coming soon!

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Jim Young,
Mason and Lucy Young



Brady Sherer, son of
Daniel and Allyson Sherer



Stella Black, daughter of
Josh and Katie Black



Matthew Werts, son of
Kevin and Kristin Werts