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APRIL 2023

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace*

Opportunities for Worship During Holy Week

- April 6: Maundy Thursday, First Presbyterian, 6:00 PM
- April 7: Stations of the Cross, Church of the Epiphany, 6:00 PM
- April 9: 7:00 AM: Sunrise Service at Thomason Shelter followed by breakfast at First Presbyterian.
- April 9: Easter Sunday Worship, FBC Sanctuary, 10:30 AM

Look for Church Auction
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 No Sunday Evening Activities 2:30pm Easter Egg Hunt	3 4pm Martha Franks Fellowship Fred Fridy Will Prescott	Seth Reynolds	4 No Wednesday Night Activities	5 6pm Maundy Thursday Service @ 1 st Presbyterian 6:30pm Flashlight Egg Hunt Mary Elizabeth McCameron Bryson Schultz Alana Noble	6 6pm Stations of the Cross @ Church of the Epiphany Mary Ann Burroughs Barry Lynch Johnathan Griffin Hannah Riddle Marianne Allmond	7 Jesse Burroughs
9 No Sunday Evening Activities 7am Sunrise Service @ Thomason Shelter followed by breakfast at 1 st Presbyterian 10:30am Worship Laralynn Harlan	10 7am Men's Group Canady Little Ben Little	11 7am Men's Group Calvin Owings Sheila Putnam Lindin Gault	12 Wednesday Night Activities See Below	13 Jimmy Addy	14 Youth 10 th inning after the baseball game Bill Aiken Mary Ann Hawkins Donna Fletcher Christopher McCall	15 Greenville Drive Game Richey Cook
16 1 st -5 th Graders sing during worship (practice at 9am) Hannah Finley Sylvia Wells Cole England	17 7pm Deacon's Meeting Beth Cain Mattie Dasher	18 7am Men's Group Calvin Owings Sheila Putnam Lindin Gault	19 Wednesday Night Activities See Below Mason Addy Monica Taylor Larry Thompson	20 2pm Knitting Group Mary Lawson Thompson	21 Anna Grace Taylor Kris Hornberger Parker Wilson	22 5pm Children & Youth Ministry Auction
23 Jamie Sherer Edith Hill	24 Adam Taylor	25 7am Men's Group Randy Downs	26 Last Wednesday Night for this school year Activities See Below Madge Strickland	27	28 David Hardy	29 Elijah Hornberger
30 5pm 1 st -5 th Grade Children's Musical Will Jenkins						

Sundays

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
5:00-7:30pm Youth Study, Music, Supper, Handbells

6pm Men's Group
6pm Women's Group
6pm Adult Study

Wednesdays

5-7pm Canteen area open for BYO supper
6-7pm Pre-School Kids on Mission & Choir; 1st-5th Grade Children's Choir

6pm Adult Bible Studies
6pm Youth Worship
7pm Adult Choir

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Holy Week and Easter are upon us! Holy Week Worship services always been the most meaningful worship opportunities on the church calendar for me. During this eight-day week, beginning with Palm Sunday and running through Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to celebrate what God accomplished through Jesus that changed our lives, saved our souls and changed the world forever!

Jesus announced God's kingship over the world through Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem for the Passover celebration on Palm Sunday. Throughout the week, Jesus gathered with his disciples, the crowds, and the religious leaders, teaching about the Kingdom of God and responding to his objectors. On Thursday, during the feast of the Passover, Jesus took a Jewish celebration and forever changed its meaning saying that this meal would commemorate the events of his death, which would bring salvation to the world. Following his arrest, Jesus was beaten brutally, mocked, and humiliated before his death sentence. On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified, an execution reserved to mock those who would claim to be a king. But on Sunday, his tomb was empty. He appeared to the women who came to anoint his body. He appeared to his disciples. And our world has not been the same since.

For Christians, God did something through the cross that we could not do for ourselves. Yet, in the Resurrection, God did something that could change the way we look at life, the world and other people. As the Season of Easter continues, join us this month for a series of sermons titled Resurrection – What Difference Does It Make? Perhaps it makes more difference than we think! Join us each week to consider what the greatest miracle the world has ever seen means for our life today...and tomorrow!

- Sunday, April 16: "Resurrection and the Point of All This" from Romans 8
- Sunday, April 23: "Resurrection and the Wardrobe" from Colossians 3:1-17
- Sunday, April 30: "Resurrection and the Menu" from John 6:35-58
- Sunday, May 7: "Resurrection and the Prize" from 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

May you all have a blessed Holy Week!

Grace and peace,

Tim

FBC CHURCH AUCTION

April 22 @ 5:00 PM

The **FBC Church Auction** is making its triumphant return after a 15 year absence on April 22! Those of you who remember these events know that this will be an exciting time of fellowship with our church family as well as a great fundraising opportunity. Proceeds from the auction will go toward our Youth and Children's Ministries, particularly VBS Meals and Youth Summer Trip costs.

What do we need from you?

1. Your prayers
2. Your presence - please make plans now to be with us on April 22! The auction will include a meal and childcare will be provided for children 5 and under
3. Your participation - collection for smaller items has already begun. Drop off for larger items will be April 10-19. Contact Andrew or Elizabeth to plan a drop off

Items being accepted for Silent/Live Auctions (please only donate items in good/working condition)

1. Furniture
2. Houseware/Kitchen Items
3. Services (Personal or Business)
4. Experiences (Zoo passes, Theater tickets, etc.)
5. Tools, Grill/Lawn Equipment
6. Vacation Homes
7. Meals/Baked Goods
8. If you think it might be a good auction item let us know!

Items that will NOT be accepted (per Auctioneer):

1. Exercise Equipment
2. Old street lights
3. Sofas
4. Lamps
5. Books
6. Items that need repairs/updates to work

Contact Sheila Putnam at (864) 871-0362 with large item donations and Andrew or Elizabeth for smaller items. Thank you for supporting our FBC Children and Youth!

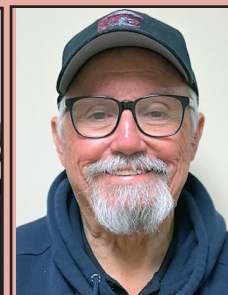
Meet our New Members!



Ann Thompson



Edith Hill



Stan Rushton

- April 2: Easter Egg Hunt - 2:30-4pm
- April 3-7: SPRING BREAK - No Wednesday evening activities!
- April 6: Flashlight Egg Hunt - 6:30-9pm
- April 16: 1st-5th Graders sing during worship (Practice @ 9am)
- April 22: Children & Youth Ministry AUCTION @ 5pm - All proceeds will go to support our children and youth!!!
- April 26: Last Wednesday Night for this school year!
- April 30: Our 1st-5th grade Children's Choir presents Jonah's Druthers, a Children's Musical @ 5pm

Upcoming Student Ministry Dates:

- April 14 - 10th Inning following LDHS Baseball game
- April 22 - Youth and Children's Ministry Auction

RECREATION MINISTRY

April 15 - Greenville Drive Game, 7pm, \$11 per ticket. Contact the church office to get signed up



FBC Trip to the Holy Land

Day 6: Began with a sunrise on the Dead Sea and then a short drive to Masada. Masada was an incredible site. This was a Jewish site conquered by Herod high in the cliffs. We then drove to Jerusalem and went to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. What an amazing experience to see the top of Golgotha and be in the area where Jesus was buried.

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 27-Apr 2	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
April 3-9	Tim Marsh	828-755-1616
April 10-16	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
April 17-23	Elizabeth Franklin	803-960-9099
April 24-30	Andrew Corley	864-923-5841

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Financial Record - March 2023

March Needs:	\$88,076.92
March Giving:	\$83,625.57
2023 Giving to Date:	\$244,856.06
2023 Needs to Date	\$286,249.99

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Wednesday Evening

- Exodus: *Israel's Story and Our Story*- 6:00pm in Bobo Hall
- *The Book of James*- 6:00pm in the Craft Room.

Sunday Evening

- Women's Group: *Defined Bible* 5:00pm in Cooper A-13 (Pairs and Spares Room).
- Sunday Night Discipleship Training: *The Allure of Gentleness* 6:00pm in Bobo Hall
- Men's Group: *A Study of 1 Corinthians* -6:00pm in the Craft Room.

Tuesday Morning

- Men's Group: *A Study of 1 Corinthians* -6:00pm in Classroom A.

FBC Golf Fellowships Thursday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 25 at Lakeside CC. Shotgun start at 5:30pm. The cost per golfer is \$30. Sign up by contacting the church office, or email tommy@fbclaurens.org. Registration deadline is 5:00pm on the day before each round.