



Easter Celebration Preparation!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in human history. The resurrection validates the mission and message of Jesus. The resurrection verifies Christ's identity, defeats our ultimate enemy, and draws seekers into Christ's forever family!

As we approach Easter, let's prepare our hearts with the following activities:

1. **Make Worship a Priority** – both personal and corporate. Privately, drink deeply from the Gospel cup of Luke 22-24. Place yourself into the scenes of the crucifixion and resurrection and hear the angel say, ***“He is not here, but He is risen just as He said!”*** Throughout the day in the birds that sing and in virtually everything, receive signals about God's provision, and praise Him for sharing His love and light which comes streaming from the cross and empty tomb!

Make Easter worship services a top priority for your calendar. Attend the **Palm Sunday** worship experience. Share in the beauty of our Adult Ensemble's Easter Cantata and Communion on **Maundy Thursday** evening. At noon on **Good Friday** come and relive the events of the cross. Be in your place for the glorious **Easter Resurrection Celebrations** on April 9th. Be in God's house with God's people to hear God's Word and give Him your worship.

2. **Use Easter to invite and bring unchurched friends to hear the Gospel.** If you invite them, they will come. Your invitation can create the opportunity for God to change someone now and forever. Use this Easter to introduce your friends to your Savior.
3. Let God's great gift of eternal life in Christ prompt you to give a **great gift to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.** Throughout the years, Baptists have traditionally received an offering at both Christmas and Easter to benefit the ministries of our missionaries. This offering fuels God's work of evangelism and church planning through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Join me in giving a gift to God's work through the Offering for Global Missions.

This Easter season, let's emulate the angels who said to the astonished disciples, ***“Come and see, then go and tell!”*** (Matthew 28:6-7)

Celebrating His life-giving Resurrection Together,

Easter Schedule

Apr 1	Spring Fest at West Craven Park
April 2	Palm Sunday - Kids sing at both services
Apr 3 - 7	Holy Week Sanctuary will be open each day between 11am - 1pm for prayer and meditation
Apr 6	Maundy Thursday Adult Ensemble will present <i>“I Am the Lord of the Dance”</i>
Apr 7	Good Friday Worship at Noon
Apr 9	EASTER SUNDAY 8:45 Worship in Garden 9:15 - 10:15 Breakfast served in Family Life Center 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary
Missions Emphasis Week at FBC New Bern	
Apr 14-15	NC Baptist Missions Conference, Charlotte
Apr 16-22	First Baptist Missions Week
Apr 16	Karen, Missionary of N. Africa, speaks
Apr 19	Adam & Cori Willard speak
Apr 22	5:00 PM Concert for Guatemalan Children with Paul Saik; Roger and Vicki Grossman speaking

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	WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS				
	APRIL 2	APRIL 9	APRIL 16	APRIL 23	APRIL 30
DEACONS	Kyle Compton Joey Holton	Terry Hall Cathy Rock	Brian Swicegood Rosemary Dow	Beth Wynn Jennifer Emens	Wayne Brown Charlotte Fuller
WATCHMEN	Mike Heiman	Kyle Compton	Andy Wilkinson	Chip Dombrowsky	Kimsey Welch
USHER TEAMS	Todd Spear	Mike Seawell	Eddie Games	Bobby West	Todd Spear
CAFÉ CONNECTION	Amy Price	EASTER	Sherry Wilkinson	Terry Hall	Charlotte Fuller
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jennifer Benton Allison Bunting	EASTER SUNDAY No children's church	Elizabeth Swicegood Bella Bernabi Matthew Holton	Kelsie Ferguson Carole Hart M.E. Swicegood	Kelly Brinson Ava Brinson Arden Grant
EXTENDED CARE 8:45	Kyle Compton Mallory Compton Olivia Stipanovich Brian Swicegood Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Brenda Hall Terry Hall David Zink Thai Zink Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Mona Quick Jeremy Tavares Courtney Tavares Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Meredith Pait Garrett Pait Hannah Garner Lori Meads Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Joe Thornburg Trish Thornburg Sonya Thurman Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith
EXTENDED CARE 11:00	Gretchen Overby Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Susan Trout Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Cindy Lewis Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Sherry Wilkinson Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith	Gale Evancho Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow Erica Smith
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE	APR 5 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	APR 12 <u>Gwyn Rice's Team</u> Spaghetti Salad Bar Bread Dessert	APR 19 <u>Sherry W.'s Team</u> BBQ pork (Boston Butts) Baked Beans Cole Slaw Corn Bread Dessert	APR 26 <u>Dwayne A.'s Team</u> Baked Ziti Salad Bar Rolls Dessert	



APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

01 Anne Metts	08 Carson Wood	14 Jeffrey Fink	20 Alexander Johnston
Allie Andrews	Virginia Knight	15 James Lorentzen	21 Melodie Seagle
Martha Crawley	09 Seth Needham	Ashley Patterson	Elizabeth Ward
03 Ty Smith	Bobby West	17 Steve Simmons	22 Charles Schmidt
04 Elizabeth Swicegood	Cindy Lewis	Westleigh Holton	23 Nick Wilkinson
05 Richard Humphrey	10 Aaron Bernabi	Darryl Russell	24 Rosemary Dow
Guy Pepper	11 Virginia Lawson	John Rausch	Bella Bernabi
06 Then Ksor	Miles Overman	18 Margaret Amerson	26 Nathaniel Holton
Denise Fink	12 Eddie Wall	Oliver Blalock	28 Todd Spear
07 Kathy White	Wendy Karam	Jennifer Emens	John Hale
Billy Wilkes	Shirley Hinton	19 Sonya Thurman	29 Trish Thrasher
08 Cameron Lotridge	14 Marsha Parker	20 Rudy Rowe	30 Cori Willard

ANNIVERSARIES

04 James & Tracey Lorentzen	11 Bud & Marsha Parker	24 Terry & Brenda Hall
05 Roger & Meredith Pait	16 Neil & Debbie Lotridge	24 Chuck & Kathy White
05 Steve & Vicki Lambert	17 Ken & Diane Tyndall	26 Ronnie & Kelly Brinson
06 Jeffrey & Karen Wood	17 Ed & MaryAnn Stinson	29 James & Liz Garner
08 Bill & Cynthia Robey	20 Kevin & Callena Adams	29 Todd & Holly Thornton
	23 Joshua & Katie Bell	

Worship At First

Sunday, April 2nd – PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Processional *with* Preschool & Children's Choirs

8:45 AM – Praise Team, Chancel Bells & Youth/Parent Ensemble

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir, Chancel Bells & Youth/Parent Ensemble

Sunday, April 9th – EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 AM – Worship in the Memorial Garden
with Praise Team

10:30 AM – Sanctuary Choir & Adult Ensemble

Sunday, April 16th

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Kimberly Zimmerman, Cello

Sunday, April 23rd

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir

4:00 PM – Community Gospel Choir Spring Concert

Sunday, April 30th

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir

PALM SUNDAY at FIRST

APRIL 2, 2023

8:45 and
11:00 AM

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OF THE
PALMS

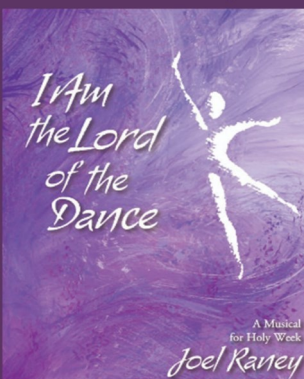
Led by Our

Preschoolers and Children

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6, 2023 7:00 PM

The Adult Ensemble will present:



followed by Observance of The Lord's Supper

APRIL 7, 2023

GOOD FRIDAY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us in the sanctuary for a time of
prayer and meditation at 11:00 AM,
and with music and reflection at 12 noon

Flowering
the Cross

on
Easter
Sunday
Prior to our
Worship
Services

You are invited to bring flowers
to adorn the cross

April 9, 2023 Easter SUNDAY At First

8:45 AM Non-traditional service in the Memorial Garden

10:30 AM Traditional service in the Sanctuary

Breakfast will be served in the Family Life Center
from 9:15 am - 10:15 am.
Join us!

COMMUNITY GOSPEL Choir Spring Concert Sunday, April 23 4:00 PM in the FBC Sanctuary

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A new and exciting missions emphasis is taking place this month at our church. Following the NC Baptist Missions Conference in Charlotte, which several of our members will attend, we will be hosting our own Missions Week at First Baptist. Throughout the week of April 16 – 22, we will be spending time with and hearing from 3 specific missionaries who our congregation individually sponsor as they undertake God's mission to share the Gospel in their part of the world.

On Sunday morning, April 16, **Karen** will be leading both worship services sharing stories of her ministry in North Africa which is supported through the tithes and offerings of our congregation. Karen is the twin sister of Kimberly who is a member of our church. First Baptist serves as an Encourager Church for Karen as she ministers in North Africa.

On Wednesday evening, April 19, church members **Adam and Cori Willard** and their family will share updates about their ministry in Africa following our Wednesday night meal. Come hear the exciting things that God is doing through their ministry with African Inland Missions and through our church's financial and prayer support.

Finally, on Saturday, April 22 we will have a fantastic missions celebration with a **Concert for the Children of Guatemala**. On that evening our Baptist Men will be preparing a delicious meal for dinner, and Paul Saik will be providing a concert of Broadway and other contemporary music to help raise money for the Good Shepherd Ministry Orphanage which our church has supported for nearly 10 years now. The COVID epidemic placed many hardships on the orphanage in Guatemala from which they continue to recover. Baby formula had to be rationed. A moratorium on receiving new children had to be enacted. We as a church want to help the orphanage recover some of the \$150,000 of funding that they lost because of COVID. We hope that you will join us for this evening. And did I mention that Roger and Vicki Grossmann from Guatemala will be with us on April 22nd, as well. Tickets for this event will be \$20.00 and go on sale soon.

What an exciting month! Please join us and be a part of these many wonderful happenings.

Sunday School Limited Series May, 2023

The First Baptist Church Sunday School Council is pleased to announce and offer a new Sunday School experience we are calling, THE FBC MINI SERIES. For this first offering, we are inviting individuals from any adult Sunday School class to meet for four Sundays to dive into different and new material that connects us to the Bible and its teaching relevant to today.

Beginning on our fifth Sunday shuffle in April, the syllabus, orientation and introduction to this "limited series class" will be presented. Sounds like school is about to be in session as we go back to some of those boring history lessons filled with dates, places and names of old dead men. Our literature for this study and discussion will come from author, **Marshall Foster's book, THE AMERICAN COVENANT**. This book exposes the importance of our history, our covenantal understanding and the Christian self-government that our Founders made and embraced with our Creator in the birth of a nation, one created to provide hope for families and nations worldwide.

The class will have 20 spaces and sign up will be on April 30th at the conclusion of our gathering during the Sunday School hour in the Family Life Center.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Much appreciation to the Baptist women (and men!) who assisted in the Dental Clinic held Saturday, March 11th. 30 patients were seen by volunteer dentists and provided with a dental kit and sandwich lunch. Another dental clinic will be held at FBC on October 28th.

The Anne Graham Lotz Retreat at the Cove in Asheville will be November 3 - 5. It is not too late for any interested ladies to be a part as we have 4 slots left. The total cost of the event is \$343 which includes lodging, meals, and a most enriching Bible study. The deadline for signing up and paying your \$75 deposit is June 15th. The final payment of \$268 is due September 5th. *I encourage you to consider attending this life-changing event!*

I continue to be humbled by the demonstrations of service our church is willing to fulfill. You are true missionaries, showing Christ's love in all your acts of kindness.

Mona Quick
FBC WMU Director

Fifth
Sunday
Shuffle

**April 30th
in FLC**

All adults and youth are invited to join us.

We will have a simple breakfast like donuts and muffins, getting-to-know your group activities, and highlights of our Sunday School lesson.

Join us and invite others!

"Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth"

Rothermel Lecture
April 16, 2:00 PM
at First Presbyterian Church

Biblical archaeologist, Jodi Magness
Kenan Distinguished Professor
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Children's Ministry



First Baptist Church
SPRINGFEST

APRIL 1, 2023 West Craven Park **10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt for Children
11:00 AM Cookout, Games, Fun for Everyone!



PALM SUNDAY at FIRST
APRIL 2, 2023

8:45 and
11:00 AM

*P*ROCESSION
OF THE *P*ALMS



Led by Our
Preschoolers and Children

VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL



June 19th-23rd
Registration Opens May 1st
8:40 am-12 Noon Ages 4-6th grade

Nursery & Classes will be available for Volunteers' children under the age of 4



Time to register for camp for 4th, 5th, & 6th graders!

June 26th-30th

Final Registration Balances
due by May 1st.

PRAYER list

CHURCH FAMILY

Catherine Alligood	Mary Ann Jones	Louise Reece
Allie Andrews	Sherry Jones	Penny Rettew
Jerry Ashley	Nancy Marcom	Mary Jo Roberts
Rodney Bell	Seth Needham	Rudy Rowe
Betty Best	Joe Overby	Tyler Smith
Charles Blythe	Gwyn Page	MaryAnn Stinson
Kenny Brownell	Boots Parker	Ray Vawter
Roseann Brownell	Ray Parker	Beth Wagner
Stacy Chapman	Cathy Chitty Pike	Richard Wagner
Nancy Galway	Sylvia Pina	Jewel Watson
Grayson Gray	Selma Piner	Patsy White
MaryLou Harrell	Lynn Rausch	Lola Gray Wilkinson
Pete Heiman	Bobby Reece	Ellen Young

CARE FACILITY & RETIREMENT* RESIDENTS

BROOKDALE

Jean Ritter

NC VETERANS HOME

Mary Ellen Kirschner*

CYPRESS GLEN

Elizabeth Brinkley

MERRILL GARDENS

Rev. David Page

Gwyn Page

Peggie Wooten

CHAMPIONS

Doris Dyson

SPRING ARBOR of Inston

Beverly Leathers

HOMEPLACE

Jean Fulcher

Christine Peedin

Patsy Setzer

Ann Sledge

WOODLAND TERRACE

Louise Blizzard*

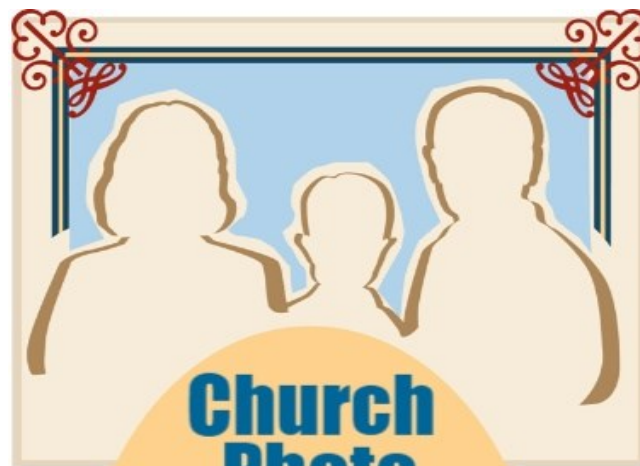
CHURCH FRIENDS

Jo Ann Banks (<i>Wanda Bryan</i>)	Sandy O'Brien (<i>grandniece Baylee</i>)
Judy Blythe (<i>friend Fran Eaves</i>)	Gretchen Overby (<i>brother Eric Brown</i>)
Mark Bowen	Ashley Patterson's sister Brittany Grohman
Ronnie & Kelly Brinson (<i>Bryson Capps, Harvey Rouse</i>)	Greg & Anna Pearson (<i>granddaughter Blythe</i>)
Elise Butts	Ronnie Pollard (<i>Mike Bledsoe</i>)
Carol Carroll (<i>mother, friend Diane Griffin</i>)	Todd Price (<i>brother in law</i>)
Lisa Chitty (<i>parents Jerry & Nancy</i>)	Carol Register (<i>Courtney Mong</i>)
Sandra J. Dail (<i>mother, Tommy Gaskins</i>)	Cathy Rock (<i>Dad, sister in law, nephew</i>)
Sandra T. Dail (<i>Brandy Hill</i>)	Kevin Rock (<i>brother</i>)
Kathy Daniels (<i>Ann Predaris</i>)	Becky & Wes Stewart (<i>Sam Altman, Gloria Thomas, Susan Lee</i>)
Chip Dombrowsky (<i>mother</i>)	Ed & Mary Ann Stinson (<i>Patricia Davenport, Claudia Lovino</i>)
John Doughty (<i>sister</i>)	Kathy Swindell (<i>friends Lisa M., Marie Wingate</i>)
Joy Duff (<i>sister Tammy Pollock</i>)	Richard and Beth Wagner (<i>son Chris, Louise Howell</i>)
Family of Mrs. Barbara Dixon	Kathy White (<i>friend JoAnna Collins</i>)
Cindi Farnham (<i>brother in law Chris</i>)	Clayton Wike, son of Dr. Bill Wike
Carolyn Fulcher (<i>friend Calvin Warren</i>)	Faye Willingham (<i>brother, niece, sister in law</i>)
Brenda Hall (<i>friend Rita Piner</i>)	Ken Wooten (<i>mom Doris Wooten</i>)
Brenda Hardee (<i>Charlie & Yvonne Parker</i>)	
Joey Holton (<i>father</i>)	
Ruth Kellum (<i>friend Bob Mallard</i>)	
Karen Killingsworth (<i>parents</i>)	
Angel Marsh	
Jim & Claudia McManamey (<i>granddaughter Tori</i>)	

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL RECORD

Required 3/20/23 YTD: \$246,780

Received 3/20/23 YTD: \$252,854



Church Photo Directory

Wednesday, May 3 (2pm - 8:40pm)

Thursday, May 4 (2pm - 8:40pm)

Friday, May 5 (2pm - 8:40pm)

Saturday, May 6 (10:30am - 5pm)

Have You signed up Yet?

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- ◇ Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- ◇ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- ◇ Enter your church code **nc430**
- ◇ Enter your church password **photos**
- ◇ Click on the Enter button
- ◇ Click on the desired photography date
- ◇ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ◇ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ◇ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ◇ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ◇ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- ◇ **Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment:**

Joy Oglesby at 252-474-3759
or joyoglesby46@yahoo.com



Thank you on behalf of the youth of yesterday and today for showing up and supporting our youth! A huge thank you goes out to all involved in making this a successful event, especially Josh Bell, Hannah Garner, Drew Wilkinson and Whitney Allen. We thank you for your extremely generous donations, and because of this generosity, I can continue to say that all interested youth are able to participate regardless of families' finances. Sheila Bell deserves an extra special thank you as she did not plan on doing this again but showed Ava Brinson the way to dress a chicken; we will remember this for a long time! Thank you Dr. Richard Seagle for joining me in the telling of Hee-Haw jokes, and a big thank you to Dr. Melodie Seagle for being a good sport to our jokes. For all of the youth who were on the stage, behind the scenes, serving food, and everything else, I am extremely proud of you and glad to be your Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life.

Jeremy



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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are due in the church office no later than 9:30 AM on the third Monday of each month. All articles must be written out—none over the phone or verbally, please.

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Dear Church Family,

Thank-you so much for your cards and prayers at Cathie's mother's recent death. Your love and support is appreciated.

Cathie and Ed Wall

Dear First Baptist Family,

There are not enough ways to say thanks for all of the kindness and love given to me during my recent injury, so I'll just say thank you all. It has been an experience that I never thought would happen. Thank you also to my brother, Mom, sister, Chip D., Chris Dixon and my husband Joe for helping me adjust at home. As Jesus talks about in the Bible, "His Perfect Love drives out fear", and it has for me.

God Bless,

Cathy Chitty Pike