

Church Calendar ~ Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning, March 17th

8:30am Worship
 9:30-9:50am Lite Breakfast
 9:45am Bible Study for All Ages
 10:30-10:55am Media Center
 11:00am Worship

Sunday Evening, March 17th

4:00-4:45pm Youth Praise Team Practice
 4:45-5:30pm Children of Parents attending Bible Study or Prayer Time at 5:00pm will go to the Large Children's Room and will be taken to Children's Choirs at 5:30pm
 5:00-6:30pm Adult Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
 Men's Bible Study (Classroom 203/204)
 Women's Bible Study (Family Life Center)
 Youth Bible Study (Basement)
 5:30-6:30pm Preschool Cherub Choir (Preschool Area)
 1st - 6th Children's Choir (Choir Room)
 6:30-7:30pm Adult Handbells

Wednesday Morning, March 20th

9:30am-12:00pm Media Center

Wednesday Evening, March 20th

4:30-5:15pm Children's Handbells (3rd-6th)
 5:15-6:00pm Churchwide Fellowship Meal
 6:00-7:30pm Nursery (birth-3yr olds)
 6:15-7:15pm **Mission Groups for Children**
 ~ Mission Friends (4 yr.-K) Preschool Hall
 ~ Girls in Action (1st-3rd) Children's Hall
 ~ Girls in Action (4th-6th) Children's Hall
 ~ Royal Ambassadors (1st-6th) Lg Rm 222
 6:15-7:15pm Youth Bible Study (7th -12th)
 6:15-7:15pm Adult Bible Study/
 Prayer Time
 6:15-7:15pm Praise Team Practice
 7:15-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

FLOWERING OF ~THE CROSS~ Easter Sunday Morning

The Flowering of the Easter Cross transforms a symbol of **death, darkness, pain, and hopelessness** into a **symbol of new life** and **hope** as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.



As you enter the Gathering Space, you will find a cross wrapped in wire mesh. We ask that you bring a simple stem of flowers from your yard, the ditch bank, or woods and insert it into the mesh. As we each make our contribution, the stark cross literally flowers into a beautiful and dramatic celebration of new life! The flowers should be simple: a small stem of dogwood, a single daffodil, or a branch of beautiful greenery. Please add them as you arrive Easter Sunday morning.

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LET'S PREPARE FOR OUR EASTER FAMILY FESTIVAL

Palm Sunday

MARCH 24, 2024

4:00-6:00PM

For this Outreach Event, we would like to provide games, activities, and a hotdog supper!

We encourage groups (Sunday School classes, Mission Groups, etc) to work together. Each booth will be part of the Easter Scavenger Hunt.

Please sign up outside the church office.



HOLY WEEK Schedule

March 28th - Maundy Thursday, 7pm

March 31st - Resurrection Sunday -

Flowering of *The Cross*, Easter Sunday Morning

8:30 Worship

9:30 Lite Breakfast

9:45 Bible Study All Ages

11:00 Worship

April 1st - Church Office Closed ~ Easter Monday

April 3rd - No Wednesday Evening Activities

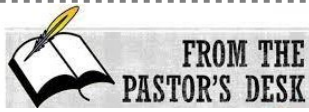
Wednesday, March 20th

6:15-7:15pm

Greg and Lisa Barmer will be sharing experiences from their recent trip to Greece with Christian Expedition.



Dear FBC Family,



LIVING WITH CONFLICT

Kim and I are continuing to lift all of you in prayer during this time of transition. We are also praying for the FBC Pastoral Search Team as our home church is also between pastors.

This Sunday, Lord willing, we will continue to walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem with His disciples and, as His disciples today, listen in on Jesus' 3rd Passion Declaration. We will emphasize, once again, the reaction and request of His disciples as we also will gain from Jesus' response to their request.

James and John (named by Jesus "the Sons of Thunder" in Mk. 3:17) along with their mother make a request of Christ that necessitates a reminder as to Who is in charge! When we become spiritually near sighted and are tempted to succumb to our enemies – our flesh, the philosophy and course of this world, and the devil (Eph. 2:2 & 3), we need the same reminder!

REMEMBER: "Each passion prediction is followed by an important teaching of what followers of Jesus should expect and how they should live." - Evans, 2003, p. 371

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday!
Pastor Joe

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

Cost: \$6.00 Adult Plate & \$4.00 Child Plate
(Sign-up required by Monday at 4pm)

March 20th ~ Menu

Taco Salad or Tacos, Tea and Dessert

After the deadline call 943-8772 Pam Warren, she will have the list and knows how much food she has and how far it will go. Thank you!



EASTER BASKETS for our Nursing Home and Homebound Residents

We are collecting items to fill Easter baskets for our nursing home and homebound residents.

Please place ALL items in the basket provided outside the office **Sunday, March 24th**
Thank You!

Please see list below for ideas:

Small puzzles or puzzle books, Word search Lg print, Large Print Devotional books, Adult coloring books with markers or colored pencils, Lip Balm, Lotion, Deodorant, Combs/Brushes, Tissues, Calendars, Socks with grips, Stuffed Animals, Cards and/or Notes of encouragement are welcomed!

Dear Church Family,

We wanted to make you all aware that our sister in Christ, Teresa West, retired from her role as church secretary at First Baptist Church last week. Teresa has faithfully served our congregation for over 23 years and continues to be a vital part of our church family. She is loved and admired by us all. Teresa has a servant's heart and has been the first face representing FBC that many see. We are so thankful for her heart-felt service!

While Teresa's role may be changing, her home here with us is not, and we are committed to helping her in navigating this next chapter. Please join us in contributing to a love offering for Teresa during both the 8:30am and 11:00am services this Sunday, March 17th. Please designate your offering as "West Love Offering."

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

Thank you for your generosity and for the acts of love you will show Teresa in the coming weeks.

In Christ,
FBC Personnel Committee

Serving the Week of March 17, 2024

*Nursery Workers, please include Sunday night, let's make sure we have at least 2 people per service.

Nursery Workers ~ Joan Harris, Beth Coats, Patty Lewis, Tyler & Derek Brooks (Sunday Night - Julie Edwards, Karen Moore)

Children's Church ~ 8:30 ~ Joy Stallings
11:00 ~ Kathy Morris

Deacon of the Week ~ Angie Lewis

Deacon Team Members ~ Shane Lewis, Chase Stallings

Breakfast Team Contact ~ Alan Hill ~ 3rd Sunday

Benevolence Team Helper ~ Tuesday, March 19 – Judy Renfrow

Audio/Visual Ministry Team ~ Fred Anderson, Emerson Asby, John Davis, Carol Evans, Don Fann, James Fitts, Brody Fox, Jimmy Harris, Wyatt Renfrow and Levi Setzer

We are always looking for folks interested in serving in the Audio/Visual Ministry, call [Jesse Davis 946-8074](tel:946-8074) or [Carol Evans 946-1724](tel:946-1724) and ask them about the specifics of the different areas available.~



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28th
7:00 pm

Worship at the Table

Financial Report for March 11, 2024

YTD Budget Requirement (WK 24)	\$	313,374.48
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	344,648.06
Budget Over / Under	\$	31,273.58
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$	13,057.27
Actual Budget Offering	\$	11,257.00

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