



First Baptist Church

Growing Toward Christ

Whiteville, NC

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April 1st at 7 p.m.



Maundy Thursday

*By his death,
Jesus opened a new and life-giving way
through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.
Hebrews 10:20, NLT*



Events At A Glance

April 1, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service of Shadows and Communion, 7:00 p.m.
Organ music begins at 6:30 p.m.

April 4, Resurrection Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.

April 4 & 18, Sunday School in the fellowship hall, 10:00 a.m., with Mrs. Peggy Underwood teaching.

April 5, Office closed for Easter Monday.

April 11, Baptist Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.

April 14, Prayer Meeting in the fellowship hall, 6:30 p.m.

April 19, Finance Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

April 20, Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 21, Drive-Through Meal, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

April 24, Deacons Retreat, 8:30 a.m. in fellowship hall with breakfast serviced.

April 28, Quarterly Church Conference in the sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Complete monthly calendar on back.

To add an event to our calendar,
please contact the church office:

(910) 642-2139

PASTOR'S CORNER



As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this year on RESURRECTION SUNDAY, April 4, 2021, may we also take time to ask God to help us remember the celebratory events—as well as the agonizing events—of Holy Week which served as a horrific prelude to the VICTORY of Resurrection Sunday! Those events include: the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on what we call PALM SUNDAY; MAUNDY THURSDAY, where Jesus at the Last Supper in the Upper Room with His disciples, broke the bread and shared the cup as He symbolized in sharing those elements His broken body and shed blood and where He also washed the feet of those disciples, His followers, to show them the epitome of humility and how to serve one another (Maundy = short for the Latin, “mandatum,”

meaning “command/mandate” = *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another* (John 13:34); the agony of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane to His Heavenly Father, *Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me, nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done* (Luke 22:42); the mockery of a trial and the physical abuse and torture Jesus endured; the brutal crucifixion as Jesus hung on a cross between two thieves on a hill called Mount Calvary; His burial in the borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea; and then His glorious resurrection—as He defeated death and arose victoriously from the tomb!

In light of this brief summary above of the events we have heard of and learned about through the years concerning HOLY WEEK, I am very grateful that my wife, Joy, was able to be with us on PALM SUNDAY. I hope and pray you were blessed and enlightened with her teaching and presentation of “CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER!” As we reflect on God’s unconditional love for us through the gift of His Son, Jesus, the Christ . . . the sacrificial Lamb of God, who was *slain from the foundation of the world* (Revelation 13:8) . . . for the salvation of the world . . . I am reminded how Joy was inspired by God several years ago to write, *Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Creation of God!* Can we ever possibly imagine—or seek to understand—the agony, thoughts, and reflections that Mary definitely must have experienced in her mind, heart, and soul as she personally witnessed the crucifixion . . . death . . . burial . . . and resurrection of her first-born Son, Jesus Christ—the promised Messiah—who also would become **her** Savior?!? Mary gave birth to Jesus! Jesus, her Son, gave Mary the gift of salvation. God willing, I will share this poignant writing at our Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Worship Service. Copies also will be available in the church office, if you would like to obtain a copy. May we all thank God for His unspeakable gift of love through Jesus as we seek to share our faith wherever we go!

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed—just as He said! Hallelujah! May we have a hope-filled day—each and everyday—as we joyfully celebrate the truth that HOPE IS ALIVE FOREVER!

“HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY” . . . FOREVER . . . TO EVERYONE . . . EVERYWHERE!!!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus’ name . . . love . . . mercy . . . grace . . . and forgiveness . . .

Wayne Brown

Deacons: Please remember on Saturday, **April 24**, in the fellowship hall, your **Deacons’ Retreat, 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast will be served. Please come prayerfully and expectantly.

April 4, 2021

Resurrection Sunday

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! Hope is Alive!

Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:1-11;

John 20:1-18

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Seeing Is Believing!

Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31;

I John 1:1-2:2

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Faith and Peace versus Fear and Doubt!

Acts 3:12-19

I John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-48

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

And This Is His Commandment!

Acts 4:5-12

I John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18



MUSIC NOTES



Our Lenten journey has concluded and now we are in the middle of Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday, April 1, we will come together for communion and a Tenebrae service. Our Organist, Mrs. Patricia Slomanski, will provide music for reflection

beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday is April 1.

Good Friday is April 2.

Resurrection Sunday is April 4.

The Chancel Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists continue to prepare music for these important worship services.

I pray that this Lenten season has challenged us

personally and corporately to draw us closer to our Lord. Likewise, I pray that each of us will renew and reignite our relationship with each other as Jesus proclaims in Matthew 22:37-40:

37 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

I look forward to observing Holy Week and celebrating Resurrection Sunday with you.

Eddie

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, DRIVE-THROUGH SUPPER, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

April Drive-through meal on **Wednesday, April 21**, will be prepared by Cooking Team 5, chaired by Mary Alice Stanley and Cooking Team 6, chaired by Martha & Fred Senter. The plate will include chicken parmesan, rice casserole, seasoned green beans, mixed fruit, rolls, and banana pudding. There is no charge for the meal. You may drive through the parking lot, around the office building, and then through the breezeway between the two buildings. If you would like to bring your tithes and offerings, please do so, and we will take those into the church for you. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite you to join us on **April 4th** and **18th** for Sunday School in the fellowship hall at **10:00 a.m.** with **Mrs.**

Peggy Underwood as our teacher. In **May**, Sunday School will be held on the **2nd** and the **16th** with **Rev. Wallyce Todd** as our teacher. We look forward to having you study God's Word with us.



"And now we are here to bring you this Good News. The promise was made to our ancestors, and God has now fulfilled it for us, their descendants, by raising Jesus. Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God—something the law of Moses could never do."

Acts 13:32-33, 38-39 NLT



APRIL MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- 4 Lauren Cole / Donna Prince
11 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood
18 David Carter / Charlie Duncan
25 Joe Hooks / Mary Alice Stanley

HOSPICE SNACKS

Rose Langston

SOUND & VIDEO

- 4 Mitchell Sauls
11 Bryce Kronenwetter
18 Kirby Sanderson
25 Eric Kronenwetter

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- 4 Clint and Carolyn Grainger
18 Rose Langston / J. C. Hyatt

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT LIBERTY

Visitors not allowed inside the facility

USHERS (Chairman: Charlie Duncan)

- 4 Buster Carter / Glenn Waters /
David Heath / Clint Grainger /
J. C. Hyatt
11 Bill Floyd / David Carter / Mitchell
Sauls / Willis Pinnell / Johnny Britt
18 Travis Harrison / John Sauls /
Mel Ray / Kenwood Royal /
Chris Blackmon
25 Harry Ward / David Tedder /
Haywood Corbett / Kevin
Williamson / Kyle Cook



*"God has given each of you a gift
from his great variety of spiritual
gifts. Use them well to serve one
another."*

1 Peter 4:10 NLT

Special Offerings

Global Missions (Easter) \$70
Annie Armstrong \$605

STEWARDSHIP

March 7, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,000.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,360.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$150.00
Total Budget This Week	\$5,510.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$425.00
Total Collections This Week	\$5,935.00
Under Budget This Week	\$924.02

Budget Need to date	\$147,982.46
Budget Rec'd to date	\$154,697.05
Over Budget to date	\$6,714.59

March 14, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$0.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$7,565.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$2,075.00
Total Budget This Week	\$9,640.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$483.30
Total Collections This Week	\$10,123.30
Under Budget This Week	\$3,205.98

Budget Need to date	\$154,416.48
Budget Rec'd to date	\$164,920.57
Over Budget to date	\$9,920.57

March 21, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$110.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$4,265.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$20.00
Total Budget This Week	\$4,395.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$711.69
Total Collections This Week	\$5,106.69
Under Budget This Week	\$2,039.02

Budget Need to date	\$160,850.50
Budget Rec'd to date	\$168,732.05
Over Budget to date	\$7,881.55

March 28, 2021

Budget Gifts Plan 1	\$1,200.00
Budget Gifts Plan 2	\$2,449.00
Budget Gifts Operational	\$20.00
Total Budget This Week	\$3,669.00

Designated/Other Funds	\$200.00
Total Collections This Week	\$3,689.00
Under Budget This Week	\$2,765.02

Budget Need to date	\$167,284.52
Budget Rec'd to date	\$172,401.05
Over Budget to date	\$4,116.53

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bill Lewis
Michael Memory
6 Gina Morningstar
11 Audrey Black
13 Charlie Duncan
Bill Memory, Jr.
14 April Ray
Landon Bailey
15 Harry Ward
Mary Hooks
Geoffrey Hopkins
Grayson Ward
16 Brittany Lynn
18 Joe Sellers
30 Anna Kimball
Nicole Hopkins

Matthew 28:6



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OFFICE HOURS

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PASTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

Dear Church Family,

The Personnel and Nominating Committees have met to start the process for choosing a Pastor Selection Committee. For a period of ten days prior to the appointment of the Pastor Selection Committee, church members will be given the opportunity to recommend candidates for the Pastor Selection Committee. We will begin accepting recommendations on April 6th and the closing date for recommendations will be April 15th. According to the bylaws, we can only accept recommendations for this committee during this ten-day window. When considering recommending a church member to serve on this committee, please talk with them and confirm they will be willing to serve if selected.

Members of the committee will be expected to be a part of a team committed to working together in unity as the committee seeks to find God's choice as their next pastor. We ask that you prayerfully consider the following qualities when making recommendations for the Pastor Selection Committee:

- Spiritual discernment, someone who has the church's best interest at heart;
- Broad knowledge of the church and its congregation;
- Representative of the various ministries, programs and age groups of the church;
- Someone who communicates and collaborates well with others.

We ask for your continued prayers while we are working through this process. To submit your recommendation, please fill out the bottom of this form and return to the church office no later than close of business on Thursday, April 15th.

Sincerely,

Brownie Cook, Nominating Committee Chair
Coburn Powell, Personnel Committee Chair

(Please detach and return to the church office by close of business Thursday, April 15, 2021.)

Name of Recommendation: _____

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I have contacted the above church member(s) and know he/she is willing to consider serving as a member of the Pastoral Selection Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU

April Meeting: Date and Time to be Announced

FBC Fellowship Hall

Call to Prayer: Myrtle Corbett

Program: Missions Extravaganza Virtual Meeting

Missions Emphasis: Food/Supplies Collection for Odum Home

Hospice Snacks: Rose Langston



Happy Easter! Sunday, April 4, is Resurrection Sunday. May we look forward to worshipping together as we joyfully celebrate this holy day. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Mrs. Joy Brown presented a beautiful, meaningful, worshipful service on Palm Sunday to celebrate Passover. Thank you, Joy, for this wonderful service!!

The church-wide mission project for April is the **annual food drive for Odum Home at Pembroke**, a campus of **Baptist Children's Homes**. Items needed include cleaning and laundry supplies, canned goods (#10 size – be sure to check the expiration date.) A complete list is posted above the Missions Table in the church Fellowship Hall. A collection basket is placed in the church foyer for your convenience. Please bring your items by **Monday, May 3**.

We will collect funds for the Annie Armstrong Easter/Global Missions offerings through April. We are also collecting items for Saving Sons.

2020-21 Watchword: *But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.* Hebrews 10:39

Our Mission

... is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Myrtle Corbett

WMU Director

NURSERY

Beginning Easter **Sunday, April 4th**, we will reopen our nursery for children ages infant to 4 years.

BAPTIST MEN

Attention all men of the church: We will meet for breakfast on **Sunday, April 11**, at **8 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. The program will be Colton Reaves, Director of Columbus Christian Recovery Center. He will have five men who are currently in the program with him as our guests. Please plan to come.

MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021



As we worship together this year on **MOTHER'S DAY, Sunday, May 9, 2021**, we invite any and all parents and families who would like to participate in a **SERVICE OF DEDICATION TO GOD** for their child (children) during the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service. To register your child (children) for this special opportunity, please contact the Church Office at **910-642-2139** for further details, and to let us know of your desire to dedicate your child (children) to God in this joint service which is open to all. Thank you for allowing your "church family" to celebrate with you! God bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 28, is our next quarterly church conference. We won't have a meal like we have had in the past. We will meet in the **sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.** instead of the fellowship hall, and if committee chairs have committee **reports** to turn in for their committees, please have those in by **Thursday, April 22**. Thank you.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We are currently preparing 30 backpacks for Whiteville Primary School. A special thanks to Merle Worley, Brenda Carter, Buster and Genie Carter for preparing and delivering the bags.

If you know of needs in our church or community, please call the church office, 910-642-2139.

We encourage you to give to the traditional Easter offerings for Global Missions and/or Annie Armstrong.

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

On our church website, www.fbcwhiteville.com, we are making available videos of Children's Sermons. Visit the "Media and Resources" page to find the children's videos. Also, on the "Media and Resources" page, you will find children's bulletins with Bible story activities to download and print.

GRATITUDE

We the family of the late Janice C. Memory, deeply appreciate your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy in our time of bereavement.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,
If some we say them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console the heart,
We thank you so very much, what ever the part.

It is our sincere prayer that the blessing of the Lord be upon each of you.

In God's love,
Michael Memory and family

First Baptist Church,

Thanks to everyone for the prayers and support during the recent loss of our father. The food and hospitality were wonderful.

Blessings to the whole First Baptist Church family.

Bill, Reggie, and Andy Holt



	April 2021					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 Pre-service Organ Music 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion and Service of Shadows	2	3
4 Resurrection Sunday 10:00 Combined Sunday School in the fellowship hall 11:00 Morning Worship (masks and social distancing req'd)	5 Office Closed	6	7 No Chancel Choir	8	9	10
11 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 11:00 Morning Worship (masks and social distancing req'd)	12 1:30 Staff Meeting	13	14 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Prayer Meeting	15	16	17
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25 11:00 Morning Worship	26 1:30 Staff Meeting	27	28 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Quarterly Church Conference	29	30	

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