

The Visitor

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A Practical Application of Lent

Take A Journey of Love: For All Generations

Church Family:

Join us by participating in a “Journey of Love” during Lent. The entire family can participate. Post the schedule below in your home. It will be exciting and fun. Blessings await! (Your Church Staff).

FIRST WEEK: (2/17-2/21, the remainder of the first week of Lent). Read the devotional each day in your Lenten Devotional Booklet. Write a letter this week to a friend, near or far away. Tell someone how much you appreciate him or her.

SECOND WEEK: (2/22-2/28). Read the devotional in your Lenten Booklet each day. Telephone one or two people each day this week you have intended to call to say “thank you,” “how are you,” or “I am sorry.” Don’t forget to express how much they mean to you.

THIRD WEEK: (3/1-3/7). Read the devotional in your Lenten Booklet each day. Take something you have made or bought to someone special to you. Such things might be a pie, a plant, an apron, a card, a flower – something that has “your love as a wrapping.”

FOURTH WEEK: (3/8-3/14). Read the devotional in your Lenten Booklet each day. Make a list of five people whom you will pray for daily this week. Include family, friends, church family members, lost people in your neighborhood, and perhaps someone you do not like. Forgive them in prayer and in heart if any have wronged you. Ask for forgiveness if you have wronged them. But pray for 5 each day!

FIFTH WEEK: (3/15-3/21) Read the devotional in your Lenten Booklet each day. Use your prayer time this week to look inward. Read the Bible a little more this week, perhaps some of the Psalms or the beginning chapters of John. Ask, “Are there things within me I would like to change or do better?” Pray about your thoughts on this matter.

SIXTH WEEK: (3/22-3/28) Read the devotional in your Lenten Booklet each day. Prepare for the celebration of Easter. If weather permitting, get out of doors and breathe in the air of God’s creation. See all of your family this week if possible. Think about the things in your life that you have to be “joyful” about. Rejoice in these and what the “abundant life” in Jesus means to you.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (March 28) ends the 40-day observance of Lent. We are now ushered into Holy Week (3/29-4/4). The scriptures below are given to assist you in reading about the events of Holy Week. In addition, plan to come to the church sometime this week and spend meditative moments alone or with family walking through the beautiful display of “Lenten Windows” so faithfully prepared each year by Jackie Jones. These windows will portray the scenes from Holy Week.

March 28 Palm Sunday/Triumphal Entry.

Zechariah 9:9 and Luke 19:28-44

March 29 Monday/ Jesus cleanses the Temple.

Mark 11: 15-19 and Matthew 21: 12-22.

March 30 Tuesday/ Judas negotiates with Sanhedrin.

John 12:20-38

March 31 Wednesday/ Jesus stays in Bethany

(Jesus rests in anticipation of Passover)

April 1 (Maundy Thursday)/ Last Supper

Luke 22: 7-23; 39-46 and John 13: 31-35.

April 2 (Good Friday)/ Crucifixion

Psalms 22:1 and Luke 23: 32-49.

April 3 (Holy Saturday)

I Peter 4:1-8 and Matthew 27: 57-66

April 4 (Easter Sunday)

Matthew 28: 1-15 and John 20: 1-18.

**Return to In – Person
Sunday School and Worship
Sunday, February 21**

**Please worship as you feel comfortable:
Sunday School: In –person or online
Morning Worship: In –person or online
Wednesday Bible Study: online**

A FOND FAREWELL

Glenda Strickland has been part of our Church administrative staff for over 23 years. She has been a faithful servant here at First Baptist Church sharing joy and laughter, encouraging and consoling words, and willing to go above and beyond. Glenda's last day at First Baptist was Wednesday, February 10, 2021. We wish her God's blessings as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Nominating Committee Update and Thank You

The Nominating Committee would like to thank you for the nominations/suggestions sent to us for consideration for the Pastor Search Committee. We received over 70 names. As we continue to follow the guidelines given by Dr. Mike Queen, through prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit we will continue the process to form the committee. As it says in Proverbs 16:9, "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." Please pray that the future of First Baptist Church will be in God's will. May He be glorified in all things.

Ash Wednesday Drive-thru

Join us Wednesday, February 17, for a drive-thru imposition of ashes at the back of the Ministry Center. This is a wonderful tradition of the church that we are taking part in, and the drive-thru will be open from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. and from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

"With One Heart" Challenge

In honor of Valentine's Day, we want to challenge our congregation to come together. Beginning Sunday, February 14th until Sunday, February 28th, you can drive thru at the Fellowship Hall and there will be a table set up with hearts available for you to write down what you are thankful for and what is on your heart in this year. Join us in this challenge.

Youth Opportunities

Youth Group "GLOW" will meet Sunday, February 14 and February 21 in the Ministry Center, 5:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for Snack Supper and Bible Study.

Snack Supper 2/14: Eddie Ball & Patrick Gatlin

Snack Supper 2/21: John & Carrie Stevens and Jonathan Langdon

Youth Drive-thru Spaghetti Fundraiser

Let us cook for you.... The Youth will be sponsoring a Drive-Thru Spaghetti Fundraiser **February 21, 2021, 12:00-2:00 p.m.** The cost is a donation to the 2021 Youth Mission Trip. Drive thru the brick driveway at the Fellowship Hall after church and the youth will be glad to serve you.

Youth Week at Caswell is June 7-12, 2021. The cost is \$325 per person. Sign up and pay your non-refundable deposit of \$150 ASAP

Youth Mission Trip with Mission Serve to Cincinnati, Ohio, July 18-24, 2021. Sign up and pay a deposit **ASAP** of \$50.

Youth Toilet Bowl – March 6th

The Youth Toilet Bowl has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 6th at Smithfield Community Park from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Please meet at the park and come dressed to play. Join us for fun and fellowship! Feel free to invite a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Brian at brian@fbcsmithfield.org.

3 VS. 3 Basketball Tournament – March 20th

For those who love March Madness join us at the Ministry Center for food and basketball on Saturday, March 20th at 10AM! Invite your friends and create your own team. Let the best team win! A prize will go to the winning team. Questions, contact Brian at brian@fbcsmithfield.org

Youth Progressive Dinner – March 28th

Join us as we enjoy a three-course meal from 6-8 PM. As we enter into Holy Week we will cover portions of the Easter story at each stop that will be accompanied with songs. More information to come!

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Kipp Harrison and Gianna Dessert on the arrival of their infant daughter, Penelope Aspen Harrison. The proud grandparents are Gary and Karon Harrison.

Congratulations to Caleb and Lauren Howard on the arrival of their infant daughter, Claire Howard. The proud great grandparents are Henry and Joyce Wright.

Children and Families

Rooted in God's Word...Growing in Faith...
Living for Jesus!!!



Welcome Back B.Y.O. Breakfast

We are excited to have the option to meet **in person** for Sunday School beginning February 21st. The children's families are invited to bring their own snack breakfast to the Fellowship Hall @ 9:45 for a time to share in some games and trivia before heading to our classes. Families will sit at separate tables spaced around the Fellowship Hall. Masks required except while eating.

We have missed everyone and hope to use this time **each week** to connect with our families. Bring your breakfast, Bible and children!!

Family Mission Project: Help Pack Bags of Food for Backpack Buddies

Contact Brian Theurer about scheduling to help pack bags the third Wednesday of the month 6:30 -7:30 PM
A great family project!

Coming this Spring!! "Young Disciples...Learning to Follow Jesus"

This will take the place of Pastor's Class this year for children in grades 3-5. We hope to do a variety of outside activities together as we learn more about following Jesus in our daily living. Plans are being made, so watch for details to come from Mrs. Amy.

Passport Camp for children who have finished grades 3-5 will be June 29-July 2 at Greensboro College.

Cost: \$250/child A 20% deposit is due before March 26th. More information regarding their COVID policies will be available after February 10th. Please contact Amy if interested.

FROM THE PULPIT

February 14 Sermon by Mike Cogdill
"The Transfiguration of Jesus"
Mark 9:2-10

February 21 Sermon by Mike Cogdill
First Sunday of Lent
"Wrestling With the Devil"
Matthew 4:1-11

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

9:45 A.M. Sunday School for all ages **beginning 2/21**
10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM and 105.5 FM
10:55 A.M. Morning Worship broadcast over 1090 AM, 105.5 FM, Facebook, and YouTube (2/14)
10:55 A.M. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary **beginning 2/21**, broadcast over 1090 AM, 105.5 FM, Facebook, and YouTube

NOTE: By vote of the Deacons, face masks are required in service on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

1:30 P.M. Hispanic Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
5:30 P.M. Youth Group "GLOW", Ministry Center.

Monday

10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon

Wednesday

6:30 P.M. Youth Group "Bridge", Ministry Center
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Online Bible Study with Mike Cogdill via Facebook and YouTube.

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Linda Barefoot in the recent homegoing of her husband, Bob.

We express our Christian sympathy to Bill Boyette in the recent homegoing of his brother.

Our Known Sick

Linda Barefoot (Home), Linda Strickland (Forest Glen Nursing Home, Garner, NC)



SAVE THE DATE
June 21-25, 2021

2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 1/31/21	\$18,609.79
Budget needs Year to Date	\$81,317.70
Received Year to Date	\$49,830.85

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 1/31/21	\$1,788.66
Needs Year to Date	\$11,200.11
Received Year to Date	\$7,450.66

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Transitional Pastor	Mike Cogdill
Minister of Music	Braxton Kubasko
Minister of Youth and Education	Brian Theurer
Children and Family Ministries Coordinator	Amy Galloway
Organist	Marshall Tyson
Director of After School Care	Donna Donovan
Director of Weekday Early Education	June Ward
Administrative Staff	Janice Holland, Glenda Strickland Margie Crumley

2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 2/7/21	\$15,670.01
Budget needs Year to Date	\$97,581.24
Received Year to Date	\$65,500.86

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 2/7/21	\$2,444.01
Needs Year to Date	\$14,000.14
Received Year to Date	\$9,894.67

Building Fund Note Balance

To Date \$512,998.52

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