Easter Egg Hunt
Join the Fun after Worship on Palm Sunday!

Children of all ages are welcome to participate and everyone is invited to watch, laugh and snack during this fellowship. We will set up in the big playground across from the Ministry Center. Donations of candy (no chocolate, please!) are appreciated and may be placed in Amy’s office by Wednesday, April 1st. Thank you! Children & Family Ministry Committee
**YOUTH NEWS**

**Sunday March 15th** the Youth Group will meet at the home of Olivia Creech, 720 S. First Street, Smithfield.

**Sunday March 22** the Youth Group will be attending Winter Jam, Sunday, March 22. Meet in the bus parking lot at 4:00 P.M. to travel to PNC Arena in Raleigh. Cost is $20 plus money for food, etc.

**Sunday March 29th**: 3 X 3 Basketball Tournament for the youth will be on Sunday March 29th starting at 4pm in the Ministry Center. Following the tournament will be a meal and youth group.

**NCAA Tournament Challenge.** Attention Youth…….We will be having an NCAA Tournament Challenge during March Madness. There will be a prize for the top three scorers. Selection Sunday is next Sunday, so get ready to fill out your brackets as early as next week. All brackets have to be completed prior to the start of the tournament.

**Youth Week at Caswell** is June 15-20, 2020. Final payments are due by or before April 8th.

**Youth Mission Trip**: We’re heading to Lancaster, SC for a week of service through Mission Serve. Cost is $100. $50 deposit due by March 18th with the final payment due by or before May 27th. Sign up in the church office or at Youth Group on Sunday nights.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**
The Johnston Baptist Association awards the JBA WMU Mitchener Scholarship of $1,000 to an outstanding senior boy or girl who attends a Johnston Baptist Association Church. Application deadline is March 15th. Applications are available at the church office.

**THE JOHN L. RYBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
For High School Seniors going to College and Seminary Students who are or have been a member of our church

The Ryberg Scholarship was established in 1985 by members of the First Baptist Church of Smithfield in memory of John L. Ryberg, minister of the church for over twenty-four years. The application can be picked up in the church office and returned by May 1, 2020. We hope to see many of you apply.

**SYMPATHY**
We express our Christian sympathy to Mary Nell Ferguson and family in the recent homegoing of her sister, Margie Stubbs.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Anselmo Hernandez in his recent homegoing.

**NEW MEMBER**
We welcome into our Christian fellowship Ashonte Wilcox who comes to us by letter from Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY.

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**Children and Families: Rooted in God’s Word**

**Growing in Faith Living for Jesus**

**Children’s Sunday will be April 26th.** Our Preschoolers and Children will help to lead us in worship on this special day.

**Coming This Summer!!**

**Vacation Bible School**
June 22nd – June 26th
9AM – 12 Noon

We need Crew Guides for Preschool through 6th grade, Volunteers for Crafts, Registration, Snacks, Thursday Night supper coordinator, Recreation Leader and more. PLEASE Contact Amy to find out how you can help!

**Jesus And Me (J.A.M.)** is for preschoolers 3-5 years of age. Beginning June 11th, join us each Thursday morning, 9:30 – 11:30 for tons of fun with music, crafts, mission education, storytelling and recreation! We will use Preschool Room 5 and the Preschool Playground. Contact Amy for more information. (Children under the age of 3 must have an adult stay with them)

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**LOAVES & FISHES WEST VIRGINIA**

**MISSION UPDATE**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Loaves & Fishes Ministry for West Virginia. We are beginning preparations for the coming year for the annual mission trip. We are doing something different in that some of the mission team will be staying in a facility that has sleeping quarters and a kitchen, but no kitchen staff. If you would like to use your gift of service by cooking breakfast and some dinner meals for the team please contact me. Details are still being worked out and if interested you will need to attend monthly team meetings. Contact Mike Metz at 919-525-9952.

We will have a fund-raiser LUNCHEON on Sunday, March 29th. Hope you will plan to come & eat with us that day and support our July mission trip.

**YARD SALE** - Saturday, May 2nd (Ham & Yam weekend)…..Please be saving items you would like to donate to the yard sale. Pick up times will be announced later.

Thank you! Terry Carroll

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**OUR KNOWN SICK**

Lynda Creech (Smithfield Manor Rehab), Hilda Whitley (JHC), Laurra Bowling (JHC)

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**BAPTIST CHILDREN’S HOMES FOOD/SUPPLY DRIVE**

The Annual Food/Supply Drive for our Baptist Children’s Homes will be held at JCC on Monday and Tuesday, April 20th and 21st. We will be happy to shop for you if you would prefer to write your check to FBC. Just be sure to label in the memo line Food Drive BCH. Many thanks to our church family for your faithful support of this drive-in previous years. You make a difference and we are very grateful. Harold & Carolyn Tharrington.
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Community Kitchen Needs Your Help** – Our community is gracious by donating food to us, however, the need is for someone to step-up and give at least 1 hour to pick up food and bring it back to the kitchen. Presently we have 22 empty “slots” to fill if a volunteer works only once a month. We are doing all we can but please pray, listen and act. Only once a month, 1 hour will be a blessing. Please contact Jeanette Massengill (919-934-2734), Lisa Gainey (919-975-0945) or Anesha Johnson (919-631-2684) to volunteer or for more information.

**Backpack Ministry** – Our Backpack Ministry provides food for many kids at South Smithfield Elementary and Selma Elementary each Friday for the weekend. We need help unloading the food from the Food Bank, packing the backpacks and delivering to these schools on Friday. If you can help in any way, please contact the church office.

THANK YOU

Dear FBC Family, Cynthia and I are truly grateful for our church family. We want to express much appreciation for the visits, prayers, words of comfort, food and cards following the passing of her mother and my father. We are blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church. Brian and Cynthia Vetrano

MARCH MADNESS

It’s time to gather together and do some “house cleaning” in our Church, Ministry Center and outside at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 28. We will start our day by meeting in the Fellowship Hall to break into teams (Church, Ministry Center and Outside). The Church team will head up to the second floor craft room, closets and continue to the third floor. The Ministry Center team will begin with the “ARC” room, lobby closet and cabinets. The outside team will clean gutters, pressure wash, and do garden work. Ministry Center team please contact Danny Hensley at 919-795-5470. Our goal is to clean up, throw out and organize items for use in other areas. If you would like to help and cannot come on March 28, call me and let’s talk (Anesha Johnson 919-631-2684). Maybe you could do something on another day. Don’t forget….March Madness Clean-up March 28.

MOMS-IN-NEED BABY SHOWER

Moms-In-Need (Teen Mom Baby Shower) will be Saturday, April 25 and we need your help. Items needed are: Diapers (size newborn to size 4), wipes, bottles, Diaper cream (any brand), burp clothes (new or gently used), baby clothes size new born to 12 months (new or gently used), baby shampoo and body wash, baby blankets, bibs (new or gently used), breast pads, breast pump (new only), playpens, strollers, car seats (not expired and bouncers. Anything helps. If you can donate any of these items please bring to the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations are always welcome. Please bring your donations before April 17, 2020.

FROM THE PULPIT

March 15  
Sermon by Ed Renfrow  
“The Unconditional Love of Jesus”  
Acts 1:1-11

March 22  
Sermon by Mike Queen  
“Whose Church is This?”  
Ephesians 2:19-22

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday**

8:45 A.M. Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 A.M. Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM
10:55 A.M. Morning Worship, broadcast over 1090 AM
11:00 A.M. Hispanic Worship Service
6:00 P.M. Praise Ringers, Alathea Room

**Monday**

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

**Wednesday**

10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ministry Center
5:30 P.M. Family Night Supper
6:15 P.M. Children’s Choirs, Ages 3-Kindergarten: Preschool V; Grades 1-5, Adult II
6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center
6:30 P.M. Large Group Study, Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. Small Group Study, In Light of Eternity, with Lynn Daniels, Room 222
6:30 P.M. Small Group Study, Death & Resurrection of the Messiah, with Faye Downs and Hank Daniels, in the Parlor
6:30 P.M. Small Group Study, Raising Kids with a Faith that Lasts, with Mike & Lynda Carroll, Room 224
6:30 P.M. Youth Activities
6:45 P.M. M & M’s, Mission Friends for ages 3 – Kindergarten
6:45 P.M. MGM, Grades 1-5
6:45 P.M. First Baptist Bells Rehearsal, Alathea Room
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Music Room

**Thursday**

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

BABY DEDICATIONS

Baby Dedications will be Mother’s Day, May 10th. If you have had a baby since last May and would like to have your baby dedicated, please call the church office, 919-934-9771.
**2020 BUDGET INFORMATION**

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF**

- 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

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