

The Visitor

First Baptist Church of Smithfield

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FBC FAMILY: Virus Update

The latest word on the restrictions placed on public gatherings by Governor Cooper would indicate that worship services and activities at First Baptist will not resume before May 15th. We are assessing the situation on a daily basis and considering how we might best serve you during this time. Updates will continue to be posted on the church website fbcsmithfield.org as well as on the Prayer Chain and newsletter.

We encourage you to stay connected by reaching out to Sunday School members, choir members, college students, youth, children, our senior adults and homebound. Phone a friend, email, post a picture on Facebook or send a text to a fellow church member. Reach out to your neighbors. Use sidewalk chalk messages to encourage others. Spread God's love as you go through the drive-thru windows at the bank or restaurants. Share with us on Facebook the many creative ways that your family is shining the light of God's love in our community!!

The Lord Bless You and Keep You,
Amy, Braxton and Brian

Ministers on Call/ Family Deacons

Our ministers are available as needed for prayer or other pastoral needs. Please call the church office if you need such assistance. After hours, you may call one of the ministers or your family deacon. [Amy: 919-497-2104 Brian: 317-525-0932 Braxton: 919-995-6102]

COGDILL SELECTED AS INTERIM PASTOR

Since we have not been able to come together in person for Sunday worship, THE Deacons spent the week of March 16th reaching out to families to gauge interest in calling Dr. Mike Cogdill as our Interim Pastor. We also used the prayer chain to solicit input from members. The responses received were overwhelmingly positive. Based on this feedback, the Deacons voted to call Dr. Cogdill as Interim Pastor.

FBC Smithfield extends a warm welcome to Dr. Cogdill and his family. Dr. Cogdill will serve as our Interim Pastor beginning on Sunday, May 3. He will be with us on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Finance Committee would like to remind and publicize our alternative options to make contributions and donations of our tithes and offerings:

1. Please visit the church's website fbcsmithfield.org There is a donate option on the right side of the page. There you can use your credit card, debit card, or checking account to make your contributions.

2. Mail to: First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 209
Smithfield, NC 27577

3. Deliver to church office – 202 S. Fourth St. Smithfield NC

Please be mindful of our building fund in addition to our general fund.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mission Trip: We're heading to Lancaster, SC for a week of service through Mission Serve. Cost is \$100. \$50 deposit is past due. You may still sign up. Final payment due by or before May 27th. Sign up in 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.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Sloan and Kelsey Stevens on the arrival of their infant daughter, Natalie Louise Stevens. The proud grandparents are Mike and Neppie Stevens.

Congratulations to Emery and Jordan Ashley on the arrival of their infant daughter, Millie Catherine Ashley. The proud grandparents are Emery and Kim Ashley.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES FOOD/SUPPLY DRIVE

The Annual Food/Supply Drive for our Baptist Children's Homes has been postponed until the fall.

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.

Children and Families: Rooted in God's Word Growing in Faith Living for Jesus

Events Cancelled: Easter Egg Hunt, April 5th
Children's Sunday, April 26th

Preschoolers & Children: Please check our church website and FB page for posts regarding Sunday School, Family Devotions, Mission Friends, Children In Action and other resources which we will try to make available to you while we are unable to meet in groups. There are many ways you can show the love of Jesus during this outbreak. Send drawings and letters to senior citizens or people who work in healthcare. Go to wmu.com and look for "This Month in Children's Missions" to learn about the missionary of the month. You will find activities, recipes and interesting facts about mission work around the world. Explore!!

Coming This Summer!!

(Parents, I will be posting registration information for VBS, JAM and MISSION Expedition on our website very soon. The 2020 Permission Form for field trips will also be posted - Amy)



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)

Mission Expedition: Children who have finished grades 1-5 are welcome to join us each Thursday morning, 9:30 – 11:30... beginning June 11th, as we **Learn about Missions, Pray for Missions, Give to Missions and Do Missions** together! We will share music, games, crafts and take field trips. Wear your sensible shoes! Bring your compass (Bible)!! Come with a sense of Wonder and Adventure!! I'll see YOU at**Mission Expedition!**



Holy Week Service – Join us for our Holy Week Service, which will be held online Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30pm. During the service, we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper. Be sure to buy a loaf of bread and a small container of juice so that you can celebrate with us!

Easter Sunday – Join us April 12th for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ! Join us first at 7am for a special sunrise message from the church! After the video, take a photo of your family sunrise and share it with us at the church! Then join us again at 11am for worship!

Reflections on the Seven Last Sayings of Christ – Join us online for this series of videos led by Braxton Kubasko that go through the last sayings of Christ during His trial & crucifixion and what they represent for us as the church today.

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy Mark Ivey and family in the recent homegoing of his mother, Betty Lou Ivey.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Linda Barefoot (Home), Carolyn Nall (Smithfield Manor Rehab)

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The Church office hours will change beginning Monday, March 30, 2020. They will be will 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you need to visit the office, please make note of this change and come before 4:30. Thank you

FROM THE PULPIT

March 29

Sermon by Dade Sherman

“A Saving Faith Works”

James 2:14-18

April 5

Sermon by Brian Theurer

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

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, Facebook, Youtube

2020 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,208.92
Received as of 3/15/20	\$4,555.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$182,799.43
Received Year to Date	\$157,534.29

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 3/15/20	\$1,880.00
Needs Year to Date	\$32,150.25
Received Year to Date	\$19,262.48

2020 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,208.92
Received as of 3/22/20	\$12,374.80
Budget needs Year to Date	\$199,417.56
Received Year to Date	\$169,908.79

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 3/22/20	\$686.00
Needs Year to Date	\$35,073.00
Received Year to Date	\$19,948.48



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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