

Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Nancy Walters
Bob Thompson - Frances Vaughan - Ann Wild
Nancy Thomas - Pauline Funderburk
Marion Thomas in the death of her daughter, Kathy
Bradford Hearn, grandson of Dr. John Hearn
Chris Knight, brother of Mike Knight
Terry Chappell, cousin of Minnie Hyde
Ben Nash, former member
Martin Burkes, brother of Aileen Sowder
Amanda Thomas, Weekday Preschool teacher
Elma Belflowers, mother of Timothy Belflowers
Jane McNeely-Sowell, friend of Carolyn White
Wayne Barnhill, brother of Diane Whitley
Dewitt Fincannon, brother of Letha Turner
Don and Janet Pittman and the situation in Turkey

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 15

8:30 am Prayer Ministry Team - *Parlor*
9:20 am Coffee Fellowship - *Gathering Area*
9:40 am Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Child Care - *Nursery*
10:45 am Service of Worship - *Sanctuary*
11:00 am Youth Provide Lunch at the Community Shelter
2:00 pm Chancel Ringers - *Handbell Room*

Monday, April 16

6:00 pm Faith in Fitness - *Gym*

Tuesday, April 17

5:00 pm Youth Fundraiser at MOD Pizza in Indian Trail

Wednesday, April 18

3:00 pm Mission Crafters - *Craft Room*
5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*
Menu: chicken pot pie, green beans, corn, bread, dessert
6:15 pm Youth Study/Fellowship - *Multipurpose Room*
6:20 pm Prayer Meeting - *Family Life Center*
Children's Missions/Study - *Room 302*
6:30 pm Adult Study - *Family Life Center*
Young Adult Bible Study - *Parlor*
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Friday, April 20

8:30 am Young-at-Heart Trip to Shatley Springs/West Jefferson

Announcements

Young-at-Heart Event

Young-at-Heart members will enjoy a trip to Shatley Springs for lunch and then light shopping in downtown West Jefferson this Friday, April 20. Transportation will be on the church bus. If you would like to go, call the church office by noon this coming Tuesday. Friends are welcome!

College Scholarships

Applications are now available in the church office for the R. Spence and Annie Lee Smith Helms Scholarships, which are awarded on a needs basis. Contact the church office for an application.

Two Youth Fundraisers

MOD Pizza – FBC members can enjoy dinner at MOD Pizza in Indian Trail this Tuesday, April 17 from 5:00-9:00 p.m., and a percentage of the cost of your meal will be given to our youth for their summer mission endeavors. You will need to present a flyer (available in the church office or on our website) at the time of your purchase.

Bingo Night – Youth invite you to a fun evening of Bingo on Sunday, April 29th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Included will be five games of bingo (with nice prizes), light pick-up foods, and a bake sale. Cost: donate \$10 for 1 bingo card, or \$15 for two cards, or \$20 for three cards, which will cover all five games. You can also help by donating baked goods for the sale.

5th Sunday Bible Fellowship

The adult Bible Fellowship classes will meet together in the Family Life Center on Sunday, April 29 at 9:40 a.m. Lesson will be "I am the Vine, You Are the Branches: Leadership Servanthood" as demonstrated by our individual Bible Fellowship classes.

Breakfast Casseroles

The Board of Missions is asking for volunteers to provide breakfast casseroles for the teachers/staff of Monroe Middle School this coming Friday. The casseroles need to be in a disposable 9 x 13 aluminum pan and brought to the church by 6:00 p.m. this Thursday, or by 7:30 a.m. on Friday. If you can help, call the church office.

Crafters on Mission is Now "Mission Crafters"

Our Crafters also have a new meeting time, which will be on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Craft Room. You are invited to join them as they work on mission projects that include blankets, scarfs, mats, dolls and dresses. You can then join us for the Wednesday evening Fellowship meal (reservations needed) at 5:30.

Plant and Bake Sale

The Union County Christian Women's Job Corps is sponsoring a plant and bake sale on Friday, April 27 (noon-6:00 pm), and Saturday, April 28 (8:00 am-noon) at Iron Horse Motorcycles on Roosevelt Boulevard. The CWJC equips women in need for life and employment.

The Worship of God



The Third Sunday of Easter

15 April 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

We are called to be Easter people! How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love; for darkness can no longer claim us, and fear cannot bind us. God's love has been poured on us through the risen Christ! So, let joy ring in your heart and voice as you abide in His presence today and every day.

Words of Welcome

Dr. Dawson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

If you are our guest today, we welcome you and ask that you complete a Visitor's Card available from a Greeter in the narthex, or in the pew racks. Please include your address, phone number and email. If you are interested in learning more about our church, we invite you to note this on the card. Thank you and welcome to First Baptist Church.

Choral Introit

Wingate University Women's Choir

"Esurientes' from Magnificat"

by Antonio Vivaldi

Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes.

(He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent away empty.)

Reading of Scripture – Acts 3: 12-19

Richard Collins

† **Call to Worship** Richard Collins

† **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 710

"We Are Called to Be God's People" AUSTRIAN HYMN

– Children Age 3-Grade 2 are invited to leave for Worship & Wonder –

Gospel Reading – Luke 24: 36-48 Bob Duncan

Prayer for the People Bob Duncan

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

† **Hymn of Assurance** Hymn No. 536

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" (Sing twice) OPEN OUR EYES

Anthem at the Offering Wingate University Women's Choir

"Elijah Rock" by Rollo Dilworth

† **The Doxology** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Christ is risen, alleluia! Alleluia!

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The congregation is asked to stand at the moment the Offertory Ushers
pass their pew. This act of presentation to God enacts our
self-offering and gratitude to God.

† **Prayer of Dedication** Richard Collins

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

The Sermon Text – Numbers 15: 1-21:36 Dr. Dawson

Sermon Dr. Dawson

"A New Land: Wandering in the Wilderness"

Prayer Dr. Dawson

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 213

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

† **Benediction** Dr. Dawson

† **Closing Voluntary** Dr. Belflowers, organ

† Those who are able may stand

Loose Change Offering

The Loose Change Offering for April will benefit
Hospice of Union County

SALOT
SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Philippians 2:8-9

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Carolyn White. Narthex: Don Haver

Parking Area Greeter: Lorey White

Nursery: Ruby Coffey

Greeter: Kathy Cole

Worship & Wonder: Brenda Lowery

Ushers: Tom Coffey, Don Haver

Offertory: Dot Taylor, David Lowery, Jon Mackay, Don Haver



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Please see and request one from an usher.

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