

Prayer Concerns

Angie Baskins - Mary Lou Gamble - Nancy Walters
Bob Thompson - Frances Vaughan - Ann Wild
Nancy Thomas - Pauline Funderburk
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 22

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*

Monday, April 23

6:00 pm Faith in Fitness - *Gym*

Tuesday, April 24

6:30 pm Vision Team - *Parlor*

Wednesday, April 25

3:00 pm Mission Crafters - *Craft Room*
5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*
Menu: roast pork, pintos, cabbage, potatoes, 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 Quarterly Church Meeting - *Family Life Center*
Young Adult Bible Study - *Parlor*
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Saturday, April 28

Youth Trip to Morrow Mt. State Park

Announcements

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.

Quarterly Church Meeting

The Quarterly Church Meeting will be held this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Family Life Center.

Youth Fundraisers for Missions

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.

Wall-O-Money – The Wall-O-Money is located in the Gathering Area. You are invited to take an envelope, labeled with a dollar amount, from the Wall, place the dollar amount in the envelope, seal it, and then drop it in the black box. If you include your name in the envelope, you will be given contribution credit for your donation.

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” and will be taught by Bob Duncan.

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.

Community Breakfast

You are invited to a Community Breakfast benefitting Crisis Assistance Ministry on Saturday, May 12 from 7:30-11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast will be \$10 for age 12 and up, and \$5.00 for age 11 and under. Invite someone to attend with you.

The Worship of God



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

22 April 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

Psalm 23 is the ancient psalm attributed to David, words of comfort and assurance that many of us know by heart. God is the one who leads us, restores us, calms our soul and brings us through the darkest times. God is the one who is with us in the presence of our enemies. And no matter what happens, we know that God's goodness and mercy is with us, and we will dwell with God forever.

A Word from the Personnel Committee

Tim McBride, Chair

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.

Opening Voluntary

Dr. Belflowers, organ

Reading of the Psalms – Psalm 23

Rev. Owens

† **Call to Worship** Rev. Owens

† **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 77

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

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

Gospel Reading – John 10: 11-18 Rev. Owens

Prayer for the People Rev. Owens

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. 522

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

Anthem at the Offering The Chancel Choir

"O Worship the King" arr. by J. Haydn

† **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!

(Text: Timothy D. Belflowers, © 2018)

*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** Rev. Owens

The Word of God is Proclaimed and Heard

The Sermon Text – Numbers 22: 1-36:13 Dr. Dawson

Sermon Dr. Dawson

"A New Land: Second Approach"

Prayer Dr. Dawson

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 733

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" MESSAGE

† **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

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SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: Joel Myers. Narthex: Don Haver

Parking Area Greeter: Jon Mackay

Nursery: Lisa Dinkins

Greeters: Pat and Gene Herrell

Worship & Wonder: Ruby Coffey

Ushers: Don Haver, Diane Simpson, Barbara Austin, Carolyn White

Offertory: Tom Coffey, Debby and Tim McBride



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Please see and request one from an usher.

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through the church office.



Church Staff

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