

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 8

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*
2:00 pm Chancel Ringers - *Handbell Room*
4:00 pm Board of Deacons - *Room 309*

Monday, April 9

6:00 pm Faith in Fitness - *Gym*
7:00 pm Faith in Fiction Book Club - *Parlor*

Tuesday, April 10

9:30 am Crafters on Mission - *Craft Room*
2:00 pm Lottie Moon/Poovey Group - *Parlor*
6:30 pm Board of Trustees - *Room 309*

Wednesday, April 11

5:30 pm Family Fellowship Meal - *Family Life Center*
Menu: lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert
6:15 pm Youth Study/Fellowship - *Multipurpose Room*
6:20 pm Prayer Meeting - *Family Life Center*
Children's Missions/Study - *Room 302*
April Birthday/Anniversary Celebration - *Family Life Center*
6:30 pm Adult Study - *Family Life Center*
Young Adult Bible Study - *Parlor*
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - *Choir Room*

Friday & Saturday, April 13 & 14

9:30 am Quilting Retreat - *Family Life Center*

Announcements

Anatomy of a Disciple

This is the title of the Wednesday night study for adults through May 30. The study provides awareness of what God intended for authentic and sustainable spiritual growth, and what He intended for His disciples. Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Family Life Center as we take a new inward look at our spiritual journey to determine if we are becoming more like Christ.

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 on Friday, April 20. Transportation will be on the church bus. If you would like to go, sign up on Wednesday evening, in Bible fellowship, or call the church office. 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.

Book Club

Join the members of the Faith in Fiction Book Club tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Parlor as they review J. D. Vance's book, Hillbilly Ellegy.

Two Youth Fundraisers

Mod Pizza – FBC members can enjoy dinner at Mod Pizza in Indian Trail on Tuesday, April 17 from 5:00-9:00 p.m., and a percentage of the cost of the 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.

Thanks for supporting our youth!

Quilting Retreat

There will be a Quilting Retreat on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. It is open to anyone who enjoys quilting, regardless of skill level. Contact Kiki Myers for reservations or more information.

From the Trustees

The Trustees are asking for donations to help fund power washing, painting, and repairing the outside of the educational building and steeple. Total cost of the project is \$70,000.

The Worship of God



The Second Sunday of Easter

8 April 2018 at Ten Forty-five in the Morning

The Community Gathers Before God

Centering Thoughts for Worship

In those first few hours after the Resurrection, the disciples did not know what to do or what to believe. However, when they were together, Christ appeared before them. God calls us to be in community, and we witness best to the love of Christ when we are with one another. We experience God's grace and mercy best when we extend grace to each other. Christ came to the disciples as they gathered together, and Christ extended the peace of God with them. As we gather for worship, may we share God's love and witness God's grace in Christ together.

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

Ryan McKeel, flautist

"An Easter Prelude"

by Charles Callahan

Reading of the Psalm – Psalm 133

Richard Collins

† **Call to Worship** Lisa Dinkins

† **Hymn of Praise** Hymn No. 34
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" MARION

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

New Testament Reading – Acts 4: 32-35 Lisa Dinkins

Prayer for the People Lisa Dinkins

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. 291
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Music at the Offering Ryan McKeel, *flautist*
"How Beautiful" arr. by Joel Raney

† **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

Sermon Rev. Owens
"Sharing Is Caring" (Text: Acts 4: 32-35)

Prayer Rev. Owens

The Congregation Responds to the Word of God

† **Hymn of Response** Hymn No. 512
"At the Cross" HUDSON

† **Benediction** Rev. Owens

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

† Those who are able may stand

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Joel and Kiki Myers, and Steve and Holly Rossi
in loving memory of Brooks Griffin,
who would have been celebrating his 97th birthday

Loose Change Offering

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

Today's Committees

Security: Gathering Area: J.T. Nance. Narthex: Don Haver
Parking Area Greeter: Jim Griffin
Nursery: TBD
Greeter: Kathy Cole
Worship & Wonder: Eleanor O'Neill
Ushers: Tim McBride, Mary Nash, Ken Handy
Offertory: Youth



Personal listening devices are available for worship.
Please see and request one from an usher.

Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.

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Audio CDs of our worship services are available
through the church office.



Church Staff

Dr. Christopher S. Dawson, *Senior Minister*
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Philippians 4:8-9