

First Baptist News

a family of faith

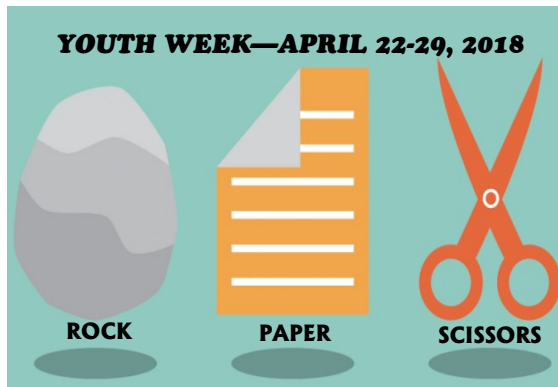


Although it is still weeks away, our youth week officers have begun meeting and planning. So far, we have a theme “rock, paper, scissors” and a scripture (2 Corinthians 13:14, 13:13 in some translations). It will focus on the Trinity.

Our youth have received their job assignments. Some of our youth have the specific job they asked for. Others had to settle. Now things get interesting.

Some youth, who have begged for years for the specific responsibilities they now own, will not put the work in on it they need to. Other youth, who ended up with assignments they didn’t initially choose, will knock it out of the park.

Sometimes it goes as expected, sometimes people surprise us.



Each class has its own personality as well, in addition to the diversity of individuals within it. I have twelve Youth Sundays behind me now, but to be honest I’m as unsure about how this year’s class will do as any. Our seniors this year have amazing potential. They are as solid academically as nearly any we have ever had. They are also the busiest we have ever had. Please pray that they will be able to find the time to put the work in to make this year one to remember.

Doug

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. —2 Corinthians 13:14



The Senior Adults will go out for lunch to Webster Manor in Mullins, SC on Tuesday, March 20th.

Trip cost is \$5 per person and lunch will be Dutch treat.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!
 Sunday, March 25th at 3:00 p.m.
 For preschoolers and children up to 6th grade.
 Cherry Fellowship Hall

Please bring plastic eggs stuffed with individually wrapped candy, stickers, tattoos, mini-erasers, rings, or other small trinkets to the church office by March 21st!

Volunteers are needed-Contact Erin!



Noon services will be hosted by churches in our community Wednesdays during the Lenten Season. A light lunch will be served following each service.

March 21—First Presbyterian Church, Preacher: Rev. Herbert Lowery, Pastor, Chestnut Street United Methodist

Maundy Thursday Services—7 p.m. March 29th at Godwin Heights, Preacher: Rev. David Ruth, Pastor, First Presbyterian

Good Friday Service—noon—Trinity Episcopal Church, Preacher, Dr. David Elks, Pastor, First Baptist

Preparing for Sunday—

“Beyond Comparison”—Hebrews 5:5-10

The “letter to the” Hebrews is actually a sermon. The unknown preacher does a masterful job of commending Jesus to a congregation who is weighing the evidence of Jesus’ life. The preacher commends Jesus *as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek*. This sounds like high praise, but who was Melchizedek? Biblical scholars have debated that question for years. Regardless of the answer, the preacher was honoring Jesus. He goes into further detail by referring to the intensity with which Jesus prayed, his reverent submission and willingness to suffer. The preacher cannot find enough superlatives to describe Jesus. Quite frankly, Jesus is **Beyond Comparison**.

Person of the Week

Cindy Spivey
4927 Pinedale Blvd.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special persons this week.

Cookbooks are now on sale for \$15 each. They are a padded three-ring binder with an easel, and will be here in early May. Stop by the church office to place your order.

Youth to Winterjam, Saturday, March 24th. We will leave at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 (bring it with you) plus whatever you will need for food. Food is available at the PNC arena and we will possibly stop on the way home if time allows and places are open. Contact Doug to sign up!



Welcome New Member!

Dottie Culbreth Covington joined Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Servants this Sunday— March 18, 2018

ETC —8:45 a.m.—Casey Williamson & Betty Graham

11:00 a.m.—Casey Williamson, Morgan & Jeremy Strickland

Welcoming — Bruce & Jayne Huggins, Laura Nance

Entrance Greeters

Children’s Building —Mildred Kinlaw

6th Street —Jim Driscoll

Senior Entrance — George Lawson

Security Monitor —Lewis Lytch

Sound—Greg Gibson **Video**— Amy Gibson



April 12, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

We will have a picnic lunch at Folly Farm.

This Week. . .

Sunday, March 18

- 8:45 a.m. **Worship Service**
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
- 2:00 p.m. Youth to Raven Rock
- 4:00 p.m. Moms’ Bible Study

Monday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 20

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adults Lunch Out to Mullins, SC
- 6:00 p.m. Growing Young Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Early Worship Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 21

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church
- 4:00 p.m. Young Musicians Bells
- 4:45 p.m. Young Musicians Choir
- Music Makers Choir
- 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Family Night at Prayer
- Youth Doing Missions
- Wednesday Night Live
- Music Munchkins/Mission Friends
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 24

- 3:00 p.m. Youth to Winterjam

For the Record

Budgeted 2018.....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2018).....	\$13,461.54
Received March 11, 2018.....	\$14,156.90
Need to date	\$134,615.38
Received to date	\$125,040.15
Over (Under) Budget	(\$9,575.23)
Sunday School Attendance	
March 11—167	

