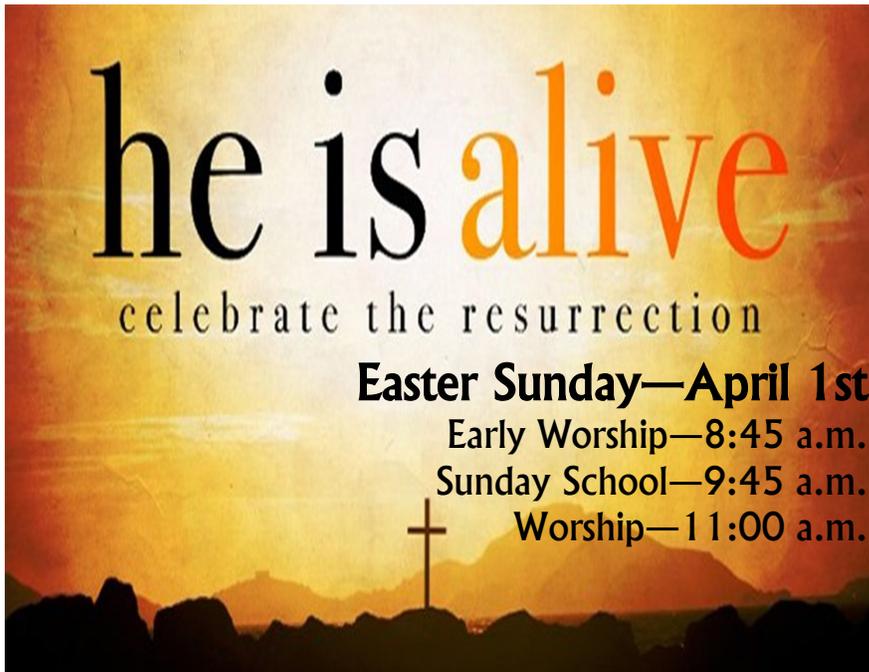


First Baptist News

a family of faith



Join us in celebrating our risen Lord by placing fresh cut flowers on the cross in front of the church as we gather at First Baptist on Sunday.



Please note:

- ◆ The ECM & Church Offices will be closed April 2nd.
- ◆ A Service of Prayer will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel on Wednesday, April 4th in place of our regular activities and meal.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

One of the principles of Growing Young has been to build empathy for young people. As I've been reading the book and reflecting on the Growing Young process, I've found myself working to try and understand younger people. As a millennial, I have quite a bit in common with young adults and can understand their perspectives, but the teenagers are another story. Even though my own teenage years weren't that long ago, the world itself has changed dramatically since I was a teen.

One of the ways I've been trying to understand is by listening to the teenagers who have been organizing the March for Our Lives movement. I've been impressed by their passion, their organization, and their ability to clearly articulate their hopes and fears and griefs. Regardless of how you feel about the legislative changes they propose, I hope you've been listening, too. Here's what I've come to respect about this generation by listening.

Many people have labeled today's teenagers as apathetic. And, if it's something they don't care about, they can be. (Aren't adults the same way, too?) But the marches on Saturday and the growth of this movement have shown me that there is a determination and a fierceness in this generation. They may not care about the same things we do, but if there is something that they believe passionately in that they think they can do something about, then look out – they will make sure their voices are heard.

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Many people have also labeled today's teenagers as a generation that gives up too easily. And, if they are frustrated with a lack of change, they can. (Again, aren't adults the same way, too?) But I've noticed that these teenagers are engaging for long-term change. They're not just marching. They're registering to vote. They're dialoging with their representatives. They're educating themselves on how our government works. They're laying a foundation to make sure that this isn't a one-time moment, but a movement toward change.

Many people have labeled today's teenagers as selfish and only thinking of themselves. And, they can be. (Again, I must point out, aren't adults the same way too, at times?) But I've seen these teenagers make sure the conversation isn't just about them. Their stand against gun violence isn't just about their personal tragedy. They're seeking to make sure stories are told about gang violence, about domestic violence, about all the other tragedies that don't always make the headlines. Their goal is to make sure every child and teenager can safely go to school, play in their neighborhoods, attend church, or anything else without the threat of gun violence. That doesn't sound so selfish to me.

Again, I know that not everyone agrees with the specific legislative changes some of these students are calling for. But, I hope that (1) we can agree that their cry for less gun violence is a good thing, and (2) we can respect and even admire their passion and desire to make real change happen. I'm hopeful that this generation will continue to use their passion and their voices to try and make our world a better place, and that we as a church can find ways to make space for our teenagers to realize their own passions and make a difference in our community.

Erin

Formation of Worship and Music Committee

Currently, FBC has four committees (Worship Advisory, Baptism, Communion and Music) that are involved in our worship experience. The ministerial staff and Committee on Committees have proposed that we combine these committees into one committee that would be titled the Worship and Music Committee. This committee would be nominated annually by the church's Committee on Committees and approved at a Church Conference. This represents a change in the Church's Bylaws in that the Worship Advisory Committee is currently nominated by the Deacons. The Bylaws Committee and Deacons have approved this proposal and referred to the church for consideration at our Spring Church Conference on April 25th. The responsibilities of the committee will be as follows...

The Worship and Music Committee shall be composed of individuals who shall be nominated by the church's Committee on Committees and elected by the church. This committee shall be elected at the special conference in November of each year and shall begin its duties the first day of January following its election.

Members of this committee shall serve a three-year term as set forth in Article IX, Section I.

The purpose of this committee is to serve as a resource for the ministerial staff concerning the church's worship.

The duties of the Worship and Music Committee shall be:

- To assist the ministerial staff in preparing an annual budget for worship and music.
- To assist in the observance of the church's ordinances (baptism and communion).
- To dialogue with the ministerial staff for the planning and evaluation of the worship experience.
- To assist the Minister of Music in the planning and implementation of a music education program.
- To assist the Personnel Committee in personnel matters relating to worship and music.

Formation of this committee will require the following changes to the Bylaws,

- 1) Strike the words "Worship Advisory" from Article IX-Committees, Section 1, Number of Committees.
- 2) Strike Article IX, Section 9, Worship Advisory Committee, from the Bylaws in its entirety.

4th-6th Grade Bible Study

Sundays in April, after Easter
(April 8, 15, 22, 29)



This Bible study will be a topical study for our older children, dealing with "tough topics" like technology, bullying, and other things that children that age might be encountering. We'll be talking about them and about what we can learn from the Bible about how we can make healthy and Christ-like choices about them. Contact Erin to sign-up!

First Sunday Food Drive

Our next food drive is Sunday, April 1st! The first Sunday of each month we collect canned and non-perishable foods for local food charities. Items may be placed in the collection bins near the church entrances. Donation ideas: canned vegetables, canned fruit, Vienna sausages, bottled water, rice, dry beans, pasta, sugar, etc. Thank you for helping to feed hungry people in Robeson County!



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

We will have a picnic lunch at Folly Farm.

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.

Servants this Sunday— April 1 , 2018

ETC —8:45 a.m.—Casey Williamson

11:00 a.m.—Casey Williamson & Pattie Ramsaur

Welcoming — Tony & Becky Thompson, Billie Dail

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building —Margie Cockrell

Walnut Street—Jimmy & Billie Dail

6th Street—Shirley Hickman

Senior Entrance — George Lawson

Security Monitor —Malcolm McLean

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

Family Night Supper Menus April 2018

April 4—No Family Night Supper

April 11—

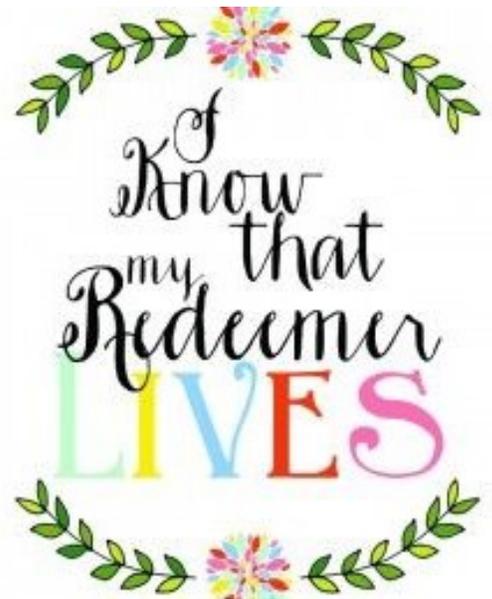
Red Ticket: Barbecue, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Baked Beans, Salad, Apple Pie (Sugar-free)
Blue Ticket: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Fruit

April 18—

Red Ticket: Pork Chops, Wild Rice, Grilled Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, Banana Pudding
Blue Ticket: Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit

April 25—

Red Ticket: Baked Potato Bar, Chili, Salad, Cookies (Sugar-free)
Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit



For the Record

Budgeted 2018 \$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2018).....\$13,461.54
Received March 25, 2018.....\$11,653.01
Need to date\$161,538.46
Received to date\$143,234.65
Over (Under) Budget (\$18,303.81)

Sunday School Attendance
March 25—165

Preparing for Sunday—

“An End to Our Foolishness”

John 20

A sermon about being fooled on Easter nearly writes itself. The women, the disciples, the soldiers and everyone else were fooled when they thought Jesus' body was in the tomb. Instead of jokingly saying “April Fools!” Jesus compassionately announced his victory over death and told Mary to go tell the disciples. Mary, however, is overwhelmed by the moment and tries to hold on to Jesus. It is a touching scene, but Jesus will not be constrained by a tomb or by a follower who does not know how to handle her emotions. Nor will Jesus be constrained by our foolish desire for a safe and comfortable faith. Easter Sunday is the perfect day to bring *An End to Our Foolishness*.

Baptist Women's Luncheon

April 9, 2018

11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building

Bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Barbara Andrews will report on the work of the Lumberton Christian Care Center. Our offering will go to the Agape Pregnancy Support Center.

Glen Flora Circle—10:45 a.m.

MISSIONS
across the street & around the world

This Week. . .

Sunday, April 1—

Easter Sunday

8:45 a.m. **Worship Service**

9:45 a.m. **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**

Monday, April 2—

ECM & Church Offices Closed

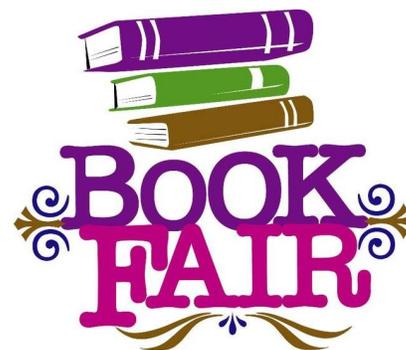
Tuesday, April 3—

7:00 a.m. **Men's Prayer Circle**

Wednesday, April 4—

6:00 p.m. **Chapel Service**

No Activities or Meal



The ECM is having a book fair!
The book fair will be open daily from
8:00-10:00 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.,
April 9-13

Proceeds from the Book Fair will
be used to purchase supplies and books
for our classrooms.

Person of the Week

Ann Cain
109 Village Walk W.
Lumberton, NC 28358

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

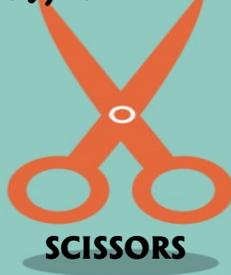
YOUTH WEEK—APRIL 22-29, 2018



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