

First Baptist News

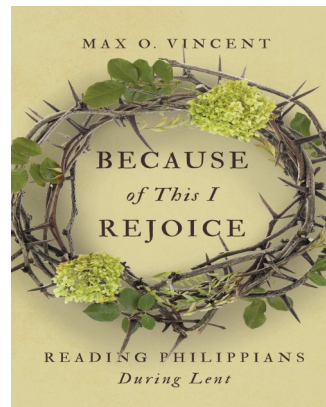
a family of faith



March 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Our Ash Wednesday Service will follow our regular Family Night Meal.

Because of This I Rejoice—Lenten Study



During the Lenten Season, Dr. Elks will be leading a study based on the book, Because of This I Rejoice: Reading Philippians During Lent, by Max Vincent.

The study sessions will be held Sunday afternoons

at 4:00 p.m. beginning March 10th. Copies of the book will be available in the church office at a cost of \$12 each.



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

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

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| March 6 | Trinity Episcopal |
| March 13 | Chestnut Street United Methodist
Eva Ruth, proclaimer |
| March 20 | Lenten Service at First Baptist
Herbert Lowry, proclaimer |
| March 27 | First Presbyterian
David Elks, proclaimer |
| April 3 | Godwin Heights Baptist
Doug Reedy, proclaimer |
| April 10 | Chestnut Street United Methodist
Leslie Sessoms, proclaimer |

Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 p.m., April 18th at First Baptist,
Dave Hawes, proclaimer

Good Friday Service, Noon, April 19th at Trinity Episcopal,
David Ruth, proclaimer



Mom's Bible Study The 5 Love Languages of Children

Join us for a 5 week study with other moms as we learn about the love languages of children and how we can better understand

and care for our little (or not so little) ones!

Sunday afternoons in March, 4:00 pm—for Moms of children age 16 or younger.

Childcare available for 6th grade and younger. Contact Erin if you are interested in participating.





Each time I turn on the television I notice the commercials that offer to improve my life. Home security companies will make me safer. Insurance companies will give me peace of mind. Health and wellness products will give me more energy and reduce my chances of disease and car dealers will put me in the luxurious car I “deserve.” Advertisers make it sound so easy, don’t they? You do not have to purchase many products or services though to realize that much of what we buy or invest in doesn’t deliver life-changing results.

The same is true for our spiritual lives. I have bought numerous books over the years that promised to teach me the secret of a successful life with God. Some were helpful, but none charted an easy path to the abundant life. A relationship with God is like a relationship with any person. It takes time and effort and requires that we share and receive from one another. It requires “discipline.” We discipline ourselves with daily prayers, bible reading and meditation, service and by participating in a faith community.

Next week, we begin the Lent. It may sound oxymoronic to say “I am hopeful for the Lenten season this year,” but I truly am. Lent encourages us to shed our superficial layers and be honest with God. It is a season of repentance and of acknowledging our desperate need for grace. In the Lenten season we invite the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to what truly controls us. We fast from habits, objects, foods or maybe even relationships that we give a greater priority to than our relationship with God. The Lenten journey is not easy, but throughout the forty days we are held in the safe hands of a loving God.

I urge you to try “Lenting Well” this year. Attend our Ash Wednesday Service on March 6 and the community services each Wednesday afternoon as you are able. Join our “Because of This I Rejoice” discipleship study. Be faithful to worship attendance and most importantly, dedicate time each day to meeting the Lord in the reading and meditation of scripture and in your prayers. Lastly, if you would like to have a conversation about your life with God, I would love to meet with you! I will be praying for you as you pause, let go of all that has hold of you and give yourself to the intimacy of God this Lenten season.

*Peace,
David*

This Week . . .

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:45 a.m. *Worship*
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. *Worship*
4:00 p.m. Moms Bible Study
4:45 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Youth Week Officers Meeting

Monday, March 4

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:30 a.m. Glen Flora Group
11:45 a.m. Baptist Women’s Luncheon

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 Ash Wednesday Service at
 Trinity Episcopal Church
5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 9

***Kids Against Hunger at
Godwin Heights Baptist Church***

Preparing for Sunday . . .

Before Anything Else
Matthew 16:24 – 17:8

Peter was eager to mark the moment. He, James and John accompanied Jesus up the mountain and saw a heavenly vision that was worth memorializing with the construction of three “dwellings.” The Spirit interrupts Peter’s plan with an echo of the blessing spoken at Jesus’ baptism and the instruction to “listen to him.” Before we do anything for God, regardless of how well intentioned, we need to pause and listen... deeply. Peter had a difficult life ahead of him and he would need all the strength this moment and his time with Jesus had to offer. It was important that he listen not just with his mind, but with his whole being.

First Sunday Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities. Our next food collection is Sunday, March 3rd. Place your donations in the collections bins near the entrances or bring them to the church office.

Donation suggestions: Canned vegetables, canned fruits, Vienna sausages, canned meats (such as chicken breast), pork & beans, rice, dried beans, boxed meals, baby foods, bottles of water and juices.



Kids Against Hunger

Feeding families around the world... and around the corner

Join us March 9th at Godwin Heights Baptist Church as we package meals for Kids Against Hunger.

Early Childhood Registration for 2019-2020

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

After-school Pick-up, Hot Lunch, Nutritious Snacks, Reasonable Fees

We are currently registering students for 2019-2020 School Year!



FUN & FELLOWSHIP

March 14, 2019

11:00 a.m. in the Activity Building
"Calling North Carolina Home"

Speaker: Senator Danny Britt
Bring a sandwich and a friend!

Flower Calendar

Contact the church office at 739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one.



2019	July 7, 14, 21, 28
March 17, 24	Aug. 4, 25
April 28	Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 12, 19, 26	Nov. 10, 17
June 2, 16, 23, 30	

For the Record

Budgeted 2019	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019)	\$13,461.54
Received February 24, 2019	\$11,933.94
Need to date	\$107,692.31
Received to date	\$90,302.46
Over (Under) Budget	(\$17,389.85)
Sunday School Attendance, February 24—181	

Servants this Sunday, March 3, 2019

ETC—8: 45 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe, Christy Strickland & Alli Branch

11:00 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe & Pattie Ramsaur

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building —Dean Kinlaw

Walnut Street— Shirley Hickman

6th Street — Jimmy & Billie Dail

Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

Welcoming Committee— Becky & Tony Thompson,
Billie Dail

Security Monitor— Jerry Long

Sound— Ross Driscoll

Video—Greg Gibson

5th Sunday Fellowship

March 31, 2019

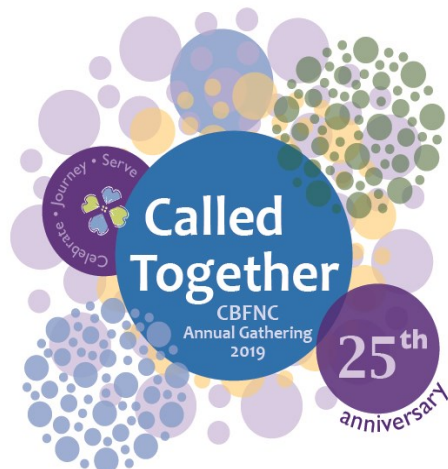
8:45-9:45 am - Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 am - Lenten Cantata & Communion Service in the Sanctuary



Coming up . . .

- March 7—Deacon Care Group 6 Supper at Pier 41
March 9—Kids Against Hunger at Godwin Heights Baptist
March 10—Daylight Saving Time Begins
Lenten Bible Study Begins
March 12—Senior Adult Committee (3:30 pm)
Youth Council (6 pm)
March 13—Lenten Service at Chestnut St.
Robeson County Schools Half-day
March 14—Fun & Fellowship
March 15—All County Chorus
March 16—Community Café
(Fellowship Class hosts)
March 18—Finance & Deacons Meetings
March 20—Lenten Service at FBC
March 21—Southeastern Hospice Memorial Service
March 27—Lenten Service at First Presbyterian
March 28-29—CBF Annual Gathering, Greensboro
March 29—Youth Lock-In
March 31—Church-wide Breakfast 8:45 a.m.
Cantata & Communion 10:00 a.m.
March 31-April 6—Youth Week
- April 1—Baptist Women's Luncheon
April 2—ECM Summer Care Registration
April 3—Lenten Service at Godwin Heights



**CBFNC's Annual
Gathering
March 28-29
FBC Greensboro, NC**

**For more information
and a schedule of events
visit www.cbfn.org**

CHURCH STAFF

Contact us at 739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org
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Mrs. Nancy Bass — Financial Coordinator

Rev. Erin Collier — Associate Pastor of Families and Worship

Dr. David Elks — Pastor

Mrs. Daphne Fletcher — Administrative Assistant

Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities

Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant

Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions

Baptist Women's Luncheon

Monday, March 4, 2019

11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building

Our special guest for March will be Ron Ross, from the Lumberton Boys & Girls Club. Please bring a sandwich.

The Glen Flora Circle will meet
at 10:45 a.m.

Bible Study #3 will meet at 11:45 a.m.
on March 5th.



Packets of offering envelopes are available in the church office. You may also give your offering to First Baptist online by scanning the QR Code on the back of the Order of Worship or by automatic draft. Draft forms are available on our website — www.fbclumbertonnc.org.

Persons of the Week

Wayne & Elizabeth Tyner
502 W. 32nd St.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance
to our special persons of the week!