

# First Baptist News

a family of faith



## You're Invited! FAMILY EASTER FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 14, 2019  
3:00 pm

First Baptist Fellowship Hall

Families are invited to join us for a creative walk through Holy Week! Activity stations will provide opportunities to learn about this important week in preparation for Easter, as well as provide resources for additional conversations at home. Be sure to bring a basket to collect eggs at the stations, too!



Children's Choirs will wave palm branches and sing in the 11:00 a.m. service this Sunday!



### Preparing for Sunday . . .

“Cleaning House”  
Matthew 21:1-17

Few things made Jesus angrier than for someone to stand in the way of helpless person who wanted to speak to him. The merchants and the moneychangers were prohibiting people's access to the temple, the presence of God. Once Jesus “dismissed” the merchants, blind and lame individuals appear and he healed them. People with physical problems as these were thought to have been cursed by God, so it was scandalous for Jesus to give them access to the temple. Jesus cleaned house so the “riff-raff” could come in! The temple cleansing teaches us that we need to constantly clean house of attitudes, prejudices and biases that keep people from God.



We are “in the short rows” now. This Sunday is Palm Sunday and next Sunday is Easter, so our Lenten journey is nearly complete. I’ll confess that I got a little lost along the way. I am having a “good lent” but I wish I had been more consistent with my prayers, devotions and journaling. I am trying to get back on course and Richard Rohr helped me this week. Father Rohr directs of the Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico and publishes a daily devotional via the web. I want to share the devotion he wrote for March 31<sup>st</sup> entitled “Dying Before You Die” because he captures an essential element of the Lenten season.

“Sooner or later, if you are on any classic “spiritual schedule,” some event, person, death, idea or relationship will enter your life with which you simply cannot cope using your present skill set. Spiritually speaking, you will be led to the edge of your own private resources. At that point, you will stumble over a necessary, “stumbling stone.” This is the only way that God can get you to change and go on the further and longer journey. We must stumble and fall, I am sorry to say. We must be out of the driver’s seat for a while, or we will never learn how to give up control to the Real Guide. Until we are led to the limits of our present game plan and find it to be insufficient, we will not search out or find our real Source. Jesus calls this Ultimate Source the “living water” at the bottom of the well.

The Gospels teach us that life is tragic but then graciously added that we can survive and will even grow from this tragedy. This is the great turnaround! It all depends on whether we are willing to see down as up. Julian of Norwich put it well... ‘first there is the fall, and then we recover from the fall – and both are the mercy of God.’”

No one likes to face the thought of stumbling and falling. But, life happens to all of us and asking for help is vital. Even Jesus fell while carrying the cross! We must accept our limits and depend on God to pick us up, brush us off and send us on our way again. I know of no more important Lenten lesson than this and I appreciate your prayers and encouragement as I learn to “die before I die” so that I may one day truly live.

*Peace,  
David*



**Family Night Supper Menus— April & May 2019**

**April 17 & 24—No Family Night Supper**

**May 1st—** Hamburger Steak, Rice w/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Salad, Strawberry Shortcake

**May 8th—** Hamburgers & Hot Dogs (Friends of Jesus Softball Game)

**May 15th—** Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, String Beans, Rolls, Salad, Fruit Pies

**May 22nd—** Barbecue, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, French Fries,



**Friends of Jesus  
Softball Game**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Game at 5:00 p.m.

Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Join us at Godwin Heights Park to cheer on the Friends of Jesus Sunday School Class.

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be served. This event will take the place of our regular

GET READY FOR  
**FBC Summer Camps**  
 2019

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 17-19, 5:30-8:00 pm  
 For children ages 4-6th grade



**ART CAMP**

July 16-18, 9:30 am-12:00 pm  
 For children who have completed K-3rd grade  
 Cost: \$15 per child

**MUSIC DAY CAMP**

July 29-August 2, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
 For children who have completed 1st-6th grade  
 Cost: \$50 per child (early bird rate!)  
 \$55 per child after June 1



FBC Spring Concert participants may pre-register at the concert (April 10). Public registration will open at noon on May 1.



On April 25th, our Senior Adults will visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. The cost of the trip is \$13.00. To reserve your spot, please pay at the church office.

Senior Adult Sunday is May 5th!

**Servants this Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**ETC**—8:45 a.m.—Casey Williamson & Becky Thompson  
 11:00 a.m.— Casey Williamson & Sandra Elks

**Entrance Greeters**

Children's Building —Shirley Hickman  
 Walnut Street— Mildred Kinlaw  
 6th Street — Linda Collins  
 Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

**Welcoming Committee**— Becky & Tony Thompson,  
 Billie Dail

**Security Monitor**— James Gore

**Sound**— Amy Gibson

**Video**—Greg Gibson

**This Week. . .**

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

8:45 a.m. **Worship**  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. **Worship**  
 3:00 p.m. Family Easter Festival  
 4:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

**Monday, April 15**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 5:45 p.m. Finance Committee  
 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, April 16**

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

**Wednesday, April 17**  
**No Wednesday Evening Activities or Meal**

**Thursday, April 18**

7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Service**

**Friday, April 19**  
**Robeson County Schools Teacher Work Day**

12:00 Good Friday Service at Trinity Episcopal

**Saturday, April 20**

10:00 a.m. Community Café hosted by the Bridge Class

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](http://www.fbclumbertonnc.org).

**For the Record**

Budgeted 2019 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019) .....	\$13,461.54
Received April 7, 2019.....	\$19,806.69
Need to date.....	\$188,461.54
Received to date .....	\$169,725.44
Over (Under) Budget .....	(18,736.10)

Sunday School Attendance,  
 April 7—180

# Youth Sunday—April 7th!



## Baptist Women's Luncheon

May 6, 2019 at 11:45 a.m.

In the Activity Building

Lynn Rust will be sharing her Ukraine Mission Trip with us. Please bring a sandwich.

The Baptist Women will be collecting the following items for *Purses with a Purpose* (for Southeastern Family Violence Center) during the month of April. You may bring these items to the church office or to the meeting in May.

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| Lotion       | Soap        |
| Socks        | Washcloths  |
| Brushes      | Hair-bows   |
| Combs        | Snacks      |
| Chap-stick   | Flashlights |
| Toothbrushes | Tissues     |
| Toothpaste   | Bibles      |
| Deodorant    | Handbags    |



The Glen Flora Circle will meet at 10:45 a.m.  
Bible Study #3 will meet at 11:45 a.m. on May 7th.



## CHURCH STAFF

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## Person of the Week

Sara Everett Henry  
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Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person of the week!