

The Mission
March 2024

Worship God

Each Sunday in 2024 we will pray one of 52 names for God. While not in any order, the 52 names are taken from the book *"Praying the Names of God for 52 weeks"* by Ann Spangler. It is my hope you lean in more to God this year, as the Psalmist says, "With my voice I cry to *Adonai*, with my voice I plead to *Adonai* for mercy." Psalm 142:1 Provided with each name are the Hebrew spelling. May your encounter in worshipping God be enriched daily as you call out to Him in these wonderful names! ~
On the journey TOGETHER, Kristen Tucker

CORNERSTONE, CAPSTONE

ἀκρογωνιάτος λίθος
AKROGONIAIOS LITHOS

Then *Yeshua* looked straight at them and asked,
"What, then, does this Scripture verse mean:
'The stone that the builders rejected has
become the cornerstone?'
— Luke 20:17



FRIEND

φίλος
PHILOS

The greatest love you can show is to
give your life for your friends.

—John 15:13



HOPE OF ISRAEL

מִקְוֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל
MIQWEH YISRAEL



Blessed is the person who trusts *Yahweh*. *Yahweh* will be his confidence.
He will be like a tree that is planted by water. It will send its roots down
to a stream. It will not be afraid in the heat of summer. Its leaves will turn
green. It will not be anxious during droughts. It will not stop producing
fruit... O *Yahweh*, the *Miqweh Yisrael*, all who abandon you will be put to
shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in dust, because
they abandon *Yahweh*, the fountain of life-giving water.

—Jeremiah 17:7-8, 13

KING OF KINGS

βασιλεὺς βασιλέων
BASILEUS BASILEON

On his clothes and his thigh he has
a name written: King of Kings and
Lord of Lords.

—Revelation 19:16



SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN

υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, υἱὸς
HUIOS TOU THEOU
τοῦ ἀνθρώπου
HUIOS TOU ANTHROPOU

He asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered,
"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" *Yeshua* replied,
"Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! No human revealed this to you,
but my Father in heaven revealed it to you.

—Matthew 16:15-17



The Sanctuary Choir will
present "Candles of
Grace," a Tenebrae service
for Holy Week on
Wednesday, March 27 at
6:30 pm. We will begin
with the Lord's Supper
and then meditate through
song the events leading up
to Christ's crucifixion.

If you would like to join the choir during
the Easter season, we rehearse each
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir room.
All voices welcome.

March Sermon and Scripture Topics

March 3:

Baptist Women's Sunday
Sermon by Amanda Martinsen, WMUNC

Praying the Names of God:
"Cornerstone Capstone"

March 10

Scout Sunday, Troop 77
Sermon by Matt Gardner

Praying the Names of God:
"Friend"

March 17

"Lucky Charm"
Esther 2:7-10, 16-17

Praying the Names of God:
"Hope of Israel"

March 24

"Did He mean Horse?"
Luke 19:28-35

Praying the Names of God:
"King of Kings"

March 31

"To Be Announced...."
Mark 9:30-32

Praying the Names of God:
"Son of God, Son of Man"

Flowering of the Cross: Bring
flowers or greenery to
participate.

The scouts will be hosting a fundraiser luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. They will serve spaghetti, garlic bread, and dessert. Donations will be appreciated to help the scouts attend camp and purchase supplies for weekend camping trips. Everyone is invited to attend. Thank you members of First Baptist Church for your continued support of Boy Scout Troop 77.

Teach the Word

Easter Breakfast Theatre For Kids (Gr. 1-5)

Sunday, March 17

Kids in Grades 1-5 are encouraged to come to Sunday School by 9:00 a.m. for Easter Breakfast Theatre for Kids.

Movie: The Story of Jesus for Children (ages 5-99) is an amazing film as children in Jesus time follow his journey and ask lots of questions.

Parents: Plan NOW to mark this date on your calendar.



Sunday Night Youth

Youth Group meets every week on Sunday night, unless noted. Open Gym starts at 4:30PM, followed by small groups/games at 5PM and dismissal at 6PM. This month our normal Sunday night meeting will be: March 10th

Sunday, March 3rd – Rush Hour Go-Karting Trip

Immediately following worship, the youth will get on the bus and head to Garner for a fun afternoon of go-karts & fellowship! Lunch is provided. Cost is \$35/person. We will return to church around 3:30PM.



Sunday, March 17—Pot Luck “Egg”stravaganza with our Senior Peeps

Youth and Senior Adults will meet together for a Pot Luck “Egg”stravaganza in the *Fellowship Hall*. Youth please arrive at 3:30 p.m. for instructions. We will enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please sign up to bring a side or dessert. Meat will be provided. Dismiss at 6PM.

Sunday, March 24th – Holy Week Reenactment

Youth are invited to meet Taylor in the bus parking lot at 3:30PM as we walk over to Centenary UMC for their walk-through presentation of Holy Week.

Sunday, March 31st—Easter

NO Youth Group due to Easter. Enjoy this time with your family.

Ecumenical Lenten Services & Lunches 12:00—1:00 p.m. each Wednesday

- March 6th: Location First Christian Church; Homily Message: Rev. Kate Byrd
- March 13th: Location St. Paul Episcopal; Homily Message: Rev. John Fawcett
- March 20th: Location First Presbyterian; Homily Leadership: Rev. Meagan Matthews
- Sunday, March 24th 4:00-6:00 pm Community Wide Holy Week Reenactment. Location: Centenary.
- Sunday March 31, 6:45 A.M. Community Wide Sunrise Service 6:45 AM Rev. Steve McElroy. Location: Riverside Cemetery



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is our Mission Offering for March. Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed and lives are being transformed by the gospel through our giving. Offering envelopes are provided for this offering in your offering envelope box.



Serve our Community

Attention Senior Adults

Mark your calendar and join us Sunday, March 17th,
4:00—5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a

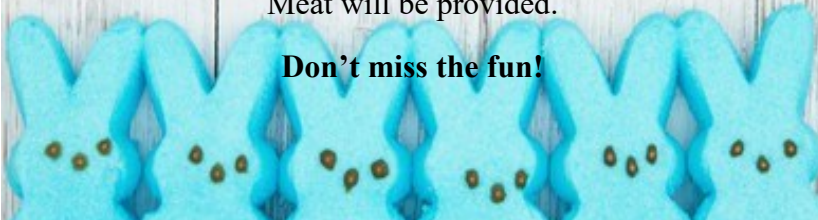
POT LUCK EGGSTRAVAGANZA with our Youth Peeps!

We will enjoy food, fellowship, games and an
Easter Egg Hunt (no bending required!)

Please sign up in Sunday School or call the church office by
or before Tuesday, March 12 for this event
and to bring a side or dessert to share.

Meat will be provided.

Don't miss the fun!



Sunday, March 24th PALM SUNDAY Lunch & Activities for Families with children

On SUNDAY, MARCH 24 we will enjoy a
SANDWICH LUNCH together with fun
EASTER ACTIVITIES for the family in the
Fellowship Hall following Worship. Go to
the link below for more information and to
sign up.

You won't want to miss it! SIGN YOUR
family up for LUNCH and GREAT FUN!



[Palm Sunday Lunch & Activities for Families
signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

IT'S TIME TO GET REGISTERED

Weekday Early Education

2 year olds (DO NOT have to be
potty trained), 3 year olds and
4-5 year olds

First Baptist Families
registration is
March 8-11



It's EGG HUNT TIME!

**PLEASE bring
candy filled
plastic eggs to
the church office
by SUNDAY,
March 17**

To beautify our campus, we are now asking that all flyers, notifications, or any information posted for the community be posted in the provided plastic holders by entryways or bulletin boards in hallways. We have removed all tape residue off of our windows and doors over the Christmas break and would like to keep those clean and clear. Thank you for your understanding. As a reminder, all things that are posted, must be approved by the Church office first.

Life Together

You are invited to a
floating reception for

Hilda Whitey

celebrating her

100th Birthday

Saturday, March 30th

2:00—4:00 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

**Please drop by to wish Hilda
a Happy Birthday**

No gifts please. Cards appreciated.

Welcome New Members

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Kevin and Taylor Crumley who come to us by letter from Forest Hills Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC.



Sympathy

First Baptist would like to extend our sincere condolences to:

- Danny Hensley and family in the recent homegoing of his father, Gene Hensley.

2024 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$18,543.23
Received 1/28/24	\$22,087.00
Received 2/4/24	\$16,813.34
Received 2/11/24	\$9,576.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$111,259.38
Received Year to Date	\$85,841.60

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$1,334.47
Received 1/28/24	\$1,737.00
Received 2/4/24	\$2,885.00
Received 2/11/24	\$760.00
Needs Year to Date	\$8,006.79
Received Year to Date	\$8,499.96

Building Fund Note

Balance to Date	\$67,701.34
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New Address

After 12 years in PA, Jean Creech is moving to Myrtle Beach, SC March 1 to be near her daughter. Her new address will be Indigo@Carolina Forest
176 Village Center Blvd, Apt 318
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Thank You

Thank you church family for your cards, food, calls and prayers during my recent knee surgery. My recovery has gone very well. Kay Carroll

Our Known Sick

Karen Brown (Home with Hospice), Danny Daughtry (JMH), Jay Wood (Home), Allen Paul (Home), Henry Wright (Home)

March Birthdays

3/2: Lamar Armstrong	3/14: Jean Creech, Anna Nall, Ann Stallings
3/3: Emery Ashley, Jr., Edwin Restrepo	3/15: Vera Barnes
3/4: Will Denning	3/16: McKenna Harris
3/5: Rob Childrey, Lola Holloway	3/17: Marcia Armstrong, Joy Hiatt
3/6: Paige Barnes, Brett Capps, Rich Nixon	3/19: Harper Bethune
3/7: Lisa Stanley	3/20: Millie Ashley, Jean Simmons, Ken Williams
3/8: Alice Colbert, David Johnson, Suzette Mason,	3/21: Jason Evans
Sam Newsome, Emma Pearce, Rick Proctor,	3/22: Sarai Daniels
Joe Salas	3/23: Belinda Baker
3/9: Elizabeth Thorpe	3/25: Wallace Ashley, Copeland Barnes, Zachary Johnson
3/10: Blenda Braswell, Klesey Stevens	Elizabeth McCullen
3/11: Christi Boothe, Ashley Wilson	3/26: Mary Ann Bradshaw, Bobbie Mooneyham,
3/12: Rae Barbour, Margie Littlefield,	Cody Newsome
Missy Medlin, Gene Rooks	3/27: Travis Alford, Lisa Denning
3/13: Lauren Barker, Lynn Bowles, Patrick Bowles	3/28: Sam Shirley
Natalie Stevens	3/30: Sue Stanfield, Hilda Whitley

Looking Ahead

**Attention Senior Adults
Join us for**



Tuesday, April 16th in the
Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Bring an item for the prize table.
Light refreshments provided

Let's Taco Bout It

Game Night

Grades K-5

Friday, April 19

6:30-9:30 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall
More information in the
April Mission.

Deadline to submit information for the April
Mission is Friday, March 15, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

NO Wednesday night classes/programs
April 3rd due to Spring Break

Church At Work Meeting, Wednesday,
April 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.

Triangle East Baptist Association
Spring Senior Adult Rally, April 30,
10am—1pm at Baptist Tabernacle in
Wendell. Beach Bingo Bonanza!
Prizes, food and laughter.
More information in the April Mission.

Amish Country Trip for Senior Adults

Mark your calendar and join us for a trip to the Amish Country, **November 4 – 7, 2024!**

Cost: (Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church)

Single Room - \$1,013.00

Double Room - \$794.00 per person

Triple Room - \$794.00 per person

Package includes:

3 night lodging at Heritage Hotel

3 breakfasts, 1 lunch at Kling House Restaurant, 3 dinners including Amish Buffet at hotel, Shady Maple Cracker Barrel

Flight 93 Memorial & Tower of Voices, Performance of "Daniel" at Sight and Sound, Tour Amish Countryside, Kitchen Kettle Village, Farmers Market, All taxes and meal gratuities (unless otherwise specified), Motorcoach transportation, WIFI

If you think you want to go on this trip, please sign up and pay your deposit of \$150 in the church office. Invite your friends and family. Names and deposits will be submitted by or before June 15, 2024. Also, you can make payments in the church office for the trip. No other money will be sent until August. If something happens and you have to cancel, last day to cancel and receive a refund is 2 months from the date of the trip.

More information with complete itinerary will be in the Sunday School folders and available in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Janice Holland in the church office. **This trip will be opened to other churches Monday, April 1st so get on the list!**

Services & More

Sunday Worship Services

- 9:19 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM and 105.5 FM
10:15 A.M. Gathering and Morning Worship in the Sanctuary, broadcast over 1090 AM, 105.5 FM, Facebook, and YouTube
6:00 P.M. Praise Ringers Practice, Room 226



Luncheon Meetings

Children and Family Team
Sunday, February 17th

Immediately following
worship service in the
Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Programing

Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Bethel Sunday School Class, Ministry Center
6:00 P.M. Children's Choir, K-5th Grade, Pre-school 7
6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center Conference Room
6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study on Colossians: How to Know the Truth in a World of Divided Opinions, led by Kristen Tucker Bibles Required, no other books needed.
6:30 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 3 – 5, Pre-school 4, Room 124
6:30 P.M. Mission Journey, Grades 1-5, Room 254
6:30 P.M. First Baptist Bells, Room 226
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Choir Room

Spring Forward



March 10, 2024 • Set your clock ahead!

WMU Bible Study Mission
Action Group will meet
Thursday, March 14 at 2:00
p.m. in the Parlor.

Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will
meet Sunday,
March 10, 2024
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
In the Fellowship
Hall

March Deacon of the Week

3/3—Kirk Denning
3/10—Hank Daniels
3/17—Kay Carroll
3/24—Linwood Byrd
3/31—Vicki Newsome

If you would like to
provide flowers in
the church any
Sunday, please call
the church office to
request a date.