



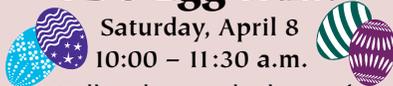
# First Foundations

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## FBC Egg Hunt

 Saturday, April 8  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

We'll gather on the lawn of the Facilities Management Courtyard (431 North Salisbury Street) for a time of song and Bible story. Afterward we'll hunt eggs and have refreshments. There is a parking deck right beside the courtyard. 

## Food and Faith at FBC\*

April 5

Yogurt Marinated Chicken and Creamy Greek Sauce  
Assorted Fresh Veggies with Hummus  
Israeli Couscous Salad  
Pita Bread  
Chopped Salad with Feta and Fresh Mint

April 19

Chicken Pot Pie  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Rolls and Butter  
Dessert

*\*Menus are subject to change*

## Yoga Classes Start April 20

Yoga classes are coming to FBC starting Thursday, April 20 – a couple of weeks later than initially planned. So, bring your mat and your water bottle – and a friend, if you'd like – and join us in Room 302 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays, April 20 – May 25. This light, meditative

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## Holy Week Services

The ordering of time is a sacred matter in Christian faith. In monastic communities, the hours of the day have certain value and specific meaning. For all of us, each week is organized around one special day, the Lord's Day, the day of resurrection on which we worship together. And then, there are special days through the year, high holy days, days of great significance like Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost.

In our distinctive way of valuing time, all time matters, but some time has even greater meaning, and no time is more significant than the time we call Holy Week (this year April 9-16). It begins with Palm Sunday, the day we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and ends with Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection, but in between these two days there is suffering and death, betrayal and denial, last teachings in an upper room and a host of intrigue. Every day in Holy Week is loaded with meaning and thus filled with opportunities to reflect upon our faith and grow, and on many of the days we will gather together to take advantage of these opportunities.

On Palm Sunday, adult and children's choirs will sing as we wave our palm branches and reflect upon the depth of our loyalty to the One who enters to a hero's welcome but will soon be despised and rejected. On Holy Wednesday, we will not have any church activities (due to the fact that Wake County Schools are on spring break), but on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., we will remember the last teachings of Jesus in an upper room, share holy communion, and hear again the passion narrative which ends with the story of crucifixion. On Easter Sunday, we will have two opportunities to celebrate the Good News of resurrection – a sunrise service we share with other downtown churches on the Capitol Square at 6:30 a.m. and our regular 11:00 a.m. service.

Neither the fact that we set aside this week every year nor the planning of special services guarantees that anyone will have an experience of renewal, but the opportunities are there for all who want to take advantage of them. Throughout Lent we have been invited into habits of spiritual discipline and encouraged to open our lives to the possibilities of spiritual growth. Now we are invited to approach Holy Week with the kind of anticipation we might have for a Super Bowl run or a spring march to the Final Four, except how could a temporary hope for a sports celebration compare to recognizing the source of our salvation? **CC**

## First Baptist Cooks!

In 1997, our youth parents published a cookbook as a fundraiser. It is the most worn cookbook in my collection! As a fundraiser for our Day Mission Fund, we have had this cookbook reprinted and it will be available for purchase beginning in April. The hope is that this will inspire current FBC cooks to turn in recipes for a second cookbook, First Baptist Cooks II, to be published this fall. There will be more about submissions for the new cookbook coming soon. In the meantime, be on the lookout for cookbooks to be on sale in the lobby of the Lewis Building on Sundays and Wednesdays.

— Susan Kimball

## Mother and Daughter Reflect on Vespers

A Vespers service is about 45 minutes long with stations or activities. During the Vespers service in January, the stations had different activities that symbolized feelings. Some of the feelings were joy, fear, comfort, frustration, and anticipation.

The anticipation station made me feel worried and nervous. I had to guess what was in an envelope. Some of the things I thought were inside the envelope were a Bible story or a Bible verse. I felt anxious because I thought I might not be right. It could have been a bad word! When I opened the envelope and looked at the Bible verse I felt relieved.

When I check my homework I feel the same way. Before the teacher says the answer, I wonder if I have got it right. After the teacher says the answer I feel good.

Sometimes I do not get my homework right. When I have that feeling, I know that God wants me to learn new things. God encourages me best when I feel that feeling.

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At the Vespers services, I have truly worshipped with my child, both of us sensing the power and mystery of God not only near each other, but also through each other.

As Caroline and I walked through the worship stations at the January service, I found myself treating her with new respect. At first I watched her as a mother, trying to make sure she knew what to do and hoping she didn't move too quickly around the sanctuary. At the frustration station, she spent several minutes frantically writing her troubles on a slip of paper. Was she angry at me? Was there something I needed to help her with? Part of me wanted to read her lament, but I knew it should be between her and God. Whatever she wrote, she was as passionate about it as anyone in the room.

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# Honor a Loved One at Easter

By paying tribute to a loved one this Easter you may also support FBC mission teams. With each gift of \$10 or more, a portion will be used to prepare a small display of lilies in the sanctuary on Easter and the remainder will be directed to the Day Mission Endowment, supporting the efforts of various mission teams sent from our congregation. An insert in the Easter worship order will list the names of those memorialized or honored along with the donor's name. Submit your request in writing by completing the form below and returning it no later than Monday, April 3, with your gift of \$10 or more. Forms are also available in Sunday School boxes.

I wish to give an Easter Gift (please print)

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of donor \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$10 or more) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to First Baptist Church and include "Easter Gift" on the memo line. Mail your check and this form to Financial Administrator, 99 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603, no later than Monday, April 3.

## Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

### April 5: Common Text Study – The Binding of Isaac/Ishmael

On this fourth and final night of the study, Dr. Chapman leads a discussion comparing the perspectives presented by Rabbi Solomon, Dr. Staples and Chaplain Kaya. Everyone is invited to bring your observations and questions to the conversation. We will also discuss potential next steps in developing interfaith relationships.

### April 19: Habitat for Humanity

First Baptist and Habitat for Humanity have a long and close partnership. Rick Beech, Vice President for Faith Relations at Habitat of Wake County, will share the latest on all the good work Habitat is doing in our area. Join us to learn more about how you can be involved. ■

## Among Our Family

Sympathy to **Glenn Robbins** on the March 10 death of his mother, Tula Robbins; and to **Michael and Steve Sledge** on the March 15 death of their brother, David Sledge of Emporia VA. Sympathy also to **Dorothy Holley**, Elaine and John Lewie Holley on the March 20 death of her husband and their father, **John Holley**; and to the family of **Carolyn Holloway**, who died on March 20.

Congratulations to **Brett and Hope Phillips** and big sisters, Charlotte, June and Remington on the March 11 birth of Samuel Colt Phillips.

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 class is open to the community, so please share this information with friends who work or live downtown. Certified yoga instructors will lead each of the six weekly sessions. ■



*On a recent Sunday afternoon, we had a grand tea party! Current and past GAs and their mothers sipped tea, ate yummy finger foods, and enjoyed the fellowship with GAs who have attended this annual Tea since its inception in 2005. Not only did we celebrate missions education, but we also celebrated thirty years of Nancy Phillips' leadership! A great time was had by all!*

## Rock 'n' Roll Traffic Info

The 2017 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon is Sunday, April 2. While you may need to change your route to the church due to road closures, you will be able to get to parking at FBC. To ensure your passage through road blocks, please be sure you have the FBC Dash Pass which will allow you through certain intersections. Please

see the March 17 *First Foundations* for a full article on the road closures. The Dash Pass is available at the church in the welcome center. You may also click on "Traffic Alerts" in the side menu of our website to print the road closures and your Dash Pass: <http://fbcraleigh.org/traffic-alerts/>. ■

## Week at a Glance

Friday, March 31

CBF General Assembly/FBC Hickory (through 4/1)

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am Clothing Ministry Fair

Sunday, April 2

Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service/S

Japanese Worship/227

5:00 pm Youth Choir/310

6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

Monday, April 3

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

Tuesday, April 4

7:30 am Men's Bible Study/Metro Productions

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR

10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor

6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Yexas' home

7:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook Exchange Park

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Ministry

3:45 pm Works in Progress/P

4:30 pm Children's Bells/307

5:00 pm Meal Served/FH

WMU Group 6/108

5:45 pm Announcements and Prayer Time

Missions and Music

Evening Bells/307

Backpack Buddies

Packing/301

Common Grounds/110

6:15 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, April 6

7:30 am Band of Brothers/CR

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

10:30 am Thirty-Niners/FH

11:00 am Library Committee/L

1:00 pm Clothing Ministry

3:00 pm Backpack Buddies delivery

6:45 pm Softball Game/Millbrook Exchange Park

Friday, April 7

10:00 am Japanese American Cultural Exchange/Trolley Tour

Saturday, April 8

10:00 am Egg Hunt/Facilities Management Courtyard

Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School

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**Jimmy Thompson**  
*Custodian*

## Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 3/31 – Luke 18:9-14	Sat 4/8 – Luke 13:22-30
Sat 4/1 – Luke 18:18-29	Sun 4/9 – Luke 19:29-40
Sun 4/2 – Luke 18:31-34	Mon 4/10 – Luke 19:41-44
Mon 4/3 – Luke 18:35-43	Tues 4/11 – Luke 20:9-19
Tue 4/4 – Luke 19:1-10	Wed 4/12 – Psalm 118:19-23
Wed 4/5 – Psalm 84:1-4	Th 4/13 – Luke 22:1-27
Th 4/6 – Luke 19:11-28	Fri 4/14 – Luke 23:32-47
Fri 4/7 – Luke 12:15-48	

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### The Record We Wrote

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Current Week Revenue	\$29,225.81
Month-to-Date Revenue (3/20/17)	\$99,307.13
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$306,182.41
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 3/21/17)	\$69,794.70
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$304,834.91
Global Missions Offering	\$19,416.91

### Deacon on Call

April 2-8  
 Marchelle Flowers

April 9-15  
 Randy Tucker

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Gradually, our moments in the stations became shared. We saw the panic in each other's eyes when we held our breaths at the fear station, and we exchanged nervous giggles when we waited to open envelopes at the anticipation station. But my favorite moment came after the worship service was over, when Caroline wanted one more look at the candles in the comfort station. We walked towards them, and I bent down to her eye level to see what she was seeing.

I was amazed. Instead of looking down on the candles as I did, they were all at her level. When she looked at the candles, she was peering into a tunnel of light, its walls moving as the flames flickered.

I held her up to look at the candles from my point of view, and she seemed as surprised as I had been. She told me she hadn't realized how many candles there were until she had seen them from above. Instead of a tunnel, they looked like the sea.

We walked out together, holding hands, both of us trembling with excitement and wonder.

— Caroline & Jennifer Davis

Join us for the next Vesper service at 6:00 p.m. on April 30.

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Sunday, April 9 continued

11:00 am Worship Service/S  
 Japanese Worship/227

Monday, April 10

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/CR

Tuesday, April 11

7:30 am Men's Bible Study/Metro  
 Productions

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR

10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor

6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh  
 Times

Wednesday, April 12

10:00 am Clothing Ministry closed

Thursday, April 13

7:30 am Band of Brothers/CR

10:30 am Thirty-Niners/ArtSpace

11:00 am Library Committee/L

1:00 pm Clothing Ministry closed

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service/S

Friday, April 14

Good Friday—Office closed

Sunday, April 16 – Easter

6:30 am Sunrise Service/Capitol

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service/S

Japanese Worship/227