



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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20th Anniversary Cookbooks Have Arrived

First Baptist Cooks II has arrived. The books will be available on Sundays after worship in the Lewis Building Lobby, on Wednesday evenings at the pay station for meals, and at other times in the church office. This book will be \$15.00. The reprints of the 1997 book are still available for \$10.00. If you buy the set, *First Baptist Cooks* (1997) and *First Baptist Cooks II*, it will cost \$20.00. I appreciate everyone who took the time to contribute to this cookbook. It has lots of wonderful recipes that I cannot wait to try.

— Susan Kimball

Calling all Golfers

The Kay Huggins Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, April 27, at River Ridge Golf Club. It will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Make plans now to participate in this annual day of golf and time of fellowship. Dinner will be served immediately following the completion of golf. This event also serves as a fundraiser to support a mission project in the coming year.

Visit www.fbcraleigh.org for more details and follow the link to register.

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 March 25 – April 1). 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 gather for our usual meal and prayer time and then be guided through various approaches to prayer and Lenten discipline. 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? ■

Devotional Booklets Available

Holy Week is fast approaching, and this year we will have a Holy Week devotional booklet to help center us and prepare us for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. Created by and for our First Baptist family, each devotional will offer scripture to walk us through the events of Jesus' last week, a written reflection to ponder, and an artistic rendering of the scripture to help us visualize these significant moments in Jesus' life. These devotionals will be available before and after worship on Palm Sunday, March 25. ■

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY

From the Pastor

At the conference I attended at Stetson University earlier this year, Jim Wallis shared a story about an interfaith service in which a Sikh woman talked about the deep sense of anxiety many people of other faiths and from other parts of the world are feeling right now in our nation. She said, “Many of us feel like we are surrounded by darkness, but is it the darkness of a tomb or the darkness of a womb?” As a mother, she said she has given birth, but with all the stress and expectation involved, she only remembers the medical people saying two things – breathe and push. “Maybe that’s what we need to do right now in this time of much change – breathe and push.”

It is a helpful word. We are living in a time of much change. No matter what our political perspective, we all know this is not a normal time. The unprecedented scale of global migration alone has created challenges for the whole world. It has not only created a need for millions to find new homes and governments to sort through who they can and should welcome. It has brought together people of different faiths, cultures, and ethnicities. And whether we welcome these realities or feel threatened by them, we are all experiencing change.

Our first responses may not be ideal or enduring, but they are just first responses. We may sense darkness around us, but it may not be the darkness of a tomb. We may be giving birth to a new era filled with possibility and hope. So, we may need to breathe, take a step back, realize that change is the only fixed reality of human experience, and place our trust in God. Then, we may need to push, be about our calling in this world, increase the love of God and neighbor every way that we can. Breathe and push – it’s not a bad strategy. CC

Honor a Loved One at Easter

By paying tribute to a loved one this Easter you will 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 Wednesday, March 21, 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 Wednesday, March 21.

Church Conference Highlights

Highlights of the February 28, 2018, Church Conference include:

- Received a report from the Finance Committee including updated current revenue and expenses. Approved the 2018 budget as pledges have been received for 81.5% of the budget (annual budget total was adjusted to reflect reduced expenditures during the months of the search to fill the Minister with Community position and to use the actual salary for the now-filled food services director).
- Received a report of needed repairs of water damage and valve leaks that the Properties Committee approved since the last church conference.
- Approved Nominating Committee recommendation for Flowers and Denominational Relations committees. Approved new Nominating Committee member.
- Dr. Chapman noted that Trey Davis will return from study leave on March 5. He also expressed thanks to Dennis Herman for his assistance in pastoral care during this leave and to the youth leaders for handling the program so smoothly while Trey was out.

— Beth Jones, Church Clerk

On a cold and blustery March weekend, members of the FBC Raleigh Youth Choir joined youth from 17 other churches in SC and NC to participate in the Festival by the Sea sponsored by the CBF of SC. Beautiful singing, lots of time for fellowship, and meaningful worship filled the weekend.



Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

March 21: Michael Abramson, a member of Temple Beth Or and a longtime friend of Elmo and Hannah Scoggin, will walk us through the liturgy of the Seder. It is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of Passover. Mr. Abramson has provided similar educational programs for many churches. This is an opportunity to learn more about Passover, which provides a context for understanding Holy Week, and Jewish faith as a whole.

March 28: A program on prayer and meditation practices during Lent. ■

Centerpoint Menus

March 21

Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo
 Broccoli
 Salad
 Bread
Non-Meat Option: Alfredo
Children's Menu: Queso Blanco and Chips

March 28

Breakfast for Dinner!
 Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Grits, Potatoes,
 Yogurt with Granola
Children's Menu: Pancakes, Fruit, and Oatmeal



On a recent Sunday, our RAs revved up their excitement at the RA Car Race, for this was the day to test the speed of their well-sanded and carefully-painted derby cars that they've spent the last six weeks making. A host of spectators and fans lined the track and cheered for the fastest race in FBC history! Each RA also completed a mission project; summaries of their projects are displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Please come take a look at their creative mission projects!

Gifts Received

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received in February 2018.

Capital Repair & Replacement Fund

In Memory of:
 Minetta Newbold
 Dorothy Perry
 Eloise Sumerel
 Grace Swann

Church Maintenance Endowment Fund

In Memory of:
 Rachel Tucker

Clothing Ministry

In Memory of:
 Minetta Newbold
 Rachel Tucker

Day Mission Fund

In Honor of:
 Jim & Margaret Clary

Joy C. Hager Veteran's Assistance Fund

In Memory of:
 Douglas Hager

Mike Morris Fellowship Fund

In Memory of:
 Dorothy Perry

Tucker Scholarship Fund

In Memory of:
 Rachel Tucker

Welcome New Members

Ashleigh Davis joined on February 25 by Letter from FBC, Tallahassee FL; and Isaac Vargas joined on February 25 by Statement.

Week at a Glance

- Sunday, March 18**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Children's Worship/224
 Japanese Worship/227
 12:15 pm Nominating Committee/301
 5:30 pm MS Youth Group/FH
- Monday, March 19**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' Home
- Tuesday, March 20**
 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/Helms' Home
- Wednesday, March 21**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 12:00 pm WMU Group 7/P
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 4:45 pm Children's Bells/307
 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
 WMU Group 6/108
 5:30 pm Backpack Buddies Packing/302
 5:45 pm ITC Board/108
 6:00 pm Announcements & Prayer Time/FH
 Missions and Music
 Evening Bells/307
 6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310
- Thursday, March 22**
 7:00 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
 6:15 pm Finance Committee/CR
- Friday, March 23**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Japanese-American Cultural Exchange/301
- Saturday, March 24**
 9:00 am Spring Clothing Fair
 10:00 am Egg Hunt/Facilities Management Courtyard
- Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday**
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S
 Japanese Worship/227
 12:15 pm Deacons' Meeting/220
 4:00 pm Youth Bells/307
 5:00 pm Youth Choir/310
 Drugs Uncovered Workshop/FH
 6:00 pm Youth Group/Blue Room
- Monday, March 26**
 9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P
 6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards' Home
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Jimmy Thompson
Custodian

Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 3/16 – Psalm 145:10-13	Sat 3/24 – Psalm 146:8-10
Sat 3/17 – Psalm 145:14-21	Sun 3/25 – John 12:12-27
Sun 3/18 – John 19:1-3	Mon 3/26 – John 19:16b-18
Mon 3/19 – John 19:4-7	Tues 3/27 – John 19:19-22
Tue 3/20 – John 19:8-12	Wed 3/28 – Psalm 24
Wed 3/21 – John 19:13-16	Th 3/29 – John 19:23-30
Th 3/22 – Psalm 146:1-4	Fri 3/30 – John 19:31-42
Fri 3/23 – Psalm 146:5-7	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Current Week Revenue	\$22,979.83
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$22,979.83
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$308,390.34
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 3/6/18)	\$6,601.32
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$222,238.21

Deacon on Call

March 18-24
 Bob Bailey

March 25-31
 Will Poteat

Words of Thanks

I'd like to say thank you to my church family for the gift of a study leave these past couple of months. I was able to complete the bulk of my Doctor of Ministry work during this time, and while I am not quite done with that work, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I do not think I could have gotten to this point without the ability to focus so intensely on my studies, and I will be forever indebted that my congregation chose to support me with this time away. Thank you also for the chance to catch my breath a little and to spend a little more time with my family (who is also very appreciative, by the way). I know that not every church chooses to support its ministers with sabbaticals or study leaves, especially not associate ministers, and I'm extremely grateful to be at a church that does. I look forward to catching up with each of you in person the next time I see you at First Baptist!

— Trey

Among Our Family

Congratulations to Erin and Michael Hawks on the February 25 birth of Garrett Franklin Hawks. Proud grandmother is Sarah Hawks.

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9:30 am Weekday Preschool
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9:30 am Weekday Preschool
 10:00 am Clothing Ministry
 3:45 pm Works in Progress/P
 4:45 pm Children's Bells/307
 5:00 pm Meal Served/FH
 6:00 pm Announcements & Prayer Time/FH
 Missions and Music
 Evening Bells/307

6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, March 29

7:00 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
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service/S

Friday, March 30

Good Friday—office closed

Sunday, April 1 Easter

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service/Capitol
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service/S