



First Foundations

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

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Easter Sunrise Service

Eastern Portico of the Capitol
Sunday, April 1
6:30 a.m.

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, scheduled for Friday, April 27, at River Ridge Golf Club, will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be served immediately following the completion of golf. In addition to a day of golf and time of

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Celtic Vespers at the Gregg Museum on April 29

The next Vespers Service will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, in the Pollinator Garden of the Gregg Museum of Art and Design, 1903 Hillsborough Street. We began planning with a desire to have a Celtic service, and thus, given the emphasis on God's presence in all creation found in Celtic spirituality, we felt like it would be ideal to have this service somewhere outside. The Pollinator Garden at the Gregg Museum is incredibly beautiful and nearby, and the Museum has been gracious in making the space available to us.

Celtic spirituality, as many in our church know, is an expression of Christian faith rooted in the British Isles. When Christianity came to the Isles in the fifth and sixth centuries C.E., the Celts adapted the core message of our

faith to resonate with their land and culture, as people of other lands and cultures do. Key emphases of Celtic spirituality include the sacredness of creation, the importance of contemplation, the practice of hospitality, the interconnectedness of all things, and the ubiquitous nature of the Triune God. Celtic worship reflects these emphases, as does all of Celtic life. Thus, our service will reflect these emphases, using readings, liturgies, and various forms of Celtic music.

We invite you to join us for this special service and in the spirit of Celtic hospitality, bring a guest to join us in a time of joyful and reflective worship. We are fortunate to have such a magnificent space right downtown and we are richly blessed to have access to Celtic traditions. ■

Sunday School Cancelled on April 8

Here's the bad news first. Due to new street closures related to the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, there will be no Sunday School on Sunday morning, April 8. Unlike in previous years, access to the church in the early morning is particularly tricky this year. The only access to the church before 9:30 a.m. is from the South, and access between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. is only from the South and from the East via Edenton Street. Given these limitations, the decision was made to cancel Sunday School.

Now for the good news. We **WILL** gather for worship at 11:00 a.m. on

Sunday, April 8, and we hope you will make every effort to be there. **After 9:30 a.m.**, access to the church and parking lots can be gained from the south by following this route: take northbound S. Saunders St.; turn right on Martin Luther King Blvd.; turn left on Wilmington St.; turn left on Edenton Street.

Dashboard passes will be needed to allow movement through stops monitored by the Raleigh Police Department. Passes are available in the Lewis Building Lobby and at www.fbcraleigh.org. Please remember to place a pass on your

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Silent Auction Donations Requested

It's borderline amazing to me that our students enjoy their annual mission trip as much or more than the other trips that we take. I suppose that's not too surprising when we go to New York, but this summer they will all be traveling to Alabama to do roofing in the summer...and based on past years, it will be one of their favorite experiences of the year, with church or beyond. The trips allow them to grow closer together, to help someone in need, to hear the stories of people in other situations, and to learn a new skill. It is possibly the most valuable opportunity we offer them at First Baptist.

As in past years, our church will hold a silent auction to raise funds for our mission teams. Once again, we will focus primarily on offering gift cards from local restaurants and vendors; vacation home rentals offered by our members; tickets for sporting events, plays, and concerts; handcrafted items; and services offered by our youth and members. If you would like to make a donation of this kind to the auction, please contact Trey Davis at the church (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 208). Items will be available for bidding starting on Wednesday, May 2. Bidding will conclude at the Music Celebration on Sunday, May 6. We invite you to place bids any time that you're at church during those four days.

Historically, First Baptist has demonstrated both a deep passion for missions and a tremendous amount of generosity. Participating in the auction, with donations and with bids, reflects both of those traits. We hope that you will be able to support our students' mission efforts this summer by supporting their auction this spring.

— Trey Davis

High Schoolers Reflect on Faith and Doubt

Recently, the church youth went on their annual HS retreat to Ridgecrest, NC. While it was packed full of basketball, BBQ, and worship, the main theme was about keeping the faith. It focused on many aspects of the Christian faith, such as how "real" God is (literally and figuratively), the doubts and skepticism we may have, why we pray, as well as the concept of belief itself. This was shown through studying the story of Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, also known as Doubting Thomas. He doubts the Lord's resurrection and says he needs physical proof from Jesus himself to believe it (John 20:24-29). The story helped

explore our doubts of God's presence in our lives, how we have the conviction to believe, and why we even do in the first place. I thought this trip was extra thought-provoking and powerful because it allowed me (as well as all of us) to see a side of each other we don't really get to see. It gave me a better understanding of how and why my friends and I believe, and how we all venture past our doubts about God as well. It helped broaden and strengthen my relationship with God, and I pray that it did the same for the rest of the group.

— Cameron Creekmore



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dashboard so that officers will permit your passage.

After 10:30 a.m., most streets around the church will reopen. Access from the north is available following this route: southbound Capital Blvd/Dawson St.; turn left on Jones St.; turn right on Salisbury St.; turn right on Edenton St.

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fellowship, this event also serves as a fundraiser to support a mission project in the coming year.

A map and list of all road closures can be found at <http://www.runrocknroll.com/raleigh/the-races/road-closures/>. With advanced planning, a good dose of patience, and a dashboard pass, you CAN make it to worship on Sunday, April 8. We look forward to our church family gathering for worship that day! ■

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

Centerpoint

Centering Your Week & Your Life in Christ

April 4: No Centerpoint program this week as it is Spring Break.

April 11: Our church has been very supportive of missions and educational efforts in Honduras. Members will report on the recent Baptist Men trip to Honduras, the new campus where they stay, and the long-range plans for it. Representatives of Sharefish, Inc. will discuss an effort led by Diane Ellis to provide village women with the skills to make and sell sewn products to provide income for their families. They will also discuss a May college mission trip to build a playground for a preschool operated by Sharefish in the village of El Carrizo.

April 18: Sarah Elizabeth Boberg, Ph.D – *Women in Ministry (Vocation and Calling)*. Dr. Boberg wrote her dissertation at UNC-G on the “call” experience of Baptist women in ministry. She is currently the Minister of Youth and Children at First Baptist in Red Springs, NC. ■

Centerpoint Menus

April 11

Asian Food Night

Jasmine Rice and Fried Rice
Sesame Chicken
Stir-fried Vegetables
Salad Bar

Non-meat option: Quorn Sesame Mock Chicken

Kids Meal: Asian Pot Sticker Dumplings

April 18

Jamaican Food Night (no hot spices)

Brown Stew Chicken or Curry Chicken
Fried Plantains
Jamaican Rice and Peas
Mixed Jamaican Vegetables

Non-meat option: Curry Mock Chicken

Kids: Mac ‘n’ Cheese

CBFNC Gathering Report

With March Madness in full swing, you might have been unaware that the Annual Gathering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) was taking place in Winston-Salem last week. But there it was, in the middle of the state, a meeting of folks from all over the state for workshops, worship, and a wonderful time at Knollwood Baptist Church.

You might be wondering what goes on at such a gathering and what you would gain by attending. Well, Lynn Lingafelt, Dolores and Bob Bailey, Betsy and Dennis Herman, and Kent and I will be happy to tell you as we all attended this year’s event!

Thursday was a special night of fellowship and laughter with Grammy award winner David Holt and Josh Goforth presenting “Tunes and Tales” – an evening of traditional southern music

and hilarious stories. Be sure to ask me about “buzzard Baptists!”

The conference theme was, “Fit Church: Nurturing Healthy Congregations,” and included a variety of workshops with topics such as “Virtues, Vices and the Quest for the Good Life,” “Disaster Preparedness for Aging Adults: How Churches Can Help,” and “Healthy Churches Embrace Health.” The plenary sessions included inspiring sermons, uplifting music, and the story of an incredible ministry in Conetoe that is helping to transform that rural NC community by addressing multiple issues. I am sure that what we all learned at the Annual Gathering will be shared at various times at our church and will help us in our goal of being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

— Carolyn Dickens

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 1

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

Monday, April 2

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P

Tuesday, April 3

10:00 am Ministerial Staff Meeting/CR
10:30 am WMU Group 2/Springmoor
6:00 pm Theology on Tap/Raleigh Times

Wednesday, April 4

10:00 am Clothing Ministry closed

Thursday, April 5

7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR
9:30 am Thirty-Niners/Sonoco Recycling Plant

11:00 am Library Committee/L

1:00 pm Clothing Ministry closed

Sunday, April 8

Rock ‘n’ Roll Half Marathon

11:00 am Worship Service/S

Japanese Worship/227

4:00 pm Youth Bells/307

5:00 pm Youth Choir/310

6:00 pm Youth Group/FH

Monday, April 9

9:30 am Weekday Preschool

11:00 am Sisters in Grace/P

6:30 pm HS Bible Study/Blanchards’ Home

Tuesday, April 10

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, April 11

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

5:30 pm Backpack Buddies Packing/302

6:00 pm Announcements and

Prayer Time/FH

Missions and Music

Evening Bells/307

6:20 pm Centerpoint Seminar/FH

6:45 pm Community Ministries Committee/CR

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/310

Thursday, April 12

7:00 am Band of Brothers/CR

8:30 am Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (Governor’s Mansion tour)

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

Friday, April 13

Churchwide Retreat/Caswell (return 4/15)

Sunday, April 15

9:45 am Combined Adult Sunday School/FH

Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service/S

Japanese Worship/227

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Music/Senior Adults
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Custodian

Bible Verses for Daily Use

From *Reflections Adult Devotional Guide*, Smyth & Helwys

Fri 3/30 – John 19:31-42	Sat 4/7 – Psalm 118:26-29
Sat 3/31 – Psalm 31:9-18	Sun 4/8 – John 20:19-23
Sun 4/1 – John 20:1-2	Mon 4/9 – John 20:24-25
Mon 4/2 – John 20:3-10	Tues 4/10 – John 20:26-28
Tue 4/3 – John 20:11-14	Wed 4/11 – John 20:29
Wed 4/4 – John 20:15-16	Th 4/12 – John 20:30-31
Th 4/5 – John 20:17-18	Fri 3/13 – Psalm 145:13-17
Fri 4/6 – Psalm 118:21-25	

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The Record We Wrote

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Current Week Revenue	\$21,467.96
Month-to-Date Revenue	\$83,524.25
Year-to-Date Revenue	\$368,934.76
Month-to-Date Expenses (as of 3/20/18)	\$69,439.49
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$285,348.69

Deacon on Call

April 1-7
 Marchelle Flowers

April 8-14
 Randy Tucker



On a recent Sunday afternoon, our GAs, their mothers, and their leaders gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a grand tea party! We celebrated a wonderful year of missions education, and each GA submitted her individual mission project (which are posted, along with the RA projects, in the Fellowship Hall). Pictured here are our four fifth-graders.

Words of Thanks

To the Congregation and Staff of FBC Raleigh,
 I would like to thank all of you for the thoughts, prayers, visits, and wonderful food that you have sent me and my family during my recovery from my stroke. This has been the most difficult thing that I have battled before and I don't know the outcome yet, but your help has lifted my spirits immensely and I do appreciate it. Please be sure that your visits are welcome and much appreciated. Please keep them coming. I do hope to get back to church and see you soon. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
 Frank Powers