



# NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## A Word from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

My opening line to the April 2020 News and views was, "These are strange days we are living in." Honestly, that line is still relevant, though I am proud to say, things are getting better. COVID-19 cases are dwindling, vaccinations are up, and slowly but surely, places that have been shuttered are opening once again.

Over the last two weeks, we have worshipped inside and it has been a life-giving experience for me. I cannot express to you how exciting it is to gather with you, even though we are socially distanced and wearing a mask, for a time of praise and adoration for our Father in Heaven. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who have made a return to the sanctuary possible.

Last year, we were separated for Maundy Thursday and for Easter Sunday. This year, we can be together. To accommodate everyone, we are having two services for Maundy Thursday: one will be at 12:15 PM, and the other at 6 PM. The 6 PM service will be livestreamed in case you are

unable to participate. We will partake of the Lord's Supper and remember the last night of Jesus' life. Please be aware that we will take every precaution to assure safety as we gather.

On Easter Sunday, we will gather for one service outside at 11 AM. We knew that we could not safely bring all who wanted to attend into the sanctuary, so we will worship outside to accommodate the large crowd. We will have baptism and a brass choir, in addition to many of the other Easter traditions of FBC Lenoir. Don't forget to bring a chair and to wear your mask as we worship together. Though we cannot know the weather at this point, please be aware that unless it is just a deluge of rain or a thunderstorm, we will worship outside. If we must cancel, we will livestream the service inside, but there will be no congregants.

Though this year has been one of unspeakable loss and change, FBC Lenoir has been faithful. We are continuing to lead the way as servants in our community. We are continuing to connect with our members in new and different ways. And we are continuing to worship and proclaim the name of Jesus to the best of our ability.

To God be the glory,

Josh Hughes

## Calendar

### Sundays

9 AM Outside Worship  
11 AM Live-Stream Worship  
6:30 PM Youth

### Wednesdays

5-5:30 PM—Outside/Take-Out Supper  
6 PM Outside Bible Study

### Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday Services  
12:15 & 6 PM

### Saturday, April 3

4 PM Room at the Table

### Sunday, April 4

Easter—11 AM Outside Worship

### Monday, April 5

OFFICE CLOSED

### Monday, April 26

7 PM Deacon Meeting



**New Members**

Aaron, Nicki, and Carlie Blevins and Reba Wiggins have joined our fellowship by transfer of letter from a sister church. Welcome to FBC! We are glad you have chosen to worship and serve with us.

We will meet for Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the church parking lot. In case of bad weather, we will meet via Zoom with the following link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85344907335?pwd=RG55Ly9uTXUzL21LemlDUmgxSFRzdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 4490 7335; Passcode: 575060; 1-929-205-6099



Dear Church,

Just another thank you for the prayers and cards as I have finished up another cancer treatment protocol with good results so far. I am hoping it will keep things at bay, until some day, a cure may be available. All the cards you have sent make me smile and help me truly feel there is a power greater than cancer. You will never truly understand how much you mean to me. It keeps me moving forward and further seals my trust in God and His unbelievable powers to heal. Thanks, once again, from the bottom of my heart.

Peace and blessings,

Terri Clapsaddle


April 4: Easter Sunday—No evening Youth Group

April 11: Regular Schedule

April 18: Regular Schedule

April 24: Regular Schedule

Please note, Caswell deposits are past due at this point!



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Budget Needs for 2021  
**\$833,698.00**

YTD Budget Receipts  
**\$235,405.50**

*Greater love hath no MAN than this, that a man lay down his life for his*  
**FRIENDS**  
*John 15:13*

## HOLY WEEK



- March 28 .....Palm Sunday  
 Outside Worship 9 AM  
 Inside Worship 11 AM (reservation required)
- March 31 .....No Meal or Bible Study
- April 1 .....Maundy Thursday Services—12:15 PM &  
 6:00 PM (Reservations are **not** required.)  
 Please use front door of sanctuary if  
 possible. No evening meal.
- April 4 ..... Easter Sunday  
 Outside Service for Everyone—11AM  
 (No inside worship) Remember to bring a  
 chair.



Make a reservation to join us for  
 Wednesday suppers in the back  
 parking lot followed by Bible study.  
 Meals are served between 5:15-

6:00 PM. Please contact the church office by noon on  
 Tuesday each week to make a reservation or have your  
 name placed on the permanent reservation list.  
 Cost: \$5/plate

- 4/7 BBQ Sandwich, Slaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips,  
 Dessert
- 4/14 Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Beans,  
 Roll, Dessert
- 4/21 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Roll,  
 Dessert
- 4/28 Stuffed Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green  
 Beans, Roll, Dessert

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/1 Trey Ellis  
 Helen Fisher  
 Tracie Martin
- 4/2 Jeff Clark  
 Dick Story
- 4/5 Paul Broyhill  
 Tom Smith
- 4/6 Amanda Transou
- 4/7 Lee Hoyle  
 Makayla Roberts (21)
- 4/9 Millie Brooks  
 Ginny Temple
- 4/11 Kaitlin Hoyle  
 John Runnion
- 4/13 Collis Bentley (13)  
 Holden Lawing (16)
- 4/14 Jimmy Clark
- 4/15 Nina Pritchard
- 4/16 Anna Rose Reid (18)  
 Gary Shore
- 4/18 Helen Dockery
- 4/19 Thomas Hinton  
 Marsha Pendry
- 4/20 Carmen Saunders  
 Will Wakefield
- 4/22 Kaitlin Crawford  
 Joe Davis
- 4/24 Phoebe Barber (4)
- 4/25 Charlie Davis  
 Steven Pennell
- 4/27 Alex Clawson  
 Sydney Clawson  
 Tracy Enloe  
 Kathy Keck
- 4/28 Gary Clawson  
 Debbie Pritchard
- 4/29 Jo Ann Suddreth

## STAFF

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