



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

April 2023

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A Word from the Pastor

Hello Friends,

I am so excited about all the good things we have planned for April. I invite you to come and connect with us as we draw closer to each other and to the Lord.

On April 2nd, we have been invited over to Tyler and Jennifer Sime's home (2798 Willowbrook Road) to participate in an Easter Picnic, though I prefer the name, Easter Eggstravaganza (pun intended). It will be a time of fellowship for our church, and everyone is invited. It will take place after Palm Sunday worship at 12:30 PM, and it will be an old-fashioned potluck. So, bring a covered dish meal to share and a chair, and enjoy the afternoon. A good time will be had by all.

During Holy Week, you have two important opportunities you do not want to miss. On Thursday, April 6th, we will have Maundy Thursday services. This is the night we participate in the Lord's Supper, and we remember it as the night Jesus was betrayed. Come and join us for a meal at 5 and worship at 6:15. (Please note, we will not have Wednesday night activities that week.)

On Good Friday, April 7th, we have been invited to join several churches to carry the cross through downtown Lenoir. We will follow the stations of the cross and stop off at various places for a time of Bible reading and prayer. This is a new ecumenical event and one of the stations will be here at First Baptist. We will meet at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 1406 Harper Ave. in Lenoir at 11 A.M., and the walk will begin. It will conclude at First United Methodist. Please join us as we remember Jesus' journey to Calvary and His crucifixion.

Easter Sunday is the most important day for Christians all year because it is the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Easter will be April 9th, and we will gather for one service outside at 10 A.M. We will have baptism, the Adult Choir, and a brass choir in addition to many of the other Easter traditions of FBC Lenoir. Don't forget to bring a chair as we worship together. If for some reason the rain washes us out, we will meet inside in the sanctuary.

There will also be two important events on April 23rd. That morning during the worship hour, our youth will lead us. God is doing some incredible things in these young people's lives it will

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CALENDER

Sundays

Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Adult Choir 11:15 AM
Handbells 5 PM
Youth Supper & Program 6 PM

Wednesdays

Supper Served 5:15-6 PM
Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, Children's Activities 6 PM

Saturday, April 1

Room at the Table 4 PM

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday Worship w/Adult Choir & Orchestra 10 AM
Easter Egg Hunt & Covered Dish Lunch 12:30 PM

Wednesday, April 5

NO EVENING MEAL OR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 6

Supper 5:15-6 PM
Maundy Thursday Service 6:15 PM

Sunday, April 9

Easter Worship 10 AM

Wednesday, April 12

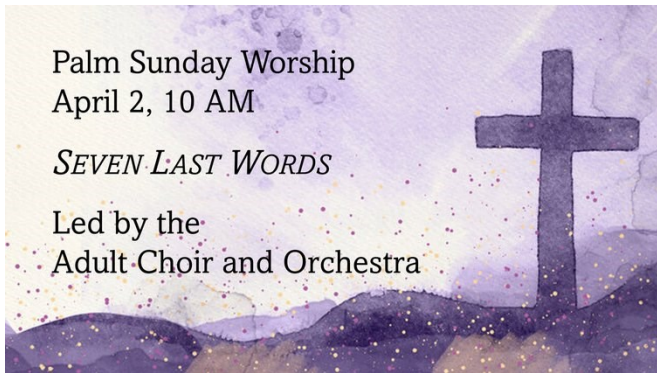
NO EVENING MEAL OR ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 23

Youth-Led Worship 10 AM
Churchwide BBQ 5 PM

Monday, April 24

Deacons Meeting 7 PM



Palm Sunday Worship
April 2, 10 AM
SEVEN LAST WORDS
Led by the
Adult Choir and Orchestra



**Churchwide
BBQ
Sunday, April 23
5 PM**
Sign up at church or call
the church office!



EASTER EGG HUNT & COVERED DISH LUNCH
FOR EVERYONE!
Bring a chair &
a covered dish to
share!
Sunday, April 2, 12:30 PM
at the Sime home
2768 Willowbrook Rd



Sunday, April 2
Palm Sunday;
Churchwide Lunch/
Easter Egg Hunt at the
Sime Farm 12:30 PM

Thursday, April 6
Maundy Thursday Service 6:15 PM

Friday, April 7
Procession of the Cross 11 AM

Sunday, April 9
He is Risen! Easter Sunday Worship 10 AM
No Evening Activities

Wednesday, April 12
No Evening Activities

Sunday, April 16
Regular Schedule

Wednesday, April 19
Youth Bible Study 6 PM

Sunday, April 23
Youth Sunday 10 AM
Churchwide BBQ 5 PM

Wednesday, April 26
Youth Bible Study 6 PM

Sunday, April 30
Youth Outing TBD




MAUNDY
THURSDAY
Communion
APRIL 6
6:15 PM



Easter Worship
April 9 at 10 AM
Outside in Back Parking Lot | Please bring
a chair.
(No Sunday School)



Youth-Led Worship
Sunday, April 23
10 AM



The Tuesday morning Bible study group is concluding their study of Exodus. They will meet for brunch on April 18 at 10 AM at the home of Shirley Orrell.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal

Wednesday suppers are served from 5:15-6PM. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday or you may place your name on the permanent reservation list.

- April 6 Baked Tortellini, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
- April 12 NO WEDNESDAY MEAL or ACTIVITIES
- April 19 Baked "Fried" Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Butter Beans, Slaw, Dessert
- April 26 Chinese Chicken, Fried Rice, Sweet Carrots, Dessert

WORSHIP

volunteers

APRIL

Jenny Greene
Merlin Perry
Judy Perry

David Gray
Susan Gray
Shirley Rowen

Tim Poarch
Robert Reid
Megan Reid

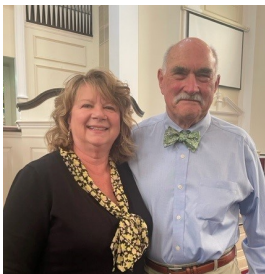
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Brooks Anthony joined FBC by profession of faith for baptism on Sunday, March 12. Brooks will be baptized on Easter Sunday. He is the son of Josh & Jessica Anthony.



Maecyn Bentley joined FBC by profession of faith for baptism on Sunday, March 26. Maecyn will also be baptized on Easter Sunday. She is the daughter of Chase & Audrey Bentley.



Judy & Randy Lail joined FBC by transfer of letter on Sunday, March 26. We are grateful you have chosen FBC as your church family!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

be an important time for us as a fellowship as they offer their gifts and talents to God. That afternoon at 5 P.M., we will have a church-wide Barbecue. Everything has been paid for by one of our church members so come and enjoy the fellowship and the food.

As you can see, April is a wonderful month for our church. It will be made better by your presence here with us.

Blessings on you and yours,

Josh Hughes

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Needs for 2023

\$865,650.00

YTD Budget Receipts

\$278,565.21

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Dr. David B. Smith

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PASTORAL CARE

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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