



NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA

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A Word from the Pastor

Hello Friends,

I begin by saying thank you to everyone who has made our Lenten Journey to the cross so impactful this year. Our theme of "It is Well with My Soul, Even If..." touched people across all ages. That all culminated in the Palm Sunday worship experience. The presentation of "Love Divine" by the choir and our musicians was profound. Thank you to all of those who sang, played, narrated, worked in the sound booth, and provided pictures for the morning. It was indeed one of those moments in ministry where I was certain, we were not the only ones in the room—the Spirit of God was present and was felt by all. I hope and pray that Easter Sunday will be just as meaningful.

The Sunday after Easter is usually what we in ministry recognize as "Low Sunday," meaning, it is not always well attended. With that said, I do not believe that title will apply to April 7th, for you see, we will have Youth Sunday that day. Under the leadership of Becca Lawing, our youth have flourished. God is working in their lives, and we will get to experience both their gifts and talents as we worship. Please attend, for as you know, our youth worship services are some of the best all year.

I will be out of town for a wedding on April 21st so in my place, I am asking Zeke Frye to fill in. As you know, Zeke was hired to be our Church Intern this year. He is spending a lot of time learning about ministry in a very hands-on way. He works with the youth on Wednesday and Sunday nights, visits hospitals with ministerial staff, and spends time writing sermons. Please be present to support Zeke as he shares what God has placed on his heart. I hope that we at FBC Lenoir will evolve into a teaching church, where we give opportunities for new ministers to learn ministry by doing ministry, and where they will be nourished before they go out on their own. I trust you will help us make that vision into a reality.

Finally, you do not want to miss worship on April 28th. It will be outside! Please bring a chair to sit in and a smile to wear. We will baptize five in that service, and I cannot be more excited. What makes this day even better is that A.P. Anderson's family will provide us with a BBQ/Chicken lunch with all the trimmings. It is free for those who sign up. We only ask you to bring a dessert to share with others.

April will be a wonderful month at FBC Lenoir. As you can see, God continues to bless us and we give Him all the glory and honor.

I look forward to seeing you for worship on Sunday!

Josh Hughes

SUNDAYS

Worship 10 AM
Adult Choir Practice 11:15 AM
Adult Handbell Practice 5 PM
Youth 6 PM
WOM Bible Study 6 PM

TUESDAYS

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM
Men's Bible Study 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Supper 5:15-6 PM
Adult Bible Study 6 PM
Youth Bible Study 6 PM
Children's Choir 6 PM
Children's Missions 6:30 PM

Monday, April 1

Office Closed

Wednesday, April 3

No Evening Meal or Bible Study
(Spring Break)

Saturday, April 6

Room at the Table 4 PM

Sunday, April 7

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 28

Outside Worship 10 AM
(No Sunday School)
BBQ Lunch 11 AM

Monday, April 29

Deacons Meeting 7 PM



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 3No Evening Activities or Meal
- April 10Chinese Chicken, Fried Rice, Sweet Carrots, Dessert
- April 17Swedish Meatballs with Noodles, Butter Beans, Corn, Beets, Dessert
- April 24Chicken Pie, Rice, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Slaw, Dessert

YOUTH GROUP

- Wed., April 3 NO ACTIVITIES
- Sun., April 7 YOUTH SUNDAY AM Worship—Meet In the sanctuary at 9:20
Regular Youth 6 PM
- Wed., April 10 5:15 Meal; 6 PM Bible Study
- Sun., April 14 Regular Schedule 6 PM
- Wed., April 17 5:15 Meal; 6 PM Bible Study
- Sun., April 21 Zeke will lead AM worship;
Regular Schedule 6 PM
- Wed., April 24 5:15 Meal; 6 PM Bible Study
- Sun., April 28 Outdoor Worship 10 AM (No Sunday School)
BBQ Lunch after worship;
Regular Schedule 6 PM

APRIL WORSHIP GREETERS

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| Jenny Greene | Tim Poarch |
| Merlin Perry | Robert Reid |
| Judy Perry | Megan Reid |
| David Gray | Dena Henkle |
| Susan Gray | Shirley Rowen |



We will have an outdoor worship service with baptism in the back parking lot on Sunday, April 28 at 10:00. We will not have Sunday School. Please bring a chair!

We will enjoy a BBQ lunch after the service provided by A.P. Anderson's family. Please sign up for lunch by Wednesday, April 24. Bring a dessert to share!



How wonderful when the people of God can work together. Thank you so much for helping with the homeless. May God continue to bless you.

Rev. James Wilfong and
The Highways to Hedges
Church Family

Thank you for the gift of the 29 passenger bus! I am the Youth Pastor at Home Church where the Thomas family attends. They are also very good friends of ours. "May God bless and keep you, may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you and show you His favor and bring your peace." Numbers 6:24-26.

Nate & Ri Gould

VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS NEEDS YOU! June 17-20 8:45-11:45AM

Join in the fun this year at VBS! If you would be interested in helping with VBS, please call the church office or let Becca know (828-310-7603). We need Group Leaders (no teaching involved), Missions Leader (involves teaching), Bible Story Helper, Snack Helpers, Music Helpers, Recreation Helpers, Craft Helpers, Decorating Helpers. Enjoy the benefits of watching our young children learn more about Jesus and grow in their faith! What better way to spend a few mornings this summer!

Join Us for VBS

June 17-20, 8:45-11:45 AM

Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 5th Grade

WAVE hello to this year's VBS theme!

Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!



Rodney Ward Memorial Organ Scholarship

We invite you to honor the legacy of Rodney Ward by giving to a scholarship established in his name at the Hayes School of Music of Appalachian State University. Rodney was a gifted musician who served our church faithfully. May we express our appreciation for his ministry here through our gifts so that students might come to serve churches like ours in the future.

You may scan the code below to schedule your gift.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/1 Trey Ellis
Tracie Martin
- 4/2 Dick Story
Jeff Clark
- 4/5 Tom Smith
- 4/6 Amanda Transou
Rachel Truesdale (18)
Forrest Sutton
- 4/7 Makayla Roberts
Lee Hoyle
- 4/9 Millie Brooks
Ginny Temple
- 4/11 Katilin Hoyle
- 4/13 Holden Lawing (19)
Evin Barlowe
Collis Bentley (16)
- 4/14 Jimmy Clark
Charlotte Gardner (19)
- 4/15 Nina Pritchard
Ben Perry
- 4/16 Gary Shore
Anna Rose Reid (21)
Emelia Hughes (3)
- 4/18 Helen Dockery
- 4/19 Thomas Hinton
Marsha Pendry
- 4/20 Will Wakefield
Carmen Saunders
- 4/21 Gary Laws
- 4/22 Kaitlin Crawford
Joe Davis
Evelyn Moore
- 4/24 Phoebe Barber (7)
- 4/25 Steven Pennell
- 4/27 Kathy Keck
Alex Clawson
Sydney Clawson
- 4/28 Debbie Pritchard
Gary Clawson
- 4/29 Jo Ann Suddreth
Jonathan Truesdale (16)

message

from **Michael**

of Holy
and Jessica,
our amazing
audio and
media team
led by Phillip;
Mazie for the
moving images
that were
displayed;
our talented
instrumentalists,
Carol, Terry,
Elizabeth, and
David; and
certainly our
amazing
accompanist,
Carla. I am
beyond blessed
to work with
such gifted
and wonderful
people!!

We had a moving and powerful presentation of the musical, "Love Divine" led by the choir on Palm Sunday. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to them for all their hard work, time, commitment, dedication, and focus spent since early January preparing for this important message which communicated the events of Christ's journey

Week. My sincerest thanks and appreciation also for our narrators, Rocky and Jessica, our amazing audio and media team led by Phillip; Mazie for the moving images that were displayed; our talented instrumentalists, Carol, Terry, Elizabeth, and David; and certainly our amazing accompanist, Carla. I am beyond blessed to work with such gifted and wonderful people!!

Road Runners (ages 55+)

The Road Runners hit the road to Charlotte to see the Billy Graham Library, Memorial gardens, and homestead. We had a great time together and were moved by Dr. Graham's amazing ministry displayed within the exhibits throughout the library.



Next Up:



Road Runners to see the Hickory Crawdads vs. Greensboro Grasshoppers Sunday, May 19th, at 2:00 pm. Please call the church office to sign up.

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