



Florence Baptist Church News

Easter Sunrise Service



We will have our Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Easter morning, April 4th. It will be good to celebrate together as we have done so many times in the past. The pandemic has kept us apart so long that it will feel like a family reunion to meet together. Weather permitting, we will meet outdoors as usual. I hope you will plan to join us as we celebrate our risen Savior!

Dates to Remember

March

Mar. 14 Children's Sunday School classes start back

Daylight Saving Time begins

Mar. 21 Business Meeting after Morning Worship

Women on Mission 6 pm

Mar. 28 Palm Sunday

April

Apr. 4 Easter Sunrise Service 7 am
Breakfast served by Men's Ministry following Sunrise Service

Apr. 4-9 High School Seniors' Mission Trip

Apr. 18 FBC's Spring Festival 4-8 pm
All Sunday School classes will return to Sunday School at 10 am each Sunday.

Special Reminder

The Bylaws Committee is ready to discuss the few changes we are making to the draft of the Bylaws made based on the November 8th discussion.

Q&A Session, Part 2 will be held after service during the Business Meeting on March 14th. If you are unable to come to church and would like a copy of the bylaws, please contact a Deacon and we can get you one.

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Following the service, the Men's Ministry will serve breakfast. Everyone is invited to join us for a traditional Southern meal. If you don't feel comfortable coming in because of virus concerns, the men will make you a to-go plate.

Tables will be spaced out to allow for social distancing. The men will serve the food so just come in and choose a seat.



**Sunday School
by Darlene Edgell**

Sunday School Update

Our adult Sunday School classes began meeting on a limited basis in November. Each adult class met once per month during November and December. Then we made some adjustments to allow each class to meet twice per month in January and February. Heather Jackson agreed to teach the preschool children on the same Sundays that Life Connections had class.

As of March 14, we are adding the youth class and a children's class for grades 1-5. We will continue the every-other-week rotation until mid-April, so all classes will be able to meet at least twice a month. This will allow time for additional folks to receive a vaccine and for us to get additional classrooms ready. During this time, we ask that the children wear masks during Sunday School. Additional cleaning may also be needed and will be coordinated with the teachers.

Beginning on April 18, all classes will return to Sunday School at 10:00 each Sunday. They will meet in their own rooms. Some of the classrooms are small and may not allow social distancing for a large number of class members. Masks are still recommended when seating is tight.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this transition period, and we are excited to get Sunday School into a more normal routine.



In Loving Memory...

A memorial service in memory of Lori Busbee will be held at the church on Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 pm.

**Women on Mission
By Lynette Sharpe**

Wrestling in Prayer – Colossians 4:12

“Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Jesus Christ, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. Here are a few thoughts from Colossians 4 to help if you are new to prayer or struggling in your prayer life.

Devote yourselves to prayer (Col 4:2a)

Commit to pray. Prayer draws us near to God. It will open us to hear Him speak to us and to feel His presence.

Be watchful and thankful (Col 4:2b)

Pray with purpose and watch for answers. Thank God for answers. He will answer. Maybe not as soon as we would like or even with the answer we desire. We can trust that He knows what is best for us.

Wrestle in prayer (Col 4:12)

“Soul sweat” is how one prayer warrior described it. This type of wrestling involves rolling up our sleeves and interceding until God brings about a breakthrough or He frees us from the burden.

Prayer is powerful.

Next meeting is March 21 at 6:00 pm.

Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$1000. The offering will be taken through April 4th.

Spring Festival

By Carri Lybarker

Save the date for FBC's Spring Festival! It will be held Sunday, April 18th from 4-6 pm. Details are still being worked out, but I can say for sure there will be eggs, family fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there! If you are interested in helping with the event, contact Carri Lybarker (803 767-1140)



Pictures from Easter 2015



Music Notes

By Russ Stansell

Recently I have learned that at least 3 churches in our area have no musicians. While they get by with recorded hymns and CD tracks, it is not quite the same "worship experience." I encourage everyone to often take a brief moment to thank Wanda and Jean for their faithful service for so many, many years! FBC is truly blessed to have these ladies continue to share their talent and abilities with us. But, more than that, they do it for the Lord first, and we get to benefit from it! Thank both of you so, so much!

Also, thanks to Rafe and Chris Hardin who have volunteered to help the media team that has performed so well this past year. We certainly appreciate each of them!

As things seem to be opening up a little, soon we will return to weekly choir practice. Stay tuned for details. Then it will be a great time to come and join us! Russ



Upcoming Events

By Amanda Bannister

Church Family, Youth, and Youth Parents:

Youth Sunday School will start back in March on the 14th. They will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month until we go back to a full time schedule. The youth will meet in the youth room downstairs in the basement. There will be air purifiers in the room and on nice days they can meet outside.

Deadlines for Summersalt and the senior mission trip are coming up. Please sign up for the senior mission trip by March 14th and Summersalt April 4th. Details for both are included on the schedule. Let me know if you have any questions.

We are continuing to meet together on Wednesday night. We've now added in a time of worship. Fellowship, worship, and Bible study have been awesome! We eat at 7 in the fellowship hall and worship begins between 7:15—7:20. I would love to see you there.

Senior recognition is coming up in June and will be big. We have a large senior class this year. I have already reserved the large private back room at Grecian Gardens for June 4th at 6 pm. This year the deadline for participation in graduation services is May 2nd. Pictures and graduate information will be due by May 16th.

Parents, I hope and pray you have weathered this past year well with your family. It has been a year unlike any other. When the youth start back Sunday School in March, we will start a new study called "Sticky Faith." This study teaches us as parents how to see our child's faith stick in their life. Whether your child is 5 or 25, it's never too late to impact/influence their faith in Christ.

If you need anything or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, text, or write. I love y'all very much and continue to pray daily for you.

Your sister and servant in Christ,
Amanda Bannister

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