

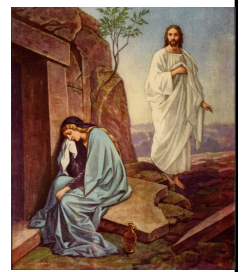


# Florence Baptist Church News

## ***Celebrating Easter!***

Dates to Remember
<b>April</b>
April 3 Youth High Attendance Sunday Men's Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m.
April 10 Palm Sunday
April 11 Deacon's Meeting 6:30 p.m.
April 13 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m.
April 17 <b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> 7 a.m. followed by breakfast Sunday School 10 a.m. followed by Worship Service at 11 a.m.
April 20 Family Night Supper 6 p.m. fol- lowed by Bible Study at 7 p.m. and Busi- ness Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
April 24 <b>Spring Fling</b> after church service
<b>May</b>
May 4 Church Council 7:45 p.m. after Bible Study
May 8 <b>Mother's Day</b>
May 9 Deacon's Meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 11 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m.
May 15 <b>Baby Dedication Service</b> during Morning Worship
May 18 Family Night Supper 6 p.m. fol- lowed by Bible Study at 7 p.m. and Business Meeting at 7:45
May 22 <b>VBS Kick-off</b> 4-6p.m.
May 29 <b>Graduate Recognition</b>

Easter is on April 17th this year. The children have been preparing our hearts for this important event with **Easter Moments** on every Sunday morning during Worship Service since mid-March. They will continue through April 10th. They are reminding us of what Jesus went through by reading scripture passages covering events leading up to Easter.



Beginning April 3rd, the youth will sing in the choir and begin sharing **testimonies** before the pastor's message. There will be two youth or a youth and parent giving testimonies each Sunday throughout the month of April.

On Easter Sunday, April 17th, **Sunrise Service** will be at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast prepared and served by the men of our church. Sunday School and Worship Service will be held at the usual times.

### **Who Won** by Greta Zwaan

*From Friday's tragedy and terror to Sunday's redeeming cry,  
The world has discovered that Christ is real, with evidence man can't deny.  
Truly He's risen, just as He promised, sitting at God's right hand;  
We have the privilege of calling Him Saviour if we obey His command.*

*But oh, so costly was this venture, it brought such agony and pain,  
Hatred filled the hearts of leaders; somehow their laws they must maintain.  
If He won the crowd's devotion, if they followed in His train,  
They would lose prestige and power, they could not allow His gain!*

*Make an example of this rebel, the arm of the law must rule supreme;  
This young intruder's no exception, we'll end this young man's crazy  
scheme.*

*But death will never be the ruler - God had initiated a plan,*

*Created after the downfall of Adam, Satan must never have rule over man!  
Christ gives us choices, we have an option; sin's penalty paid that we might go  
free,*

*God is the author, Christ the Redeemer, nothing can change this eternal decree.  
Pharisees tried, thought they had killed Him, yet Jesus rose triumphantly.  
He is still Ruler, fully in power, great interceder for you and for me.*





**Spring Fling**

The Spring Fling will be a fun time for the whole family! It will be held after the worship service on

Sunday, April 24. We will have a BBQ lunch and some fun, family games and more. Look for a sign-up form in the church bulletin soon!



**April Family Night Supper**

The menu for the April Family Night Supper is soup and sub sandwiches. The sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a pot of soup, dessert, or drinks. The meal will be served from 6:00 until 6:30. Bible study begins at 7:00, and Business Meeting will be held after Bible Study.



**Men's Ministry**

The Men's Ministry will meet on April 3 at 6:00pm. There will be food, fellowship, and planning of upcoming events or projects. The main purpose of the April meeting is to prepare for the breakfast following our Sonrise service. All men are invited to attend the meeting and help with the breakfast.

**Baby Dedication Service**

It has been almost three years since we have had a Baby Dedication service. On May 15, the worship service will include time for baby dedication. If you have a new baby or a recent baby that is now a toddler, and you want to participate in this special service, please let Pastor Kyle know by May 1.

**Graduate Recognition**

High school and college graduates will be recognized during the worship service on May 29.

Amanda will need pictures and other specific information for each graduate. Details will be announced in the weekly bulletin as the date draws near.



**Youth High Attendance Sunday — April 3rd**

April will be a special month for our Youth! All youth are invited to attend Sunday School and the worship service on April 3rd and to sing in the choir. Each Sunday in April, they will share a testimony and time of prayer.



## Missions Updates

The **Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions** is collected during the Easter season. It actually began in March and will be received through Easter Sunday. This offering goes directly to the North American Mission Board and all proceeds are used for missionary efforts in the US, Canada, and Mexico. Checks should be payable to Florence Baptist Church and designated for the Annie Armstrong offering or mark "Missions Offering" on your envelope.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

EASTER OFFERING

## Ladies Outreach

The Ladies Outreach has supported Operation Christmas Child for several years now. We usually average 40-75 shoeboxes for this project. The drop location used in November was the St Andrews Presbyterian Church. They recently sent information about the total shoeboxes received and distributed in 2021.

The worldwide total was 10,505,155 shoeboxes which was above the goal set by Operation Christmas Child. This number includes shoeboxes from the US and all other participating countries.

The US total was 9,127,491 shoeboxes which was an all-time record. Although donations from our church were a small part of these totals, we appreciate everyone who made a shoebox or donated toward the postage for shipping the boxes.

Meetings of the Ladies Outreach are held each month at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center, and all ladies are invited to attend. The ladies prepare a gift for one of the shut-ins each month, and each team member brings items to include, such as lotion, tissues, puzzle books, snacks, etc.. The April meeting is scheduled for April 13th, and the May meeting will be held on May 18th.

## Vacation Bible School

VBS is scheduled for June 20-24. Spark Studios Vacation Bible School will teach kids the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents and bring glory to Him. However, planning will begin soon, and a sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers. This includes teachers, recreation, crafts, registration, and snacks. Please mark VBS week on your calendar and sign up to help in one of these areas.



A **VBS Kick-off** event will be held on **May 22 from 4 to 6:00pm**. This will include pre-registration, an introduction to VBS music, and other fun activities. Watch the weekly bulletin for other details.

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### A Prayer for Ukraine

As the world watches the events unfolding in Ukraine, we want to remember the power we have—the power of prayer.

**Prayer brings hope. Prayer unites. Prayer strengthens.**

Let's join together and ask God to comfort, protect, and provide for the people of Ukraine.

*Heavenly Father,*

*We need You — we always have.*

*You are our source of strength, and You tell us to give You all our concerns.*

*Bring protection and healing to the people of Ukraine. Show them that You are with them, and that You hear their prayers.*

*Please strengthen anyone who is feeling hurt, alone, or broken. Replace any feelings of anxiety, fear, and uncertainty with Your peace and hope.*

*Draw near to us as we draw near to You.*

*In Jesus' name,*