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A Written Word from FBCG's Senior Pastor

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March is here! My absolute favorite month of the entire year for several reasons. Spring usually appears in March, Basketball reaches a whole new level with 'March Madness', and this year Holy Week and Easter occur in March. What a great month I believe this will be.

February was an awesome month. From the Valentine's Banquet, to another New Members class and baptisms as well as membership additions, God is certainly still moving in our Church and for that we must give Him praise, honor and glory.

On February 21st, I celebrated my three year anniversary as your Senior Pastor! It has been such an honor and privilege to serve you as the undershepherd of First Baptist. Hannah and I both hope and pray that we will be able to serve here in this role for many more years to come!

In February we launched our brand new podcast ministry called 'Menorah'. This podcast airs every Thursday on all podcast platforms. The word 'Menorah' is a hebrew word that means lampstand. This podcast seeks to be a light of Christ to share, send, and speak the light through podcast ministry! This month we will have brand new episodes airing every Thursday! Don't miss one.

I'd appreciate your prayers as I'll be doing a one night revival at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Cowpens on Sunday, March 10th at 6 PM. Then I'll be doing a week-long revival March 17th-20th at Friendship Baptist Church in Lyman SC. Pastor Chris will be taking care of things along with the Deacons while I'm gone preaching the Word across our state. I covet your prayers.

If you signed up for a D-Group, please don't forget that D-Groups begin on Sunday, March 3rd at 5 PM each Sunday in March except March 31st. Discipleship is a BIG part of what we believe and what we seek to do here at FBCG. Don't miss it.

As I mentioned last month, I'd like to reiterate our plan for Easter this year! We will be having Palm Sunday services on Sunday, March 24th with Sunday School at 9:45 AM and Worship at 11. Then, on Sunday March 31st we will be having our Easter Services! We will begin the day with our Sunrise service at 7 AM. I have made the decision this year that the Sunrise service will be in the sanctuary no matter what (rain or shine). After the 7 AM service, we will go to the fellowship hall and have breakfast together. Sunday School will be at 9:45 AM with our Worship Service at 11 AM. We will be having Baptism that Sunday, come and join us!

During 'Holy Week' we will be releasing our Annual Holy Week videos on Facebook and YouTube. These videos will discuss what happened each day during Holy Week in the life of Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago.

To help prepare our hearts for the Easter Season, each service in March leading up to Easter we will be going through a series called 'Cries from the Cross!'. This series will look at the 7 phrases that Jesus said on the Cross and prepare our hearts for what Jesus truly did for us on the Cross. It's going to be an incredible March. Come and be apart!

Love and Blessings,

Pastor Brady & First Lady Hannah

March Pastor Chris's Korner

Can you feel it, that first hint of something new in the air? The sight of new life springing from the earth, tender shoots of new plants bursting forth from the confines of their winter prison. There is something special about springtime, it's suggestion of nature in all its beauty, ready to be displayed for all to see. It reminds me of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that He too brings promise of newness of life, this life that only He can bring. The birds singing, rejoicing in the longer days, all of life listening for the voice who knows them all, and loves them. Think of it, this Savior, who burst forth from the tomb, knows us and loves us, by name!! Hallelujah,

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 3 Grief Gathering Group at 3:00 pm
- Mar 3 Choir Practice at 4:00 pm
- Mar 3 D Groups at 5:00 pm
- Mar 4-8 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Goal is \$9,000
- Mar 4 VBS Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Mar 6 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon at 11:30 am
- Mar 6 Camp La Vida applications are due Today
- Mar 11 Bicentennial Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Mar 18 WMU at 6:00 pm, (Sewing kit supplies needed)
- Mar 20 Church conference after Service
- Mar 22 Family Easter Event at 6:00 pm-Fellowship Hall
- Mar 26 Brotherhood Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday-Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, breakfast to follow
- Mar 31 Annie Armstrong Missions March Goal \$9,000
- Mar 31 NO Children's Worship & NO D Groups

MARCH DEACONS ON CALL

- Mar 3 Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915**
- Mar 10 Chris Pound 803-518-2143**
- Mar 17 Duane Johnson 803-794-8506**
- Mar 24 Tom Learn 803-429-1358**
- Mar 31 Allen Ott 803-960-6820**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mia Drawdy Sharron Harris	2
3 ♥Rev. Chris & Sonia Terry	4 Tara Craps Michael Hankins Bailey Speares Richard Tackett	5 Paul Blethen Sherry Goodwin Jimezy Kelly Richard Shuler ♥Robert & Tara Craps ♥Tony & Sherri Kelly	6 Melissa Vest Savanna Reynolds Family Supper-6:00pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8:00 pm; GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	7 Bray Cross Carol Sandstrom	8 Rev. Brady Henderson Chris Gates Allison Sanford Beth Spires	9 Janice Boldt Lisa Gantt Lowery Patricia Watts
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24 Amanda Lewis	25 ♥Brent & Debbie Cole	26 Deborah Martin	27 Joshua Edwards Family Supper-6:00pm Youth Supper & Bible Study 6:15 pm-8:00 pm; GA/RA Mission Friends 7 to 8 pm	28	29 Donald Hildebrand Charles L. Burton	30 Alex Bennett Carrie Knight Elizabeth Williams
31 Bobby Williamson ♥Gary & Marsha Adkins 						



SPIRITUAL WARRIORS NEWS from Vicki Vidrine, Director

The monthly luncheon is Wednesday, March 6th at 11:30 am. We will be having fried chicken and we ask that you bring a side and/or a dessert.



LIBRARY NEWS: Marilyn Hook (email: marilynhook1@gmail.com)

Pastor Brady's upcoming sermons deal with passages from Luke, John and Mark. There are books on the display shelf that may be of interest. The display shelves include books for children and fiction for adults. The copies of Robert's Rules of Order remain on the table in the library. Please feel free to use a copy if needed.

Brotherhood meeting March 26th at 7:00 pm. We will have a speaker and a meal.



Notes from Sherrell



March 19th is the first day of Spring – The Vernal Equinox.

Vernal translates to “new” and “fresh” –

What a great thought as we begin the month of March!

Easter is coming early this year, and I am looking forward to a wonderful month of messages from our pastors, and music from our choir, praise team and soloists! What a beautiful season of celebration as we approach the resurrection weekend!

In addition to Easter, we will have a VBS meeting on Monday, March 4th (the only day that is a command) at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Even if you have not signed up to help yet, but you are interested in serving, we invite you to join us for this meeting!

Take time as you see the flowers start to bloom and the pollen start to fall to thank God for His eternal presence in the beauty of His creation!

Joyfully Serving, Sherrell

First thanks to everyone who helped with the shower for Sistercare. We had 3 carloads of supplies and the speaker was so grateful for all the supplies. What a wonderful way to share God's love within our community.

March 4-8 is the week of Prayer for North American Missions and begins emphasis for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our church goal is \$9,000. We will have our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March on Sunday, March 31st. Please pray how you can be a part of this Offering.



March 18th is our next Women on Mission meeting at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be having finger foods and our project will be making sewing kits for Samaritan's Purse OCC Shoeboxes. We'll need lots of thread; tape measures, needles, straight pins and safety pins, thimbles, and large pill bottles to put everything in. We will also have some fabric to add to some of the kits. If you have any questions, see Hannah Henderson, Melissa Goff or Margie Rish. Hope everyone can join us.

Women on Mission
Margie Rish,
Director

We will be collecting for the health kits in April. Check in the Welcome Center for a list of items. Prayers for all missionaries worldwide.

Camp registration information for girls or boys is due to Margie Rish by **March 6th**. Any questions about camp can be directed to Margie.



FAMILY EASTER EVENT
MARCH 22, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Please save your 20oz. Gatorade/Powerade bottles and drop them off in the bin that is beside the stairs on the left of the Welcome Center. Bottles are needed for VBS projects.

A big THANK YOU to the Children's Worship volunteers for Sunday mornings! Praise God! Listed below is the team rotation. Please contact Sandy Drawdy if you have any questions.

- Mar 3 Team 1 – Sandy Drawdy, Sherry Rampey, Gail Woodruff
- Mar 10 Team 2 – Travis Henderson, Liz Henderson, Emily Petrey
- Mar 17 Team 3 – Traci Rish, Faith Cavarretta, Bonita Mishoe
- Mar 24 Team 4 – Charles Burton, Sherry Burton, Shawn Goff, Melissa Goff
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday NO Children's Worship

(March 3rd at 6:00 pm- Children's Worship Team Members Meeting)



Children's Church
meets on Sundays
in Room 203



February's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 174
Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 239
Wednesday Evening Worship: 176

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY—2023-2024

Duane Johnson 803-626-6700 A-B	Keith Ray 423-823-2555 C-D	Josh Stabler 803-608-0922 E-F	Tom Learn 803-429-1358 G-H
Dwain Smith 803-446-1595 I-J-K	Chris Pound 803-518-2143 L-M	Glenn Pound 803-238-7477 N-O-P	Chris Vidrine 803-513-4915 Q-R
Terry Pound 803-447-6267 Sa—Sm	Heyward Kelly 803-794-0723 Sn-U	Allen Ott 803-960-6820 V-W-X-Y-Z	

SERVICES

Sunday,

09:30 AM.....Men's Prayer Group
09:45 AM.....Sunday School
11:00 AM.....Morning Worship
 Children's Worship
05:00 PM.....D Groups

Monday,

12:30 PM.....Motivational Mondays

Wednesday,

06:00 PM.....Family Supper
06:15-6:45 ... Youth & Acteens Supper
06:45-8 PM.....Youth Bible Study
07:00 PM....Prayer Service, GAs, RAs,
 Mission Friends & Acteens

MARCH EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

- Mar 3** Team 4 Olivia Speares, Daniel Speares, Melody Sanford, Donna Estep, Linda Sightler, Reese Speares
- Mar 10** Team 5 Bonnie McBride, Stacy Learn, Sherri Kelly, Stafford Johnson, Debra Ray, Beverly Kelly
- Mar 17** Team 6 Traci Rish, Cheryl Reynolds, Matt Drawdy, Carla Sightler, Rebekah Lewis, Megan Spires
- Mar 24** Team 1 Collette Knight, Jo Lynn Martin, Wendy Sanford, Deanne Foster, Pam Thomas, Erin Taylor
- Mar 31** Team 2 Amie Cobia, Marissa Bailey, Rhonda Smith, Christian Chavis, Sammy Smith, Ally Sanford

Thank you to all who have signed up to serve in Extended Session. We are truly blessed to have some faithful, committed people serving in Extended Session. If you are interested in joining a team, please let me know. Call Lisa Pound 803-553-3004

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February was a great month for Upper Room! Our Merge upperclassmen had an amazing weekend at Converge Collegiate Conference. It was a weekend full of worship, breakout sessions, sermons, intentional conversations, and fellowship. They also were convicted of things and challenged each other. They've since brought what they experienced God do amongst them back home and it's been awesome to see the impression it's made on their younger peers. As a result, our attendance and involvement have spiked upward. God is so good! He has laid many things on our hearts and the hearts of our students recently. Please be in prayer for Upper Room, that all we do and plan and speak will ultimately point this generation to Jesus.



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