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Facilities/Grounds Report

If any one sees or knows of anything that needs repair or our attention concerning the buildings or grounds, please contact Eddie Coats. Custodian Susie Juma has placed a suggestion box in the Fellowship Hall for church cleaning needs.



Martha's Kitchen Pig Cooker



The cooker is available to Church Groups at no charge, but individual church members are asked to pay a rental of \$60 a day or \$80 for weekend. We do ask that you bring it back clean and tanks full. For information contact Bob Hodge 458-4302

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please email Frances Ray (frances@fbccb.org), call the Church Office (458-5134), or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.



Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie

**Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 15th.
Please email your articles to me by the deadline.**



Al-Anon Meeting

Each Friday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall., an Al-Anon group meets to welcome and support family and friends of alcoholics.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm FBCCB hosts the "Only Today" group of AA, which follows the Speaker Meeting format and is open to all.

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Narcotics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm, the church will be hosting a Narcotics Anonymous open discussion meeting group called "A New Way of Life."

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*Putting the Focus on Christ . . . in our personal lives,
in our families, in our church, in our community, in our world!*

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Mission Statement

"First Baptist Church is committed to building a bridge to the community through outreach, education, spiritual and personal development. This is our mission."

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Resurrection Living: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Did you know that the church calendar allots four weeks of Advent to prepare for two weeks of Christmas and forty days (minus the Sundays) of Lent to prepare for FIFTY days of celebrating Easter?

This pattern emphasizes Easter as the most important season in the church calendar, our high point of the church year. Christmas may get more cultural attention, but Easter tells the rest of the story. Easter reminds us that Jesus' birth matters because how he lived, died, and rose again for all of us.

Of course, it's not as if we have *just* fifty days to celebrate Easter—Jesus' resurrection is a reality that shapes and re-shapes us and our world everyday, every moment, every breath. It never turns off, never fades from one season into the next like spring into summer, never wilts like daffodils past their prime.

Easter never ends. The Resurrection reality began over 2000 years ago and continues on and on and on, unfolding in our lives every second. That's why the worst thing that happens to us is never the last thing that happens to us: God gets the last word. And God's word on death is Jesus' resurrection: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6).

So wherever there is bad news, God is yet weaving another part of the story, a resurrection part. Wherever there is death, new life (eventually) emerges. Wherever there is a letting go, an ending, even an evil act, we will find our God still at work, fulfilling the resurrection of our Lord.

As my time here among you draws to a close, I am celebrating all the little moments of new life and resurrection over this past year. You have been with me as I endured the hardest thing I have ever faced: the death of my father. Your prayers, love, and kindnesses helped sustain me. I thank God for you.

Together, God has helped us move forward into "Resurrection Living," stepping into the new even while honoring the old. After all, Good Friday is not erased by Easter, but finds its deepest meaning there. I find this also to be true of my own hardest times. Resurrection does not erase those hard times, but gives them meaning and keeps them from being the last thing.

My prayers are with all of us as we step into a new chapter in the life of our congregation and the next part of Resurrection Living. How good it will be to live into all that God is unfolding for us! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

*Blessings,
Alicia*



NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Tammy Dew
3 – Beverly Lovingood
10 – Tammy Dew
17 – Peggy Creech
24 – Debbie Morris

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Jennie Gaskell
3 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
10 – Melissa Story
17 – Roxanna Barker
24 – Jane Walker



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

3– Need Volunteer
10 – Melinda Latta
17 – Sherri Broom
24 – Tina Stanley

11:00 am Service

3 – Molly Painter
10 – Molly Painter
17 – Molly Painter
24– Molly Painter



GREETERS

8:30 am Service

3 – Paul & Maria Agrillo
10 – Peggy Creech
17 – Young Adults
24 – George Pinkston & Sherri Broom

Sunday School

3 – Tommy Tucker
10 – Brian Dew
17 – Lee Latta
24 – Marie Underwood

11:00 am Service

3 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class
10 – David Lehman & Joy Coats
17 – Jerry & Diane Johnson
24 – Margie Underwood & Bernie Mitchell



TELLERS

Jane Walker & Jim Wind



Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday School



8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Whichever time or style you prefer, come with hearts prepared to worship. Bring your Bibles and plan to spend time studying and discussing God's Word during the Sunday School hour. We offer classes for all age groups.



Nursery

During our worship services, the church provides a nursery for children 0-5 years old. Located on the first floor of the Education Building just behind the sanctuary.



Children's Church

Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K – 3rd Grades are invited to join our children's leaders in the foyer to be led over to the second floor of the Education Building for a special time of worship and activities.



Prayer Time

Everyone is encouraged to join the pastor every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary to pray for our church and community.



Quarterly Church Conference

All church members are encouraged to attend our Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:00 pm in the Bost Fellowship Hall.



*April 3 – Church and Jeanne Ray
April 6 – Eddie and Joy Coats
April 9 – Sam and Cathy Prosser
April 18 – Reed and Dolores Bartley
April 30 – Todd and Vicky McCurry*





A Message from the Pastor Search Committee

As you are aware, the Pastor Search Committee has been working very diligently over the past year. During this time we have carefully and prayerfully reviewed resumes and information from over 80 individuals. The committee appreciates all of the prayer and support that we have received over the past year. We could feel those prayers and we know that God has guided us through the entire process.

After a unanimous vote of support from all seven individuals working on the Pastor Search Committee, we are very pleased to announce that we now have a pastor candidate to present to our congregation. The committee asks that you continue to keep our church and the candidate in your prayers as we prepare for a "View to a Call" weekend, scheduled for April 23 and 24, 2016.

The congregation will have the opportunity to meet with the candidate on Saturday, April 23. The candidate will then offer the sermon at a Combined Service on Sunday, April 24. We will hold a Special Called Church Conference immediately after the service to vote on calling the new pastor. We pray that you will plan to join us for this very important time in the life of the church.

Yours in Christ,

Brian Dew, Chair, Shirley James, Vice Chair, Jeanne Arnold, Secretary, George Pinkston, Jane Walker, and Jerry Johnson



CHURCH "GET TOGETHER"

On the third Sunday night of each month at 6 pm, members and friends of the church are invited to meet at Rucker Johns Restaurant for a time of fellowship and meal. Our next Get Together will be Sunday, April 17.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Join us for our new Wednesday Night Bible Study series on "Resurrection Living" will explore what it means to live in the light of Jesus' resurrection. This series will pair with our sermon series of the same name. We will look closely at scriptures about what happened soon after Jesus' resurrection and how those passages speak to our lives today. We will meet at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday through April, except the 20th when we will have Church Conference. Join us!



MISSIONS AND MORE

Ladies of All Ages – Come Join the WMU

All women are invited to come out to the church on the second Monday of each month to join the Vera Harris Circle of the WMU as it focuses on missions education and prayer and plans missions projects in our community.

WMU NEWS.....

The Vera Harris Circle met March 14 with 9 members present. We are still bringing articles for the Help Center and have provided supplies, snacks and drinks for Cape Fear Hospice.

We are now planning our spring event which will be Saturday, May 14. We will have a patriotic theme and, of course, we unanimously voted to have Pastor Alicia as our speaker. More planning will take place next month.

Lori brought articles for Meals on Wheels and we helped to assemble them. Come join us in April.

Margie Underwood, WMU Director



Meals on Wheels



On the 4th Saturday of each month, our Missions Committee has a team that prepares and delivers meals in the community for the Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested in learning more about how this ministry works or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Lori Griffin (798-5857). We now have volunteers to make desserts. Thanks to all our Meals on Wheels volunteers! We couldn't do this without you! The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, April 23 at 10 am.



Martha's Kitchen

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 – 7 PM

Martha's Kitchen offers a warm, free meal to members of our community twice a week. Currently, our volunteer roster is filled for this ministry, but prayers are always welcome.



For the month of April, instead of collecting food for the Help Center, we will be collecting food items for the NC Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup as a church-wide missions project. Let's share God's love by helping to feed these boys and girls who so desperately need the support of the body of Christ. A list of items is inserted in this newsletter. Thanks so much for your support!