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Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie

**Deadline for the April Newsletter is
March 17th. Please email your articles to me
by the deadline.**



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.



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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.



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



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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*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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God Is Up To Something!

I recently read an article by Chuck Lawless entitled “7 Signs God May Be Up To Something In A Church”. I wanted to share those seven points with you as we continue to look forward to His precious presence and work among us at FBC Carolina Beach. These are great indicators and great reminders for us as we continue to set our sights on the Heart of Jesus and ways that He wants to use us to build His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven...

1. **Increased conversions.** Something’s usually happening when the church sees more non-believers coming to know Christ and then following His command to be baptized.
2. **Growing prayer.** Whenever greater numbers of members are intentionally praying for God to make Himself known in a church, I must believe that God will honor that intercession.
3. **God-centered powerful worship.** I realize we may differ on what constitutes “powerful” worship, but we can usually recognize when worship turns us more and more to bow before God. He works in churches that genuinely praise Him.
4. **Community knowledge.** When leaders give present-tense facts about growth, needs, lostness, etc. of their community, God is often deepening their burden so He might work through them to reach that community.
5. **Gospel hunger.** It’s usually not too difficult to differentiate between a church going through the motions and a church hungering for God and the gospel. The latter suggests that God’s preparing them for something.
6. **Growth preparation.** Maybe you’ve heard church comments like this one: “As soon as we have more children, we’ll upgrade our preschool and children’s areas.” Likely, that church won’t grow. What’s exciting is the church that gets their facility and programming ready for growth *because they believe God will bring that growth.*
7. **Forward-looking vision.** Some churches get stuck in one of two ways: either they live in their former glory days, or they hold on to their bitterness from previous painful days. When churches let go of yesterday’s pain and see their best days ahead, you have to think that God is working.

Praise Be To God! He is Working in us and all around us!

Because He Lives,
Pastor Hal

APRIL

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Tammy Dew
2 – Beverly Lovingood
9 – Tammy Dew
16 – Peggy Creech
23 – Tammy Dew

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Dianne Tucker
2 – Melissa Story
9 – Roxanna Barker
16 – Dianne Tucker
23 – Lisa Jones
30 – Jane Walker



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

2 – Need Volunteer
9 – Melinda Latta
16 – No Children's Church
23 – Tina Stanley

11:00 am Service

2 – Molly Painter
9 – Molly Painter
16 – No Children's Church
23 – Molly Painter
30 – Molly Painter



GREETERS

8:30 am Service

2 – Paul & Maria Agrillo
9 – Peggy Creech
16 – George Pinkston
23 – Brian Dew

11:00 am Service

2 – Jane Walker
9 – Barbara Bigley
16 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class
23 – David Lehman
30 – Jerry & Diane Johnson



TELLERS

Diane Johnson & Steve Walker



*April 6 – Eddie and Joy Coats
April 9 – Sam and Cathy Prosser
April 18 – Reed and Deloris Bartley*



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 – 5th 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.



Palm Sunday – April 9

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

Good Friday – April 14

7 pm – Good Friday Service – Lord's Supper



Easter – April 16

6:30 am – Sunrise Service at the Boardwalk
8:30 – Contemporary Easter Worship Service
9:45 am - Sunday School
11 am – Traditional Easter Worship Service



***We will be decorating the cross with flowers, so plan on bringing fresh or silk flowers with you on April 16, Easter.



Quarterly Church Conference

All church members are encouraged to attend our Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 pm in the Bost Fellowship Hall.



Fifth Sunday, April 30 Combined Service /Covered Dish

We will have a Combined Service at 11 am and a Covered Dish Luncheon immediately following the worship service. We need everyone to bring your favorite dishes and desserts!!! Mark your calendars!!

WMU Women's Day Sunday, April 30



We will be observing, WMU Women's Day at our Combined Worship Service at 11 am!! Dee Dee Moody will be our guest speaker. She is President of WMU of NC and a good friend of the Hiatt's. We would like to have an all Ladies Choir, so even if you are not a member of the Vera Harris Circle, please join us in the choir to celebrate women! There will be a luncheon following the service, so please plan on attending. Also, on that day you will have the opportunity to give a special offering to Global Missions.

Senior Bible Study



Just a note to say the seniors are still having Bible study in the educational building each Wednesday at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend. We will be following the churches Easter schedule of no study Easter week. We are looking for ideas of other activities we can enjoy through the summer months. If you have any questions please contact James Best (910-399-8293).

Wednesday Night Meals & Bible Study



We begin serving dinner at 5pm on Wednesday and conclude serving around 6pm. Shortly thereafter we pray, sing and share truth from God's Word that will impact our lives for Him. From 6 to 6:45pm we invite our Children (K-5th grade) to another area for programs designed JUST for them! We dismiss by 6:45pm and our Choir practices immediately thereafter. Cost for dinner is \$6 per person (5th grade and under are \$3 and there is a \$20 limit for families) Look for the menu in the church bulletin and sign up on the Fellowship register.



Senior Outing to the Arboretum

The seniors are planning a trip to the New Hanover Arboretum on Wednesday, April 26th. They will be opening a visitor's garden in mid April and this among other plantings should be really getting beautiful by this time. We will plan on meeting at the church and leaving at 12:00 noon for lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant after which we will go to the the Arboretum to see and enjoy this little piece of natures beauty. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the entry way. Questions? Call James or Jewel Best.

Palm Sunday for the Children



It is Easter time and Spring is on its way..... April the 9th, Palm Sunday, the children of THE ARK will be dyeing eggs in the 11 am service. We will need to have hard-boiled eggs in abundance this year. If you are willing to boil a dozen and drop off at THE ARK on the morning of the 9th, please let me know. Thank you in advance for loving our children!

Hippity-Hoppity Easter's on its way!

**If you have any empty egg cartons you can bring along with your hard-boiled eggs to THE ARK, that would be a big help!

Miss Molly, Miss Melissa, and Miss Lisa.



Attention all YOUTH

We will not have a meeting at 5 pm on Easter Sunday, March 16th. We pray you all have a wonderful time with your families, celebrating and reflecting on the Empty Tomb! Hallelujah, He is Risen!

VBS 2017 - July 17 -20 Galactic Starveyors!



The main scripture comes from **Colossians 1:15-16** which states, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven, and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. Let us together make this year great. Mark these days on your calendar!!