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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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A Season of Preparation

Each year Christ-Followers around the world prepare their hearts for Easter. This time of preparation is known as the Season of Lent. The Lenten Season is observed differently across various Christian denominations, but the truth of its purpose should be universal for all of us. That purpose is to prepare our hearts for the certainty of God's great love that is demonstrated in the precious, atoning death, burial and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus Christ. (John 3:16)

I was raised with a Moravian influence passed down to our family through my Grandmother, Sula Reid Hiatt. Many Easter Sunday mornings my family would wake before the sunrise and travel to Friedland Moravian Church. There we would hear the beautiful music of the Moravian brass ensemble echoing their melodies from one end of the cemetery to the other. This musical spectacular would conclude with the brilliance of sunrise over the chilly Easter morning flowered by the stunning presentation of Easter lilies all around. Even these thoughts bring deep emotions of thankfulness for Easter tradition and the remarkable truth that is ours in Jesus Christ.

The Season of Lent on the liturgical calendar begins on Ash Wednesday, (this year, March 1), and ends on Holy Saturday, (April 15), which is the day before Easter Sunday. These 46 days will be used by many as a time of deep introspection and soul-searching that will culminate in a renewal of commitment to the Lordship of Christ. How will you prepare your heart for the reality of God's precious, atoning love for you through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ?

Perhaps you have an annual tradition during the Season of Lent. Some find help and sacred meaning during Lent by abstaining from a physical pleasure that would be enjoyed during the rest of the year. This abstaining brings a constant PHYSICAL reminder of the SPIRITUAL need for a deeper love and devotion for Christ. That is a good thing!

Whatever your tradition, I pray that you will indeed come to a deeper understanding of our Heavenly Father's incredible love for you through Jesus Christ. I encourage you to put special events on your family calendar between now and Easter Sunday. Spend time together praying, reading scripture, considering the meaning of Easter's sacred symbols and talk about the great love of Jesus' demonstrated through His death, burial and resurrection.

Yes, BECAUSE He Lives,
Pastor Hal



NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Beverly Lovingood
5 – Beverly Lovingood
12 – Tammy Dew
19 – Peggy Creech
26 – Tammy Dew

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Dianne Tucker
5 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
12 – Melissa Story
19 – Roxanna Barker & Dianne Tucker
26 – Jane Walker & Lisa Jones



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

5 – Need Volunteer
12 – Melinda Latta
19 – Need Volunteer
26 – Tina Stanley

11:00 am Service

5 – Molly Painter
12 – Molly Painter
19 – Molly Painter
26 – Molly Painter



GREETERS

8:30 am Service

5 – George Pinkston
12 – Peggy Creech
19 – Brian Dew
26 – Steve & Leslie DuPre`

11:00 am Service

5 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class
12 – David Lehman
19 – Jerry & Diane Johnson
26 – Margie Underwood & Bernie Mitchell



TELLERS

Jim Wind and Beverly Lovingood



*March 16 – Jim and Dianne Wind
March 21 – Steve and Nancy Biggerstaff*



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.



Be Moore Bible Study

Ladies, Monday evening's at 6PM "Breath" by Beth Moore. This study examines the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Its title is drawn from John 20:22. Join us in the Bost Fellowship Hall of FBCCB. For more information call Shirley James at 910-233-2829.

Senior Bible Study



Blessings to our seniors. Our Senior Bible Study on Wednesday's at 4 pm in the library. This will allow us to have our study and move over to the fellowship hall for the Wednesday evening meal. Thanks to those that have been in attendance and all are welcome. Have a Jesus filled day. 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.



Operation with Love

I want to let you know that 'Operation With Love', which was our effort to pursue those affected by the recent mid state flood event, was a success and a really sweet blessing.

Our precious Lisa & Sam Jones gave us a family to contact who lost most of their belongings in the flood. They are in Fayetteville, NC.

The mother, Marie Lakey, her children, Houston 21, Breanna 18, and Seth 6, were the recipients of our collection of gifts.

James Best and I took a road trip to meet this family and to deliver what had been donated. This included (4) large containers of specific items they had requested and they were also given a check.

The picture above is a group selfie of Marie and her son Houston taken at our meeting place in Fayetteville.

They were so very grateful, they know Jesus, and we enjoyed this memorable experience. Thanks to everyone who contributed and for all of your prayers. Marie asked us for the address of our church and told us that once she was settled, she would send us a thank you card. I waited to receive this so that it might be a part of this story but have not yet.

Please continue to pray for this family and for all of the victims of this terrible tragedy.

VBS 2017 - July 17 -20



We have selected the theme for this year's VBS, **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 even greater than last, although I am not certain we can top last year! In Christ, Molly

Deacons' Retreat

"Change of Pace, Change of Place, Change of Perspective!"

Oh the joy of Fellowship! Especially with the focused purpose of seeking God's favor as we serve you as Deacons. Even as we rode the ferry together to Southport, the friendships deepened in unity to better become the spiritual servant leaders God has called for First Baptist Church Carolina Beach. Pastor Hal's vision that "our heavenly Father would equip, empower and encourage you and all of us together through the infinite power of His awesome Holy Spirit" weaved through the entire weekend. We worshipped led by Sherrie through music and testimony, focused on principles of "praying without ceasing", laughed, cried and even found out a little bit more about each other. But the focus was on seeking to fulfill God's model for Ministry and bringing His love to the world and especially our community through his church at Carolina Beach. As your Deacons call to offer their love and prayers, get to know them, let them know you -you may find out who was the one who worked for the circus! We love you and are so grateful for this opportunity to serve Him and you-God's precious ones!

