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Office Hours:

M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:30pm



DAILY PRAYER POINTS

Focus: Missionaries

Use these daily prayer topics to focus your prayers this month for missionaries.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Apr | Focus on God | <input type="checkbox"/> 16-Apr | Daily prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Apr | Faithful Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> 17-Apr | Devotion to God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Apr | Confession and repentance | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-Apr | Hear God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Apr | Humility | <input type="checkbox"/> 19-Apr | Boast in the Lord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Apr | Purity | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-Apr | Direction from God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Apr | Boldness | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-Apr | Peace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-Apr | Rest | <input type="checkbox"/> 22-Apr | Prayer support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-Apr | Guard the treasure | <input type="checkbox"/> 23-Apr | Strong marriages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9-Apr | Give glory to God | <input type="checkbox"/> 24-Apr | Eyes to see like Jesus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-Apr | Dependence on God | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-Apr | Express love |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-Apr | Gracious speech | <input type="checkbox"/> 26-Apr | Hunger for God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Apr | Spirit of unity | <input type="checkbox"/> 27-Apr | Persistence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-Apr | Resist temptation | <input type="checkbox"/> 28-Apr | Team spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14-Apr | Retreat with God | <input type="checkbox"/> 29-Apr | Obedience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-Apr | Stand firm | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-Apr | Sacrifice of holy living |



WHAT DO EGGS HAVE TO DO WITH EASTER?

Lately, I find myself quoting C.S. Lewis a lot. I have even pondered offering a DiscipleLife Course on Lewis' life and his best-known book, *Mere Christianity*, mostly because it would give me another reason to talk about him.

Not that I agree with his particular slant on everything. But what I do agree with resonates with me so much that I want other people to see things that way, and to encounter this extraordinary intellect that God saved from atheism and transformed into one of the 20th century's most influential Christian apologists.

Take Easter, for instance. When Lewis reflected on Easter, he used the ordinary to make us think about the profound, the simple to illuminate the holy. For example, have you ever considered what those chocolate eggs you buy at Walmart have to do with the actual, biblical Easter?

Consider this passage from Lewis' book, *Reflections on the Psalms*:

“There is a stage in a child's life at which it cannot separate the religious from the merely festal character of Christmas or Easter. I have been told of a very small and very devout boy who was heard murmuring to himself on Easter morning a poem of his own composition which began 'Chocolate eggs and Jesus risen.' This seems to me, for his age, both admirable poetry and admirable piety. But of course the time will soon come when such a child can no longer effortlessly and spontaneously enjoy that unity. He will become able to distinguish the spiritual from the ritual and festal aspect of Easter; chocolate eggs will no longer seem sacramental. And once he has distinguished he must put one or the other first. If he puts the spiritual first he can still taste something of Easter in the chocolate eggs; if he puts the eggs first they will soon be no more than any other sweetmeat. They will have taken on an independent, and therefore a soon withering, life.”

His point, of course, is that once we are capable of distinguishing between the mundane and the holy, we tend to replace the extraordinary with the mundane. And worse, we don't even notice when we start to trivialize the wonders of God. The longer we are Christians, the more likely we risk losing our wonder at the majesty of God, sometimes symbolized in small things to help us better grasp God's greatness. And if we lose that sense of wonder, next we start to

make the small things bigger than they are, and pretty soon even the small things no longer matter much.

If the child, Lewis says, starts putting the eggs first, pretty soon they are just tasty eggs, and soon after that, they really don't taste very good anyway. The child doesn't even appreciate the taste of the chocolate if he forgets what the egg stands for—cracking open the empty tomb to find Christ has risen!

In the same way, if we forget that church is about Jesus, pretty soon we find ourselves making the small things the main things, and after that, the small things don't really matter either. When we forget that Easter is about the risen Christ, the indescribable majesty of a holy God raising His Son from a clammy tomb and investing life in a sinful and dying world, to, in turn, raise us to life, then we start to object to the color of the chairs, quibble about the quality of the music, snipe about the pastor's less-than-perfect sermons, and fuss about not getting out of church in time to beat the Methodists to lunch. Because it has all lost its wonder, its meaning, its power.

But when we remember who Christ really is, when we thrive humbly in the thrill of knowing He did this for us, when we grapple with the possibility that we, too, can rise from the dead, then the wonder returns, the worship begins, and the small things again remind us of the majestic things of God.

So rise for Easter. Wake up with anticipation. Worship the Lord with abandon. Engage in the wonder!

The tomb is empty! Life has come to us in Christ. The cross is vacant! He is alive today. And we are His people, saved, loved, and empowered to serve!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Bob

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog

bobweathers.net



Ministry Snapshot for April 2018

message series

Series: “What If It's Not True? Why the Resurrection Matters to You”

Listen or download messages at FBCS on our website or from iTunes™.

children

Kids Choir
Sundays | 6pm | K-5th Grade

Wednesdays
Mission Classes | 6:30—7:30pm

quarterly meetings

Ministry Meeting
Apr 8 | 6pm

**Brunswick Baptist Association
Quarterly Meeting**
Apr 16 | 6pm
Ocean View Baptist Church

prayer

**Prayer for Our State, Nation and
Boston Mission Initiative**
Tuesdays | 5:30pm | Conference Rm

missions

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Apr 1-30 | Goal \$5,200

Romania Mission Trip
Jul 12—21 | \$2,500
\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Due Now

Operation In As Much
Apr 28 | 10am—2pm

finance

Building Fund Balance: \$28,468

men

Men's Bible Study
Wednesdays | 6:30 am

women

Ministry Meeting/Dinner
Apr 9 | 6:30pm
Jane Buffkin, Director

Dance for Joy (FREE)
Tuesdays | 6:30pm

disciplelife

New Classes Start Apr 4
“Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out”
“Doing Good”
“Proven”

Easter

Easter Sunday Apr 1
7am—SONrise Service (Breakfast to Follow Provided by Men's Ministry)
9:45am—Sunday School
11am—Morning Worship
No Evening Worship Service

50's plus

Monthly Meeting—Lunch & Movie
Apr 19 | 11:30am | At FBCS

Youth (7th-12th grade)

7th—10th Grade Girls' Small Group
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm
Mark & Wendy Giordano's home

11th—12th Grade Girls' Small Group
Thursdays | 6pm
Michael & Brenda Wicker's home

7th-12th Grade Boys' Small Group
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm
Roger & Beth Hart's home
Led by Pastor Mike

***No Small Groups Easter Sunday Apr 1**

Wednesdays
Bible Study | 6:30—8pm

Centrifuge
Jun 16—20 | \$325

Fusion (5th-6th grade)

Boys' Small Group
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm
Roger & Beth Hart's home
Led by Pastor Mike

Girls' Small Group
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm
Mark & Wendy Giordano's home

***No Small Groups Easter Sunday Apr 1**

Wednesdays
Bible Study | 6:30—7:30pm

vision 20/20

Yard & Bake Sale Fundraiser
Apr 21 | 8am
Volunteers Needed
Contact Vision 20/20 Team Member



Monthly Meeting
Apr 9 at 6:30pm
All Ladies Welcome



50's Plus Lunch & A Movie

Apr 19 | 11:30am | FBCS

Hot dogs and the fixings for lunch.
Popcorn and a coke during the movie.



Call Susan Hewett at 910.232.8336 to sign up for lunch and what you want to bring for lunch fixings. Also bring paper products for Hospice kitchen.

QUARTERLY ministry meeting

Sunday, April 8 | 6pm

Join us as church leaders share updates on their ministries or teams' focus, accomplishments and goals. Refreshments for will be provided by the Missions Ministry! Come and meet, fellowship, and celebrate what God is doing at FBCS!

Dance for Joy

TUESDAYS □ 6:30PM

Fun & free exercise class for ladies that anyone can keep up with! Fellowship with Christians while getting in shape. Joan Wurtz 910.579.0296



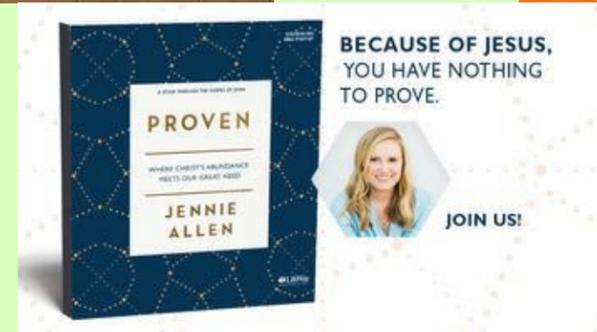
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disciplelife classes

Wednesdays @ 6pm | Fellowship @ 5:30pm

Classes Start April 4



sign up at fbcshallotte.org/wed



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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

anniearmstrong.com

Apr 1—30

Our Goal: \$5,200

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.



INASMUCH

Combined Operation In As Much Event with FBCS & New Beginnings Church

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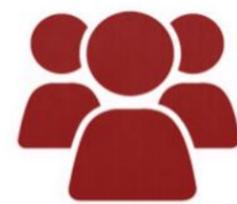
Shallotte

A Compassion Revolution

Sat April 28 from 10 am - 2 pm at Cardinal Point / Highlands in Shallotte

We will have inflatables, main stage with praise and worship teams performing, sports activities for kids, corn hole, free food, face painting, prayer tent and much more. This event is designed to express God's love and care to the people in our community. We will need volunteers to help serve in the following areas: sports games, supervising inflatables, registration table, face painting, prayer tent, set up and clean up. Please sign-up on the tear off tab in the bulletin, online at firstbaptistshallotte.org/compassion or in your Sunday School class.

Please sign up by Sunday, April 8 to receive a FREE t-shirt to wear the day of the event.



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Centrifuge Youth Camp

FUGUE CAMPS

Jun 16th—20th

Grades 6th -12th

\$50 Non-Refundable Deposit Due Now
\$100 Due Apr 26 & \$175 Due May 31
Notarized Permission Form & Copy of Insurance Card Due Apr 26

See Pastor Michael for more info-

DEACONS

*Following to Lead
Leading to Serve*

Looking ahead, we are coming into a time where you may be asked to serve in some capacity at First Baptist Church either as a teacher, a committee member or as a Deacon. Your challenge will be to respond in a timely manner to this request.

As we begin our search for Deacons, you will be asked to select men who have the Biblical qualities to serve in this role. So, I am asking you to begin praying for God to raise up men to serve and to be praying for the selection process. As for the men of the church, I would ask that you start praying now about serving the church as a Deacon if or when you are asked to serve in this important position.

As for the church at large, I am asking you to begin praying about where you can use your talents in His service. As we continue to grow there are many opportunities to serve God through the ministries of First Baptist Church. Finally, I ask you to pray and allow God to move you toward your place of service in the coming year.

Greg Hewett, Deacon Chair



Proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign

Apr 21 | 8am

Church Wide Yard & Bake Sale
Presented by Vision 20/20

Please call the office to set up a delivery time to drop off yard sale donations! All items should be clean and in good saleable shape. No clothing please. We will also need some delicious cakes to sell. Many volunteers needed also. See a member of the Vision 20/20 team to help.