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Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Monday, Mar 19, 2018

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Monday, Mar 26, 2018

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Serving on Sunday, March 4, 2018

Nursery: Betty Davis/Lee Chavis

2's & 3s: Claudia Robinette/Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Angela Cockerton/Leah Melvin

Church Security: John Yates

Greeters: Mary Joyner/John and Beth Ray/Marjorie Rainey

Serving on Sunday, March 11, 2018

Nursery: Virginia Auman/Kathy Griffis

2s & 3s: Monica Yates

Children's Church: Judy Harrelson/Lea Dietch

Church Security: Ric Buckner

Greeters: Mary Catherine Moree/Steve and Cynthia Morris

Serving on Sunday, March 18, 2018

Nursery: Joanne Taylor/Gregory Dawkins

2s & 3s: Mary Catherine and Joey Moree

Children's Church: Debbie Knight/Dana Pope

Church Security: Graham Jenkins

Greeters: Ric and Pat Buckner/Jill Emerson

Serving on Sunday, March 25, 2018

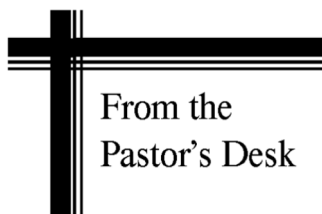
Nursery: Elaine Davis/Carolyn Bridgman

2s & 3s: Brenda Tyler/Joanna Wall

Children's Church: Mary Joyner/Elaine Wilson

Church Security: Michael Beale

Greeters: Inell Allen/Mandy Allen/Sally Pierce



From the Pastor's Desk

Jed Harris, producer of *Our Town* and other plays, became convinced he was losing his hearing. He went to a specialist, who gave him a thorough checkup. The doctor pulled out a gold watch and asked, “Can you hear this ticking?” Harris said, “Of course.” The specialist walked to the door and held up the watch again. “Now can you hear it?” Harris concentrated and said, “Yes, I can hear it clearly.” The doctor walked out the door into the next room and said, “Can you hear it now?” Harris said, “Yes.” The doctor said, “Mr. Harris, there is nothing wrong with your hearing. You just don't listen.”

Well, it may be that we also suffer from the same malady. While it is true that the world in which we live is filled with noise and a multitude of distractions which hinder our hearing and limit our understanding, it may be that like Mr. Harris, we don't always listen. I know that is true for me, and I suspect it may be true for most of us.

And yet the Scripture says, “Whoever has ears, let him hear....” But to what are we to hear and listen? Certainly to God, and his Word as well as to others. But from time to time, it's also good to listen to ourselves, not just to our words, but to our very lives.

I recently heard a North Carolina pastor exhort his congregation, particularly during the Lenten Season, to listen carefully to what one's life situation is trying to communicate. So might we ask ourselves - What are our current lives telling us? Are we tired and exhausted, and have no energy? Are we down and depressed because of the many complex problems our world is facing? Are we struggling with some problem or bad habit? Are our relationships with God, our church, our family and friends what they should be? Are we happy, content, fulfilled? Or do we feel empty and lonely? Just what are our lives saying to us? During this season of Lent may we seek to have some profitable listening sessions with ourselves and, with God's help, make any needed adjustments, improvements or changes so that we can better serve God. May God bless us as we journey toward Easter.



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11th.

Worship
the
Risen
Christ



Easter
Sunday,
April 1st



Over the past month, I have so enjoyed several opportunities just to be with our children on both Sunday and Wednesday nights. Our children are precious, and it does my soul a world of good simply to play with them within the walls of the church. It is nothing short of sacred time. On February 25th as we dedicated Mabel Danner, we sang a hymn that was new to me titled, "Children Are a Gift from Heaven" by John Simons. The second verse of that hymn speaks to what I repeatedly find with our young ones:

Children help us to discover how our lives should be each day;
 Joy unbounded, grace, forgiveness are the lights that mark the way.
 Children are a priceless treasure, sent from heaven like a dove;
 Poetry yet to be written, they bring laughter, joy, and love!

I hope that many of you have opportunities at least every now and then to observe and interact with children, and I hope you will take some opportunities to interact with our youngest ones here at First Baptist!

Eggstravaganza is coming up on Saturday, March 31st! We hope all our kiddos will come out for this special morning of fun and fellowship from 10:00-11:30 in E100. If you are interested in volunteering that day, let me know!

A good group of youth and adults traveled to Greensboro for the WinterJam concert on February 24th and enjoyed multiple Christian bands and artists. A big shout-out to Don Auman for driving the bus! Our youth continue to meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights and the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights of the month. We do provide a light dinner for the youth on Sunday evenings. If you would be interested in cooking one night, please see Debbie Knight or me. **Our youth will be heading to Backpack-Pals in Hamlet on Wednesday, March 21st to pack food for the weekend for students in our community.** I thank God for you and pray that March holds good things for you and your family! Peace, Patricia

CBFNC 2018 Annual Gathering - "Fit Church: Nurturing Healthy Congregations"

Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
 March 15-17, 2018 / Over 40 workshops available

Happy Anniversary!



3/10 Drew and Erin Gregory - 6 yrs 3/19 Larry and Judy Harrelson - 40 yrs
 3/29 Gene and Bonnie Barnes - 54 yrs



3/2 Anna Lee Crump	3/4 Lex Hilton	3/4 David Steffen
3/5 Melanie Lampley	3/5 Charlie Auman	3/6 Talon Stoner
3/8 Clay Ewing	3/9 Lauren Brown	3/9 Teri Brown
3/16 Brenda Tyler	3/18 Jim Stokes	3/20 Ina Haigler
3/21 Janice Coen	3/25 Mandy Allen	3/28 Carolyn Saunders
3/28 Caroline Smith	3/28 Andrew Wheeler	3/30 Kathleen Mumford
3/31 Kim Cox		



Thank you Music Makers (Allie, Drew, Jacob, Meredith, Noah and Payton) for sharing your music with us during the worship service on February 25th.

As I read Mark 2:13-22, the calling of Matthew, in preparation for our worship service on March 4th, the hymn “The Summons” (Will You Come and Follow Me?) came to mind. I was introduced to this hymn by some friends a couple years ago. While its lilting melody immediately captured my attention, it was the text which gave me pause to think about my own walk as a Christian. My hope and prayer is for each of us to allow these words to live and grow in us.

“Will you come and follow Me, if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let My love be shown? Will you let My name be known? Will you let My life be grown in you, and you in Me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind, if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let Me answer pray’r in you, and you in Me?”

“Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ners free, and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you, and you in Me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide, if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through My sight and touch and sound in you and you, in Me?”

“Lord, Your summons echoes true, when You but call my name. Let me turn and follow You, and never be the same. In Your company, I’ll go where Your love and footsteps show, Thus I’ll move and live and grow in You, and You in me.”



Giving Summary	January 2018	February 2018
General Fund	15,628	27,683
Chall. to Maint.		
Memorials & Honor	635	5,495
Radio Ministry/Sound	800	800
Baptist Men/Ramp Min.	50	1,431
Fellowship Fund		
Katie Yates Fund		
Heating and Air Cond.	2,365	1,610
Wed. Fellowship Meals	339	247
Missions	230	375
O'Brien Fund		1,043
Total Gifts	20,047	38,685
Budget req. to date	59,162	
Gifts to date	58,733	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(429)	
% giving to req.	99%	

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Pastor Bobby Mumford and the Pee Dee Baptist Church will be hosting a “Renewal of Marriage Vows” service at the church on Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 pm. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. To register or to get more information, please call 910-331-5781.

North Carolina Baptist Convention

April 6-7, 2018 Missions Conference - “Open Hands”

Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

Numerous Mission Breakout Sessions

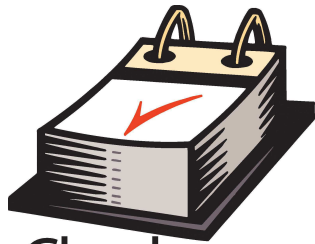


Maundy Thursday Service,

March 29th, 7:00 pm

It was on the Thursday of Christ’s final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said these words to his disciples:

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” - John 13:34



Check Your Calendar

- March 2 - World Day of Prayer
- March 4 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
- Children's Council Meeting, 12:15 pm
- March 11 - Daylight Savings Time, (turn clocks forward 1 hour)
- Youth Council Meeting, 12:15 pm
- March 12 - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
- March 19 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 pm
- March 21 - Youth to BackPackPals
- March 25 - Palm Sunday
- March 26 - Lenton Service, First Presbyterian, 12:00 pm
- March 27 - Lenton Service, First Baptist, 12:00 pm
- March 28 - Lenton Service, First United Methodist, 12:00 pm
- March 29 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:00 pm
- March 30 - Good Friday, Church Office Closed
- March 31 - Eggstravaganza (E100), 10:00-11:30 am



Holy Week - Community Lenten Services Monday, March 26 - Wednesday, March 28 Schedule of Services

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Food Prepared by</u>
Monday	First Presbyterian	Jim Nelson	First Presbyterian
Tuesday	First Baptist	Allen Bingham	First Baptist
Wednesday	First United Methodist	Dwight Williams	First United Methodist

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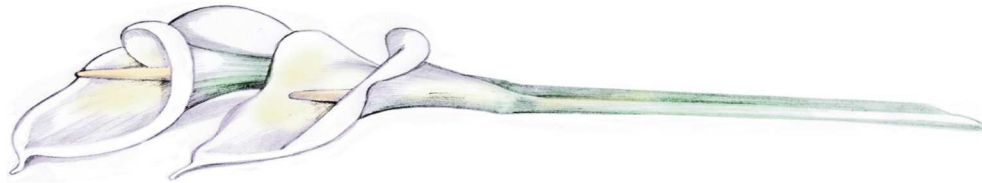
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Ms. Evelyn Marks

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mayhew
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill
Mrs. Martha Gandy
Ms. Martha Hickman
Mr. and Mrs. W Larry Clay

Mrs. Donna Ormsby Nibbe

Ms. Evelyn Marks



Sympathy for the family of ...

Michael Lamm. He is JC Lamm's son.
Evelyn "Tot" Spencer. Long time FBC member.



Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to remember a loved one on Easter by placing a lily in the sanctuary may complete and submit this form to the church office as soon as possible. The cost this year is \$10.00.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

You may pick up your lily after the 11 am service on April 1st.