



# PLYMOUTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## April 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that this month's newsletter finds you well and that your faith is steady and strong upon the LORD, His plan for your life and this world. God does have a plan for His people that ultimately will be for our good, though at times it doesn't seem as such.

As I write this letter I have been following the story of the shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. What an expression of evil perpetrated on individuals just living their lives. Six people including three nine year old children were murdered. The children's greatest concern that day was perhaps a math or spelling test. But that would change. Words are difficult to come by, but this tragedy among all the others we see point to the decline of our society and the ravaging effects of sin. It also points to our ancient adversary the devil, who through diabolical means takes hearts captive to do his evil will.

It was the devil himself who took Judas' heart captive to betray our loving Lord Jesus. Little did the devil know however, that the LORD would turn this into the greatest good. The redemption of His people from sin, and the offer of eternal salvation to a lost world. Jesus suffering was to redeem us from our sins. (Isaiah 53:4-7). Jesus suffered and died, yet He also rose again! Those who repent of their sins and believe in Jesus have a hope and a future, where all the pain and suffering of this life is over. The tragedy in Nashville brings heartache. We are living in the midst of a tragedy with all its prescribed difficulties, yet we can look to the truth that this world is not our home as Christians. The Lord is preparing a new home for us in heaven where sin and all its tragic effects are gone. Let us live with hope, even in the midst of such sadness. Let us be in constant prayer for those suffering, taking solace in the fact that Jesus bore that on the cross as well.—Pastor Paul

## YOUTH MINUTE.

April is here! With that, so is the time we take extra time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Our

Youth recently spent a Sunday School morning discussing the importance of Jesus' resurrection. The baseline for the discussion was that both the death and the resurrection of Jesus was done

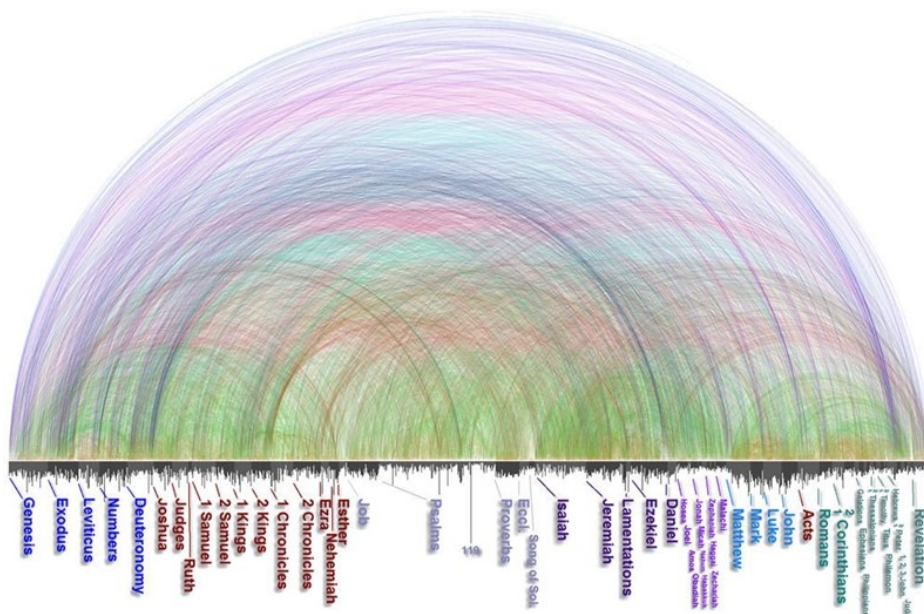
"Out in the Light", or in public. When we ask others

to trust in Christ, we are not requesting that they place their trust in some hidden work. Jesus' death was "broadcasted" among many eyewitnesses, and after His resurrection He revealed Himself to over

500 witnesses. It was important for both, as His substitutionary death and His resurrection are the basis of our faith. The Apostle Paul even wrote

that without the resurrection, our faith would be in vain! (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

Our faith differs from those that place their trust in hidden revelations, and the words of one person. The Bible contains 66 different books, approximately 40 different authors, where almost all lived at



completely different times. Yet, we see a single cohesive story that leads to Jesus in hopes to fill you with an awe of God's authorship. This is a photo that visually shows the cross references that we see in the scripture. Hint: There's over 63,000! Praise God and His amazing authorship, and for the story of redemption, where God showed grace and sought after the lost. -Pastor Loyd

### Please Keep in Your Prayers

**CHURCH FAMILY:** Christine Ward, Denise Nobles, Sue Owens, Hulan Williams, Jim Sawyer, Susan Thompson, Leroy and Ann Bland, Larry Nicholson, Steve Barnes, John Smith, Donna Gray, B.J. Lyle, Tracie Wildman, Robert and Phyllis Dickerson, Faye McCombs.

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:** Joyce Vaughn (Mother of Mary Kay Bradshaw), Lisa Noell (Sister of David Noell), Donald Chesson, Kay Roberson, Cordellia Molt Wynne, George Bagley (Cousin of Faith Noell), Whitney Denton (Niece of Phyllis Faulk), Mrs. Virginia Lilley, Christine Blevins (Boss of Dianne Swain) Mack Tripp (Brother of Shirley Barfield), Wayne Waters, Shelton McNair, Jr., Torin Shaw, Patty Harrell, Jamie Asby, Shelby Flint, Nadin Williams Watson, Bryson Blount (friend of Jim & Susan Sawyer), Mae Oliver, Keith Sawyer.

### In the Nursing Homes:

**Pauline Humphreys**  
River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center

**Tim Elks**  
Carrolton Of Plymouth

**Rae Owens**  
Chowan River Nursing and Rehab Center.

**Gwen Phelps**  
The Fountain of The Albemarle Apt. E101



**First Baptist and Magic 95.9 partner to reach people with the good news of Jesus.** Time and again we hear that our radio ministry is making a difference in people's lives. We praise the Lord that He has moved on peoples hearts to support this important ministry that carries our worship service and Pastor Paul's daily devotional to so many. This ministry costs \$100.00 per week. Your support has the potential to reach thousands with

the message of hope in Jesus Christ by tuning in on the radio or downloading the **MyTuner Radio** app. If you do not live in the Plymouth area but wan to listen in, just look up the station on the App, listen in and tell your friends about it!



## April Calendar

3rd-Mission Action Circle meets at 1:00 pm at Golden Skillet

3rd-Buildings & Grounds Committee meets at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

4th—Social Committee meets at 6:00 pm in the Craft Room.

4th-Gail Hardison Circle meets at 7:00 pm in the Craft Room.

4th-Helen Peele Circle meets at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

6th-Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm.

9th-Sunrise Service at 7:30 am here followed by breakfast. (Please Note: This will take the place of Baptist Men's Breakfast for April).

9th - Sunday School at 9:45 am; Easter Service at 11:00 am.

10th-Deacons meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall with Bob Cody hosting.

10th-Office Closed

23rd-Bridal Shower for Gracen Rogers from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

26th—Quarterly Conference at 7:00 pm.



When children come into Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) care, it is obvious they have gone without — **without food, without love, without hope.** One of the first ways our children learn that they are loved is when their cottage parents serve them the regular meals they could not count on before arriving. This is because their families let them down. When you can't depend on your loved ones to care for you, who do you trust?

### How does the Food Roundup help?

When your church, along with NC Baptists across the state, collect food, supplies and gift cards through the Food Roundup, you ensure that we can provide three meals a day plus snacks to our boys and girls and everyone we serve. Children's trust is restored! They learn that they are loved not only by churches and caregivers but by the Heavenly Father we have the privilege of pointing them to.

**By filling their plates, you fill their hearts.**



Baptist Children's Homes  
of NORTH CAROLINA

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Slides, ads and other resources are at [bchfoodroundup.org](http://bchfoodroundup.org)  
For more information call 336-474-1277

## Easter Sunday Schedule

**7:30 AM** Sunrise Service followed by breakfast prepared by the Baptist Men.

**9:45 AM** Sunday School **11 AM** Worship



**Bonner & Susan Peele**

**4/15**

**Scott & Caroline Chandler**

**4/26**



**Scott Bradshaw 4/1**

**George Galtress 4/2**

**Rusty Collins 4/9**

**Bill Sexton 4/9**

**Anna Grace Noell 4/10**

**Barbara Jo Payne 4/15**

**Micki Dail 4/12**

**Ann Bland 4/13**

**Brinson Edmondson 4/15**

**Gwen Mitchell 4/15**

**Beth Foster 4/17**

**Phyllis Dickerson 4/18**

**Peyton Pollard 4/26**

**Dylan Holcomb 4/27**

**Mike Gurganus 4/27**

**George Boyd 4/28**

We will collect items for Food Roundup throughout the month of April. A drop off box will be located in the hallway beside the church office. A list of items needed will be included in the April 2nd church bulletin.

### Other News:

First Baptist has reached our 47th mile of Pennies for Baptist Children's Homes!





**Plymouth**  
First Baptist Church

**Hope is found here.**  
Psalm 39:7

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Youth and Children

**Mr. Scott Bradshaw,**  
Worship Director

**Mrs. Danita Davis,**  
Office Administrator

**Mrs. B.J. Lyle,** Organist

# Jesus is Alive.

# Celebrate!



## Bridal Shower

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING

GRACEN ROGERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD  
2 O'CLOCK UNTIL 4 O'CLOCK

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
309 WASHINGTON STREET PLYMOUTH, NC

REGRETS ONLY  
KENNEDY DAIL 252-661-6060

*Registered at*  
TARGET, AMAZON &  
POTTERY BARN

### Nursery Rotation

#### April 2023

April 2– Ann Cody  
India Jones

April 9—Lora Craddock  
Glenda Smith

April 16– Caroline Chandler  
Amy Collins

April 23—Faith Noell  
Jolie Barnes

April 30–Dianne Swain  
Susan Sawyer