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# JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

# Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

Regular Sunday Schedule

# Wednesday April 16, 2025

No Church Supper, Bible Study or Youth Group

Thursday April 17, 2025

6:30 Covered Dish Dinner - 7:30 Communion

## Good Friday April 18, 2025

10 AM Cross Walk with Worship Service on Church Steps

# **Resurrection Sunday April 20, 2025**

Regular Sunday Schedule





### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Annie Armstrong (1850-1938) was a bold advocate for missionaries and their work. She championed

Missions support among Southern Baptist churches and helped create a rich legacy of people awakened and responding to God's call to pray, give

and go. Since 1895, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has empowered Southern Baptists' missional work to reach the US., Canada and their territories. Generation after generation, we've united to reach people born on our shores and the nations who come here to make a new home.

# Our goal is \$1000.00

# Let us Celebrate! Congratulations!

#### Happy Birthday

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

#### Happy Anniversary

Bonner & Susan Peele

4/15

Scott & Caroline Chandler 4/26



## Coming up this month.

#### **Tuesday April 1. 2 PM**

Helen Peele Meeting. Becky Brown Hosting in Fellowship Hall. Study chapter 9.

#### Wednesday April 2 6:30 PM

Church Supper, Adult Bible Study and Youth Group.

#### Sunday April 6: 7:30 AM

Baptist Men's Breakfast/fellowship hall.

#### Monday April 7 1 PM

Mission Action meets at Golden Skillet.

#### Monday April 7 6:30 PM

Building and Grounds Meeting in Office Conference Room.

#### Wednesday April 9 6:30 PM

Church Supper, Adult Bible Study and Youth Group

#### Wednesday April 16th 6:30

There will be no Church Supper, Bible Study or Youth Group. Gail Hardison Group will meet in fellowship hall to decorate for Maundy Thursday Covered Dish.

#### Thursday April 17 6:30 PM

Maundy Thursday Covered Dish Dinner and Communion in Fellowship Hall.

#### Friday April 18 10:00 AM

Cross Walk and Good Friday Service: Front Steps of Church.

#### Wednesday April 23 6:30 PM

Dessert Fellowship, followed by Quarterly Conference at 7 PM

Easter Lilies Cost is \$19.99

**Orders are Due April 13** 

# of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory or Honor of:



# Youth and Children

## Hello Church Family,

It's hard for me to believe that April is already here. This serves to me as a reminder that Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. We have purchased or made available a few different promotional materials that you could distribute to friends, family, and co-workers. Let's spread the news about VBS at First Baptist Church!

April will be a month that is focused on finding our volunteers for this years VBS. So if you have an spot you'd like to fill—feel free to reach out to me any time!

I also want to talk a little about our church's cross walk on Good Friday. I believe this event is a great opportunity to encourage full families from our community to join us at First Baptist. There's many different struggles and trials Plymouth families are facing. It's been awhile since I've mentioned this—but the best student outreach considers the family as a whole, not just the students themselves. We Want A Family Oriented Student Ministry.

Let's pray that we be able to share the Gospel with multiple families in the Month of April.

—Pastor Loyd

## PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH	FRIENDS AN	D RELATIVES:
<b>FAMILY:</b>	Clifton Moore	Mary Bunting

George Galtress Mike Ownbey Whitney Denton
Virginia Dilday Amanda Thompson Shirley Harrell

George Boyd Kevin Phelps Family of Joelle Dickey
Mittie Ward Betty King Family of Ronnie Coburn

Mittie Ward

Betty King

Family of Ronnie

Margaret Sugg

Aiden Bishop

Chris Smith

John C. Mann

Danny Barber

Marguerite Hart

Rick Casey

Stan Dymek

Ann Bland

Rodney Rogerson

Joyce Jones

B.J. Lyle Ronnie Collier (Father of Rhonda Hickman)

Faye McCombs Jeff Davis Evan Roberson Kristie Nicholson Wanda Snell Hollice Waters

Amy Phelps Jo Carol Waters

# NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Tim Elks Carrolton of Plymouth

Steve Barnes

Autumnfield of Belhaven

Nancy Revelle

Ahoskie Assisted Living

Shelby Flint

Windsor House

#### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

4/6- Lora Craddock, Glenda Smith

4/13- Caroline Chandler, Amy Collins

4/20- Faith Noell, Jolie Barnes

4/27- Dianne Swain, Susan Sawyer



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH April 2025

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:5-6

This time of year we observe and celebrate the glorious sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is the heart of our faith, and really the greatest turning point in human history. Faith in Jesus, his sinless life, substitutionary death and glorious resurrection brings about the greatest turning point in the life of all who believe.

As I write this letter, I recognize that we all can become distracted by the world. Enticed by it's pleasures we can come to a place where we fail to appreciate what the Lord has done for us. In so doing the priorities of our life do not reflect a love for Jesus and a desire to serve Him. I am astonished when I meet people from time to time and they tell upon hearing that I am the pastor of First Baptist, they say, "Oh I'm a member of that church" or "I used to attend but I don't really go to church anymore." For whatever reason, they are no longer walking with the Lord. Let's face it, in this situation they've gotten over what Jesus has done for them—securing for them a home of eternal blessing in heaven.

As a Christian and pastor I must tell you I am greatly concerned about such people. For because they have drifted so far from the flock of God, they don't realize their spiritual peril. I believe that if one can walk away from fellowship with God and his people with no thought or conviction, then perhaps they are apostates. They were never truly believers in Christ.

The Bible tells us that in the last days, many will abandon the faith (see 1 Timothy 4:1-3). If you are serving the Lord, continue on. But if your are not and your faith is on the shelf—return to the Lord. Let me ask you, in 100 years, what will really matter more than your relationship with the LORD?

Jesus is Risen join us to celebrate!

**Pastor Paul**