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Prayer Requests

To share a prayer request, please send emails to elucas@fbcasheboro.com or call the church office, from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

Philippians 4:6

Prayer & Praise Service

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Sunday, April 21

6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Plan to join us!

This gathering will be a time to hear updates on our church and to pray for God's continued guidance and leadership. We will also lift our voices in our favorite hymns to praise God for what He has done, is doing and will do in our church family.

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

John 16:7-11 (NIV)

Did you hear what Jesus said in that first verse? He said it is better for him to go away and the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) to come to us. Now it might sound odd for us to hear that Christ’s physical presence away from us is better than his physical presence with us. To understand, we must understand the role of the Holy Spirit.

The role of the Holy Spirit is to reveal the glory of Christ. It is to reveal that Christ came, suffered for our sin, was crucified in our place, buried in a tomb but then arose on the third day! The Holy Spirit reveals the eternal plan of salvation and teaches us how Christ is awaiting us and preparing us a place in Heaven. The Holy Spirit is here to call each person to the victory found in Christ! But the Holy Spirit could not glorify this victory until it happened! Now that it has happened, it’s better that we have Him living in each believer to help declare the Good News to the entire world!

The Holy Spirit has always been part of the plan of salvation. Unfortunately, we sometimes have a tough time understanding His role and how He works in and through us daily. Join us for this last part of our study on the Trinity over the next couple of months. We will be studying about the attributes of the Holy Spirit and how we MUST follow His lead.

Christ has risen! God has won! The Spirit is here to help us declare it to the world!

Pastors On Call

April 5-7 Mark Hall/953-8659
 April 12-14 Stephen Owen/828-292-4627
 April 19-21 Aaron Littell/828-719-7716
 April 26-28 Rick Davis/953-8090

Giving Numbers

2/25/2024 \$28,327.00
 3/3/2024 \$28,788.00
 3/10/2024 \$26,462.00
 Received Year to Date \$256,068.00
 Budgeted Year to Date \$230,078.00

Easter Offering

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal: \$5,000.00 Received: \$4,285.00
 On Mission/FBC Goal: \$5,000.00 Received: \$1,035.00
 Total \$10,000.00 \$5,320.00

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JANET SMITH

Thank you so much, children and leaders, for leading us in worship on Children's Day! It was a special, memorable experience. Your willingness to serve is an example to others and we were richly blessed through your scripture reading/reciting, prayers, and music. Heartfelt thanks also go to Michele Grubb, Carey Way, and their volunteers for our delicious breakfast.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Kale, Jackson Motley, and Roxie Owen! They have advanced to the Regional Bible Drill, which will be in Pembroke on April 13. Please pray for them and encourage them as they continue to practice and prepare for the highest level drill for 4th-6th graders.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 17—Friday, June 21

6:30-8:30 pm



For three year olds (toilet trained), school age children, teens, and adults



Note the change in the dates and days of the week for Bible School this year, and plan for VBS as you're making summer plans. The Bible study emphasis is God's truth and learners will focus on learning to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true. This Bible content can literally be life-changing; be sure you're at Breaker Rock Beach for that week!

Donations needed for VBC snacks! Please choose some items and drop them off outside Janet's office by Sunday, May 26.

<i>Biscoff Cookie Butter</i>	<i>Miniature Chocolate Chips</i>	<i>Stick Pretzels, Thick (not the long rods)</i>
<i>Combos</i>	<i>Miniature Marshmallows</i>	<i>Sun Chips</i>
<i>Crunchy Cheetos</i>	<i>Nerds Gummy Clusters</i>	<i>Swedish Fish</i>
<i>Doritos</i>	<i>Rainbow Nerds</i>	<i>Veggie Straws</i>
<i>Goldfish</i>	<i>Regular Bugles</i>	<i>Whales Crackers</i>
<i>Graham Crackers</i>	<i>Rice Krispies Cereal</i>	<i>White Chocolate Bark</i>
<i>Marshmallow Cream</i>	<i>Star Crunch Debbie Cakes</i>	

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

MARK HALL

dlife

D-Life has been a refreshing, spiritual experience that I look forward to each Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. The small group tends to put most participants at ease, so that each person can share their thoughts and experiences related to the lesson. I truly do feel that the way these groups are set up allows God to speak through the group. I feel like each group has grown as the Body of Christ and that this is an invaluable tool for the future discipleship training and spiritual maturation at FBC. The level of honest sharing helps to grow us as a fellowship and get to know one another better.

Bryan Marbert

We have been doing D-Life on Sunday mornings for a few months now. I personally think these groups are very helpful not only in strengthening your walk with Christ but building relationships with everyone in the group. D-Life has a great book we go through and has questions that we all talk about. It makes you realize that most of us are struggling with the same thing and the questions reviewed open discussion and everyone is involved in the conversations. The structure of the book gets everyone involved with different people praying, paraphrasing, reading scripture, and facilitating each week. It has personally helped me be more vocal and active in our study on Sunday mornings and in the Word during the week. It is beneficial to a believer and a non-believer as the questions it uses make it easy to realize we are all broken and sinful and allows group discussion about God's Word. I would encourage you to find a group and join.

Shawn Duckworth

Being in a D-Life group has given me an easy-to-follow framework as I read God's word. I love that it encourages me to dig deeper into God's Word and that it facilitates rich discussions with others about His Word while placing high priority on prayer and serving others. While I value commentaries from Bible scholars, I love that D-Life guides discussion without relying on commentary. This part of D-Life's Bible study design has helped me to rely on the Holy Spirit to teach, guide, and transform me as I read. I love getting to hear from others in my D-Life groups about what the Spirit is revealing to them, too!

Alison Hargett

CHURCH NEWS

Thank You!

Words cannot express the gratitude Deborah and I feel towards our church family. Deborah's ongoing,

multiple health issues can at times be overwhelming, but your love and prayers have been the source of much encouragement. During my extended hospital stay and surgery, your many and constant prayers literally made a difference between life and death. Your many cards (we actually wallpapered a wall with cards), notes of encouragement, and countless visits did much to lift my spirits and fight off boredom. Thank you for being God's very real presence in a terribly dark journey.

Dan & Deborah Wood

Thank you for the sweet gifts and packages that your church sends to our family. We really appreciate all the prayers for my husband, Aaron Woolard, who is deployed, and for myself and our son Wesley.

Aaron, Wende & Wesley Woolard



It's time to register for photos for the new FBC Asheboro pictorial directory! From May 30th to June 1st, The Portrait Cafe will be onsite to capture timeless memories for our upcoming church directory. This is your chance to ensure your smiling face is included in our church directory. Whether you're a longtime member or new to our church family, we want to feature everyone's beautiful faces! To reserve your

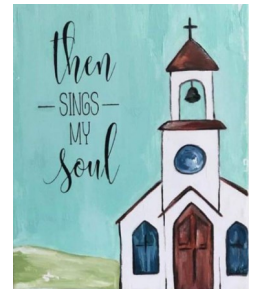
spot, simply follow this link to sign up today: <https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180087435.1?schedule=firstbaptistchurch>.



On April 17- 22 a team from Camp Caraway, along with Mark Hall, will be conducting a camp leadership training conference in Baltata, Moldova. Caraway along with assistance from the On Mission Team of First Baptist will be funding 100 young adults to receive training in how to use a camp experience to reach children and youth with the Gospel. This will be the third team Caraway has sent at the request of the Moldovan Baptist Union. Pray for our team, children and youth as they hear the Gospel. May their hearts be open and receptive to hear the word through the leaders.

Senior Adult Ladies, Let's Get Creative!

Come enjoy lunch, fellowship and paint an 8x10 traced canvas on Thursday, April 18 in the CLC. Amber Blue, a local business owner offers classes to all levels including first time painters. Amber will lead you step by step through the painting to create a beautiful work of art for you to enjoy. Lunch will be provided at 11 am and painting will follow at 12 pm. **Note: everything you need will be provided including aprons for clothing protection.*



The cost is \$15 per person. Use the QR code or contact Ellen at elucas@fbcasheboro.com to reserve your seat. **Deadline is April 15. Seating is limited!**



Men's Cornhole Tournament

On Saturday, May 18, FBC Men are invited to the CLC for a cornhole tournament and to purchase a hot sub from "George's On The Go." Their food truck will be set up in the back parking lot from 5-6pm. There will be three choices of subs (steak & cheese, ham, or turkey) with sub toppings, fries and a drink for \$16 per person. The cornhole tournament will commence at 6 pm. Deadline to register is May 10. <https://forms.gle/aKuyLNkmpLw6TN6i7>





Sky Zone Trampoline Park -The youth had a great time at the trampoline park!
For more pictures click the QR code and enjoy.



April 12-14 youth and youth parents are attending the Spring retreat at South Mountain Baptist Camp in Connelly Springs, NC. We will have a time of worship, Bible study, fun and fellowship. The study is Mark Batterson’s “All In!”

*For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **Matthew 16:25***

FRIDAY

- Bus leaves at 4:00
- Arrive at South Mountain Baptist Camp at 6:15
- Dinner at 7:00
- Worship at 8:00
- Small groups at 8:20
- Free time following
- Lights out at 11:00

SATURDAY

- Quiet time at 7:00
- Breakfast at 7:30
- Worship at 8:30
- Small groups at 8:50
- Free time 10-12
- Lunch at 12:00
- Free time 1-4
- Dinner at 5:30
- Small groups at 6:30
- Worship at 7:30
- Free time following
- Lights out at 11:00

SUNDAY

- Quiet time at 7:00
- Breakfast at 7:30
- Small group at 8:30
- Large group at 9:30
- Worship at 10:00
- Leave at 11:00
- Lunch on the way
- Bus arrives at 2:00



PRIME TIME NEWS

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ~ Matthew 6:19-21

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Senior Living Facilities/Rehab

Asheboro Rehabilitation Center (aka) Woodland Hill	Emily Nance
Brookdale.....	Faye McDaniel, Brenda Hall
Clapp's.....	George Lucas
Cross Road Assisted Living.....	Grace Bullard, Bobbie Gibson, Tom Lewis
Cross Road Memory Care	Mary Owens, George & Pug Yeatts
Montgomery Senior Living	Susan Long
Terra Bella.....	Judy Bulla
Universal Health Care	Randy Bulla

At Home Members

Recovering from Recent Surgeries or Other Health Concerns

Joyce Crocker	Larry Hunter	Nelson Rowland
Charles Havens	Elaine Overman	Gail Griffin
Deborah Wood	Cecil Hall	Kim Britt
Rick Burleson		

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

- Pearl Hoffman on the passing of her sister, Peggy Hill Heath on February 19.
- Cecil & Carolyn Hall on the passing of her sister, Linda Comer on March 3.
- Randy & Lisa Lawson on the passing of his dad, Vance Lawson on March 6.



On Thursday, March 21, thirty-seven senior adults gathered in the chapel at 11am for lunch, fellowship and to hear a message from Janet Harlee. First Baptist Church Asheboro is Janet's home church where her parents J.E. & Ruby Whisnant were members. Emily Owen provided a delightful lunch while Dee Dee & Ellen brought a touch of spring to the table decorations.

Our guest speaker, Janet Harlee brought humor with a message through stories and participatory songs and the message that we are commanded to love God and love others. She shared some of the Characteristics of God's Love: *Giving, Sacrificial, Unconditional, Compassionate, Personal, Eternal and Beyond Measure*. Janet ended with what children ages 4 -8 said about what love means, the story of her mother's first anniversary spent apart from her husband during WWII, and that God's love is True Love.





First Baptist Church
Senior Birthdays for May



Day	Name	Address	City	Phone
2	Mr. Bill Perdue	236 S. Elm St	Asheboro, NC 27203	338-2697
3	Mrs. Susan Kinney	405 Kinney Woods Way	Trinity, NC 27370	472-6432
3	Mrs. Carol Pearce	6350 Roscoe Rd.	Denton, NC 27239	953-6632
4	Mr. Reg Ferree	347 Brantley Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	626-5886
4	Mr. Ed Kilby	2409 Hickory Forest Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27203	672-1595
5	Mrs. Cindy Turner	6019 Heatherstone Dr.	Raleigh, NC 27203	672-2199
5	Mr. Vernon Winslow	2594 Mountain Oak View Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27203	919-548-0705
6	Ms. Angelica Borders	312 Coleridge Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	521-9389
6	Ms. Gloria Hilton	450 Mountain Top Dr., St 108	Asheboro, NC 27203	276-235-0827
7	Mr. Don Butler	507 Jordan Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27203	672-1723
7	Mr. Lynn Jones	720 Viewmont Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	953-6702
8	Mr. Ernest Greene	920 Rivers Edge Rd.	Siler City, NC 27344	910-948-5001
11	Ms. Joyce Crocker	1621 Plantation Circle	Asheboro, NC 27205	629-9746
13	Mrs. Terri McDowell	1263 Jennings Road	Randleman, NC 27317	625-1631
13	Mrs. Jill Stuart	611 Dixon Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27203	629-6678
14	Ms. Irene Johnson	115 Ridgecrest Road	Asheboro, NC 27203	629-2404
17	Ms. Brenda Blackwell	702 Avondale Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27203	460-8955
17	Mrs. Belinda Simmons	3806 US Hwy. 220 Bus. South	Asheboro, NC 27205	629-1898
18	Mr. Tom Deck	909 Parkview St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	964-6101
18	Mrs. Shirley Ferryman	448 E. Kivett St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	625-4006
20	Mrs. Steve Pearce	6350 Roscoe Rd.	Denton, NC 27239	517-7282
21	Mrs. Tandy Greene	735 Sherwood Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	625-5692
22	Mrs. Bobbie Gibson	1302 Old Cox Rd., Rm 22	Asheboro, NC 27205	302-2983
23	Mrs. Mary Vaughn	2839 Oak Hollow Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27203	870-0893
24	Mr. Randy Bulla	7166 Jordan Rd.	Ramseur, NC 27316	
27	Mr. L.D. Pritchard	2145 Woodell Country Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	879-2774
27	Mrs. Wanda Roberts	918 Kildare Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	254-9075
27	Ms. Rebecca Snow	319 Shamrock Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	629-2672
29	Mrs. Pearl Hoffman	1434 Cliff Road	Asheboro, NC 27205	625-5343
29	Mrs. Vel Holland	1150 Lexington Commons Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	625-7624
29	Mr. Steven Luck	924 Greystone Rd	Asheboro, NC 27203	302-1160
29	Mr. Mel Neill	984 Tamworth Road	Asheboro, NC 27203	625-9965
30	Mrs. Dawn Greene	1438 Miles Moffitt Rd	Asheboro, NC 27205	629-0495

LOOKING AHEAD

April 1	Church Office Closed
April 2-10	<i>Colombia Mission Trip</i>
April 6	<i>Regional Bible Drill</i>
April 7	<i>On Mission Team Meeting</i>
April 12-14	<i>Youth/Parent Spring Retreat</i>
April 14	<i>Executive Council Meeting</i>
April 15	<i>Hearts & Hands Craft Group</i>
April 18	<i>Senior Ladies Painting Event</i>
April 21	<i>Prayer & Praise Service</i>
April 27	<i>AMA Spring Recital</i>
May 4	<i>Children's Ministry Leaders Brunch</i>
May 5	<i>Missions Commissioning Service</i>

For more information on upcoming ministry events,
please see the weekly **Ministry Guide** calendar
or call the church office.

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