



EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 4

Bible Fellowship Classes at 9:30

*adults meet in the Multipurpose Room — lesson taught by Dr. Hewett
bring fresh-cut flowers to decorate the cross on the front lawn*

Morning Worship at 10:45

bring a bell to ring during worship

Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, April 21— 6:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Reports from:
Treasurer and Clerk
Nominating Committee
Boards of Deacons, Trustees, Missions
and Christian Education

Faith in Fiction Book Club

meets Thursday, April 8
7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Members invite you to join them
as they review and discuss
Mitch Albom's book —
Have a Little Faith

This Week at FBC

Sunday, April 4

- 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
 10:35 AM Preschool Extended Session
 10:45 AM Service of Worship

Monday, April 5

Church Offices Closed

- 6:30 PM TOPS

Tuesday, April 6

- 9:30 AM Craft Club
 6:00 PM Coordinating Committee
 8:30 AM Softball Game
FBC vs. Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday, April 7

- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
*Buffet: lasagna, tossed salad,
 garlic bread, dessert*
Kid's: same as buffet
 6:15 PM Child Care
 Music Time
 Music Makers
 Children's Choir
 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:30 PM Lenten/Easter Bible Study
 Youth Discussion
 Wednesday Night Handbell Group
 6:45 PM Missions Rotation:
 Mission Friends
 Girls' Missions
 Boys' Missions
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 8

- 7:00 PM Faith in Fiction Book Club
 9:30 PM Softball Game
FBC vs. Midway Baptist

Bible Fellowship Lesson

Sunday, April 4

"Resurrection Joy"

Scripture: **John 20:1-18**

Additional Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43; 65:17-25
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Luke 24:1-12
 I Corinthians 15:19-26

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call April 2-9

Sara Spahr Stubbs – 704-219-2204

Biblical Recorder ...

If you would like to subscribe to the Biblical Recorder, please turn in a check for \$15.99 to the church office. The Biblical Recorder has provided NC Baptists with fair and balanced coverage of state and national Baptist news for 175 years. The deadline for subscribing is May 2.

Oops ...

When offering thanks to our crew of volunteer landscapers in last week's newsletter, by mistake we left off Fred Starkey's name.

Softball team ...

Our softball team is now playing in the Monroe City Softball League. Check the calendar each week for scheduled games and come out and cheer them on. Games are played at the old fairgrounds on Williams Road.

MissionsFirst

- The **LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING** for April will benefit the **FoodPaks4Kids** (see article below). Money received will be used to purchase food for the children. We received \$215.89 in March for the Loose Change Offering, which benefitted Crisis Assistance Ministry.
- We have an on-going ministry that provides **food-filled backpacks** to needy school kids. You can help by donating non-perishable snacks/foods (peanut free). Place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area.
- Remember to check the **Missions Board** for names of children in need of school uniforms.

By the Numbers ...

Sunday, March 28, 2010:

Bible Fellowship Attendance	143
Adults	107
College.....	14
Youth.....	5
Children.....	17

Worship Attendance	216
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 11,408
Budget Receipts	\$ 10,738
Budget Requirements to Date	\$342,240
Budget Receipts to Date	\$349,916



The Worship of God

April 4, 2010 - 10:45 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Anthems by The Chancel Choir

"Hail Thee, Festival Day" by Hal Hopson

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again" by John Rutter

Sermon by John Hewett

"And She Told Them Everything..."

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25; John 20:1-18

Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office. Audio recordings of sermons are available at www.monroefirstbaptist.org

Thank you ...

Dear Church Family:

Thank you for the many expressions of love and support you have shown me during this difficult time in my life. I am so grateful for the gift of a caring church family.

Robin Pittman

Dear Members of First Baptist:

Thank you so much for the wonderful spring party you hosted for us. The food, games, and dances were terrific! Your generosity will long be remembered.

Robin Pittman, Kelley Stegall
The Compensatory Education Students of SPCC

Volunteer needed ...

We are in need of a volunteer to deliver the donations we receive for Loaves and Fishes to their facility on Church Street every two weeks. If you can help, please contact the church office.



The Variety Show will be held Sunday, April 18. If you would like to participate in the show, contact Sara Spahr Stubbs as soon as possible.

Loaves & Fishes ...

is requesting contributions of all types of dried beans for April. Please place donations in the marked container in the Gathering Area. Thank you for continuing to help feed the hungry in our community.

Committees

Sunday School Greeters:

Sojourners Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Kathy Cole

Security:

Narthex - R. V. Lee

Gathering Area - Chris Gross

Ushers:

R. V. Lee, Ann Wild, Lorey White,

Nancy Thomas, Frances Vaughan

Offertory:

Rebecca Mills, Paula Lee, Annette Kilby,

Ann Handy

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Kristina Latoni

Preschool I-Robin Haas, Megan Williamson

Money Counters

Frances Vaughan, Ray Sowder

Thursday Night Helpers:

Diane Whitley, Aileen Sowder, Pat Turner,

Ken Thomas

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Imogene Smith

Annie Bragg in Lake Park

Bob Thompson in VA Hospital, Salisbury

Karen Marossy at home

Bob Turner at home

Max Melton (eye surgery)

John Looney

Paul Sims in the death of his father

Reggy Gaddy in the death of his brother, Del Terri and Matt Sharp

Bill Stubbs, brother of Jim Stubbs

Casey Helms, brother of Dylan Helms

Mack Barrett, brother-in-law of Jane Austin

Jamie Turner, son of Jim Turner

Marilyn LeGrange, mother of Brenda Lowery

James Mackay/Chris Harris, serving in Iraq

Parker Holland, granddaughter of John and

Jo Holland, on a six-month mission trip to

Farther Along ...

The Latin word *tenebrae* (“shadows”) is a fitting description of these last days before Easter. We walk by faith, not by sight, because occasionally there’s not enough light to help us see all that straight. Life in the shadows can be frustrating and frightening. These days evoke the spiritual version of SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), the mood disease which affects a lot of folks during the darkness of winter. It is no accident that Matthew inserts into his account of the crucifixion this note: “From noon to three, the whole earth was dark” (27:45).

In my Lenten sermon over at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church a few weeks back (“A Face in the Crowd”) I had this to say about embracing Holy Week shadows:

We should be wary of stories that are too easy. We should avoid ubiquitous “happily ever after” tales that abound among God’s summer soldiers. Beware of Christians with eternal, 500-watt smiles, these compulsive grinners who discount the pain of Calvary in their eagerness for Easter, who bypass Gethsemane, who touch down at Golgotha but do not stay long, who zoom in and out of the tomb on their rapturous journey to the Spirit-filled life. They are afraid to weep. They recoil from defeat. They de-tour around the valley of the shadow. They leap from Palm Sunday to Easter, from one parade to another, in a single bound. These days are not on their calendar.

Thursday evening at 7:30 we’ll gather for the ancient Christian service of Tenebrae, in which we inhabit the shadows of Holy Week. You should come. It will do you good. It will make your Easter celebration authentic, more than just another sunshiny moment on your spring calendar.

My friend Audrey Thomson from Richmond recently posted this status update on her Facebook page:

Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.

That’s what we’re after as we walk in these shadows. Not artificial light, but authentic peace. Join us.

John Hewett

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Saturday, April 24th

Participate in our one-day community mission blitz coming soon! As part of Operation Inasmuch, we are one of many churches promoting Christ's love through community mission projects all over North Carolina. This ministry allows living Christ's teaching of, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

All ages and abilities within our congregation will have opportunities to be part of this day. These include prayer opportunities, a yard sale, construction/home repair, painting projects, yard work, craft projects, office support, photography, lunch preparation, child care and more. Sign up lists will be coming out soon!

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEEDS

Yard Sale Donations-Put aside items now for our yard sale. Bring sale items to *Room 305* upstairs until Thursday, April 22nd, when the gym is available for storage.

Small Rolling Suitcases-Needed for craft club project for children (please see below).

Yarn, Knitting Needles and Materials-As part of Operation Inasmuch, we will be collecting these items to assist the Roma Community within Macedonia.

Prayerfully consider how your talents and gifts may best be utilized on this special day!

The Missions Board

ITEMS FOR SUITCASES:

Pillowcases	Toothbrush
Diary	Deodorant (teen)
Pens	Shampoo
Colored Pencils	Flashlight and Batteries
Notepads	Brush
Drawing Paper	Comb
Soap	Pocket Mirror

Student Loans Available

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation has contacted us with information about two loan funds available to college students. Applications can be obtained online at www.ncbaptistfoundation.org or by calling 800-521-7334. Deadline is January 15 of each year.

Martha Watson Student Loan Fund provides assistance to students attending any institution of higher learning including seminaries, Baptist and non-Baptist colleges/universities, and technical schools. Loan amounts vary. Currently, students attending Baptist institutions can receive up to \$5,000 per academic year, those attending non-Baptist schools can receive up to \$2,500 per year.

Luther H. Butler Student Loan Fund provides loans to students attending one of the following Baptist schools: Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb University, Mars Hill College, Meredith College, or Wingate University. Students can receive up to \$12,000 per school year.



In support of the children in the care of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, we will be participating in their annual Food Roundup. Donations can include:

**sugar - Splenda - canned fruits - beverage mixes - bottled water - nuts - dry cereal
vegetable oil - all types of canned vegetables and meats - canned soup - jelly - crackers
spices and seasonings - spaghetti sauce - ketchup - mayonnaise - mustard - oatmeal - popcorn
all types of snacks - pickles - Hamburger Helper - individual cookie packs - paper products
dishwashing and laundry detergent - fabric softener - all cleaning supplies
sunscreen - Zio-Loc bags - band aids - hand lotion - AAA and AA batteries
bug repellent - rubbing alcohol - foil and plastic wrap - mops and brooms
gift cards to Wal-Mart, Food Lion and Sam's Club**

Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area. We will collect these items until the end of April. Thanks for helping!

March Memorials ...

First Baptist gratefully acknowledges the following memorials received in March: By the Then-n-Now Class, Pat Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Max Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCollum, Emagene Griffin, Mary Humphries, Mary Lou Gamble in memory of Russ Sharp. By the Forefront Class, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell and Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Price in memory of Evelyn Renfrow. By Kutaw Newgard in memory of Paul Helms, John Ward and Lillian Sims. By the Joy Agape Class and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCollum in memory of Albert Lilley. By Judith Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nash, Lois Jones, the First Baptist Church Choir of Corbin, Kentucky, Lea Nickles, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Lee, and Ann Wild in memory of Lillian Sims. By Mr. and Mrs. Harold Funderburk in memory of Evelyn Renfrow, Del Gaddy and Russ Sharp. By Buddy Lyon and Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Hopper in memory of Russ Sharp and Evelyn Renfrow. By Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hedgepath in memory of Paul Helms, Lillian Sims and John Ward. By Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sain in memory of Evelyn Renfrow, Russ Sharp and Bob Stallings. By Marie McRorie in memory of Lillian Sims and Paul Helms. By Jane Austin in memory of Marcella Kendrick, Albert Lilley, Bob Stallings, Russ Sharp and Evelyn Renfrow. By Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker in memory of Paul Helms. By Delana Helms in memory of Rowland Lomax, J.D. Fletcher, Bessie Dalrymple, and Paul Helms. By the Lottie Moon Group in memory of Lillian Sims and Albert Lilley. By Clayton Daniel in memory of Cecil Hodge. By Arleigh Gaskins in memory of Paul Helms, Bo Abbott and Lillian Sims. By Mr. and Mrs. Jim Trowbridge in memory of Lillian Sims and Paul Helms. By Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker in memory of Lillian Sims and I.B. Shive. By Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Nance in memory of Evelyn Renfrow and Russ Sharp. By Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thomas in memory of Del Gaddy.

By Buddy Lyon in honor of Marilyn LaGrange. By the Lottie Moon Group in honor of the church staff and their shut-ins. By Arleigh Gaskins in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Funderburk, Jeanette Helms, Jim Moncrief and Emagene Griffin. By Mr. and Mrs. Mike Knight in honor of Karla Davis and Krysta Cearly. By Jane Austin in honor of Ken Murray, Dennis Butler and the Volunteer Landscaping Crew.