

First Light

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March 26, 2024



Maundy Thursday Service & Seder Meal

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 PM



Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31,
7:00 AM, in RM. 105.



Easter Sunday Service, Communion & Baby Dedication

Sunday, March 31, 11:00 AM

REFLECTIONS

"Calling them like I see them"

Easter is a holiday about becoming. That's not necessarily a unique aspect of the Christian faith. Many holidays in many different traditions hold a spring festival of some kind around the idea of renewal, new life, and beginnings. For Christians, this season vividly expresses those ideas and it emphasizes that there is no new life without death. There is no empty tomb without the cross, to put it into expressly religious terms.

Easter holds more for us than recognizing an event from 2,000 years ago. It means that we, too, can become new. That's the promise of Easter. With the power of God, we may truly change and become something new. We can chart a new course for our lives, we can move past the mistakes of yesterday, we can work toward a new potential. The stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty. Behold all things are made new.

But there is no new life without death; no empty tomb without the cross.

In order to become new, in order to make a new life, we have to lose the old one. If we would dare to be something more than what we have been, then we must die to what has come before. The miracle of Easter is that it is completely possible to have a new life. That's possible. That is what the cross and the empty tomb *mean*. But there's a price. We cannot at once live the way that we have been living *and* have a new life. That doesn't work. We have to move away from the old in order to become new.

There's a story about Jesus talking with some rich, young guy who has it all figured out. He knows the law, he lives right, and Jesus says he lacks one thing. He's got to divest his wealth, give it to those without wealth and follow Jesus' way. Guy goes away depressed and the disciples are wondering how any of this is possible. If it's harder for a rich person to get on board with the Kingdom (the Jesus way of life), then how can anyone do it?

"With God, all things are possible," Jesus answers. Becoming new is hard. Change is not easy which is why so few people do it. But God raised Jesus from the dead and that means that with God, all things are possible. It doesn't mean they will be easy or without pain. But it's possible. Happy Easter!

Peace, Rory

Thank God for this Church

In many of Paul's letters he begins in the letter by thanking the church that he is writing to. Being thankful to God for the people and communities in our lives is an important practice that ought to be acted out. We often find it easy to thank a person and we often find it easier to thank God for something God has provided; however, we do not often think to thank God for the people in our life. Perhaps this is something we should make more of a habit to do, and in that spirit we would like to thank God for the First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge. In our 7 years at this church we have been surrounded by love and support. Our ministries have been affirmed and supported, and our children have been taught, nurtured and cared for. We thank God for your prayer through the past 7 years, we thank God for the friendships we have in you, and most of all we thank God for the love of Christ modeled at this church.

We thank God for those who had the thought to honor our family through the recent Baby shower, everyone that helped make it happen through setting up and preparing food. We also thank God for all of the support we received through the gifts that you provided. Even more so, we thank God for the continued support that you all will provide to us as we welcome home Samuel Douglas Simic in the coming weeks.

We are so thankful for you all!

Shawn & Hannah Simic

Combined Youth Easter Service

March 27, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Calvary Student Center. We will meet at 5:45 p.m. at First Baptist.

Church Office Will Be Closed
Friday, March 29 In Observance of



APRIL FBCFBC

On Monday, April 1, our church's book club will be discussing *The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks. This novel is based on the true story of Carrie McGavock of Franklin, Tennessee. During the Civil War's Battle of Franklin (1864), there were over 9,000 casualties. Mrs. McGavock's home (Carnton) was turned into a field hospital. Following the battle, wounded men crammed every square inch of her house; Mrs. McGavock found purpose in caring for those wounded soldiers. And she devoted the rest of her life arranging for the interment of 1,500 soldiers on her and her husband's property. Join us at 12:30 in the library as Dianne May leads our discussion of this book. You can reach Dianne at diannemaylibrary@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed

On April 19, at 5:30 we will be hosting a dinner for the community at our church. We aim to provide a sit down dinner to those who need one in Oak Ridge. If you are interested in helping or would like to learn more, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Movie Discussion Group

Movie: The Peanut Butter Falcon (2019) starring Zack Gottsagen.

Viewing: Streaming on many pay-per-view platforms for -\$4.

Time & Place: Friday, April 19, 6:30 pm at Joy Reedy's home - 109 Downing Drive, Oak Ridge

Questions: Contact Mike Crowell (505-695-1757), Brandon Weaver (865-384-5833), or Joy Reedy (815-922-8992).

APRIL MEETINGS

TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, April 1, 7:00 p.m./RM 105

PERSONNEL MEETING
Thursday, April 4, 5:00 p.m., RM. 105.

FINANCE MEETING
Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m./RM 105

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, April 14, 2:00 p.m./RM 105

DEACONS MEETING
Sunday, April 14, 3:30 p.m./RM 105

Children's
Ministry
VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday
NO NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Nursery 11:00 a.m.Diane Williams
.....& Amber Slessinger
Children's Church..... Brenda Story & Karen McCall

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHY TO: The family of Jackie Roach Bounds and Tim Bounds. Tim's sister, Jackie, passed away March 22, 2024.

The family will receive friends at Dixie Lee Baptist Church in Lenoir City on March 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with a Worship Celebration to follow at 6:30 p.m. Graveside services will be at Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m.

IMMEDIATE: Robert May. Jim Gibson. Debbie Pulliam (Carol O'Shaughnessy's sister). Johelen Stephenson. Liane Aldridge (Mary Jane Williams' daughter). Kaye Wimberly (Lois Scott's neighbor). Katie Vogel (Johelen Stephenson's friend). Heidi Rose Harris. Bruce Marshall. Barbara Pruett (Karen McCall's friend). Larry Carter. Ray Roach (Tim Bounds' brother-in-law). Stephen Bethinger (Anna King's nephew). Jackie Laney's dad, Barney. Sherry Bath (Gigi Naeve's friend). Diane Ray's friend. Donna. Mark Ebeler (friend of Carol O'Shaughnessy). Tammy Lee (Kay Smith's sister). Adrian Flory. Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin). Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson). Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt). Kay Smith. Michael Turnbull (Lela Moore's brother-in-law). Roy Smith (Carl Smith's father). Joyce Dippel (Jan Stoutland's sister). Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother). Frances Darnell (Diane Qualls' mother). Richard Evans. Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law). Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew). Debra & Mark Belvin's neighbor. Mary Jane Williams. Ginger Tevault (Ginny Bowers' friend). Lynn Satterfield (Gary Giles' sister).

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>12:30 PM FBCFBC/Library</p> <p>6:30 PM -9:00 PM [ORPhOrchestra]/FH]</p> <p>6:30 PM -9:00 PM [Scouts129/gym]</p> <p>7:00 PM Trustee Meeting/RM. 105</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>1:00 PM Pastor Study Time</p> <p>5:00 PM -7:45 PM [Basketball/Abernathy]</p> <p>7:00 PM -9:00 PM [Y.P.'s Theater Rehearsal/FH]</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>1:30 PM -3:30 PM [Fiber Friends /Parlor]</p> <p>5:00 PM -7:00 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study/FH</p> <p>7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:30 PM Agape Help Center</p> <p>4:30 PM -6:30 PM [Basketball]</p> <p>5:00 PM Personnel Mtg./RM. 105</p> <p>5:30 PM [ORCband /FH]</p> <p>6:00 PM -7:00 PM Chancel Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM -12:00 PM [Adult Basketball]</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM First Christian Church/2nd Floor</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>2:00 PM Finance Mtg./RM.105</p> <p>3:00 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>5:30 PM -7:00 PM Feast (Youth)</p> <p>6:00 PM First Christian Church/2ndFL.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>6:30 PM -9:00 PM [ORPhOrchestra]/FH]</p> <p>6:30 PM -9:00 PM [Scouts129/gym]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~FIRST LIGHT~</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>1:00 PM Pastor Study Time</p> <p>5:00 PM -7:45 PM [Basketball/Abernathy]</p> <p>7:00 PM -9:00 PM [Y.P.'s Theater Rehearsal/FH]</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>1:30 PM -3:30 PM [Fiber Friends /Parlor]</p> <p>5:00 PM -7:00 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study/FH</p> <p>7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:30 PM Agape Help Center</p> <p>4:30 PM -6:30 PM [Basketball]</p> <p>5:30 PM [ORCband /FH]</p> <p>6:00 PM -7:00 PM Chancel Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>12:00 PM Fellowship Table</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM [Ecumenical Storehouse Pickup]</p> <p>10:00 AM -12:00 PM [Adult Basketball]</p> <p>12:00 PM Charles & Ellen Hughes Memorial Service/san. & FH</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM First Christian Church/2nd Floor</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>2:00 PM Church Council Mtg./RM.105</p> <p>3:00 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>3:30 PM [ORCband Spring Concert/sanct.]</p> <p>3:30 PM Deacons Meeting/RM.105</p> <p>5:30 PM -7:00 PM Feast (Youth)</p> <p>6:00 PM First Christian Church/2ndFL.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>2:00 PM Library Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 PM -9:00 PM [ORPhOrchestra]/FH]</p> <p>6:30 PM -9:00 PM [Scouts129/gym]</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>1:00 PM Pastor Study Time</p> <p>5:00 PM -7:45 PM [Basketball/Abernathy]</p> <p>7:00 PM -9:00 PM [Y.P.'s Theater Rehearsal/FH]</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>1:30 PM -3:30 PM [Fiber Friends /Parlor]</p> <p>5:00 PM -7:00 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study/FH</p> <p>7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:30 PM Agape Help Center</p> <p>4:30 PM -6:30 PM [Basketball]</p> <p>5:30 PM [ORCband /FH]</p> <p>6:00 PM [Grow Oak Ridge/RM. 105 & nursery]</p> <p>6:00 PM -7:00 PM Chancel Bells</p> <p>6:30 PM [Pickleball/gym]</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM -11:30 AM [Pickleball/gym]</p> <p>5:30 PM -6:30 PM Community Dinner/FH</p> <p>6:30 PM Movie Discussion Group/J. Reedy's</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM -12:00 PM [Adult Basketball]</p>
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