

First Light

First Baptist Church - Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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F R E E

Community
Meal



April 19th, 5:30–6:30 PM
At First Baptist Church

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.

Dessert *Auction*
Don't miss out on the fun and the dessert.



*Calling all bakers
and fancy dessert
makers....*

Dessert Auction & Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, April 28, 5 PM in Fellowship Hall

This special event that helps our youth and children go to camp is back! Please bring a dessert to auction to benefit our students ages 3rd through 12th grade who are participating in summer activities such as camps/retreats. Everyone come out and support our youth and enjoy some good food, fun and fellowship.

Before His Presence with Singing

"Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine"

Anticipation. A sneak preview. Looking ahead. The hymn from which this line is gleaned has us looking ahead to the things of eternity.

It's one of those hymns that we know so well that we sing it without thinking. The actual meaning of the phrases is elusive, and the gist of the whole hymn is obscured by the sparkle of the poignant phrases. There are so many little vignettes within it that the bigger picture is hard to see. The why. The point. These are elusive, at least to a mind like mine.

When my sister died recently, as I often do when people I know are taken, I began to wonder what she was experiencing. In death, in the moments just after leaving this world and entering the next, what did she feel? What did she see? What does she experience now?

Blessed assurance {that} Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. Those are glimpses of what she sees. A sneak preview of eternity. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels bringing echoes of mercy and whispers of love.

This is what's in store for us in the reward hereafter. But what about now? What God has in store for us now is a rarer thing, a precious jewel not found in every glance, but one seldom seen. It is blessed assurance. It is that foretaste of glory divine.

And what reveals it to us? Perfect submission. Watching and waiting {while} looking above, lost in His love. By making this your daily story, your constant song, that's how the precious foretaste is revealed.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

In Christ, *Tim*

welcome baby boy

*Congratulations to Hannah and Shawn Simic on the birth of their son, and Ginny and Clara's baby brother, **Samuel Douglas Simic**, born April 2, 2024, at 8:16 a.m., weighing 8.1b & 4oz, 20 in long.*

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

My heart swells with gratitude for the way you have showered me with love, prayers, food, visits, and cards during this difficult time. I have a long way to go with physical therapy, but I am bolstered with your Christian love and support, and I know I will make it through. Thank you so much!

Johelen Stephenson

Fellowship Table Luncheon

The next Fellowship Table is this Friday, April 12, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone in our community is invited but tickets are \$5 each. The main entrée will be Shepherd's Pie. Come as early as 11:30 a.m. and enjoy fellowship around hors d'oeuvres, although serving of the meal will not begin until 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Stoutland at (812) 774-5151 (text allowed) or rutherfordjanice91@yahoo.com.



Meetings: Council
& Committee

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

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

Focus on Our Church Members

Last Saturday, April 6th, was a special day for Shirlene Dale and her family. Everyone was celebrating Shirlene's 88th birthday. Daughters Sheri, Julie, and Kim were there with their spouses, children, and grandchildren, including Shirlene's newest great-granddaughter, Haddie. A family celebration was a very appropriate way to celebrate Shirlene's life because she has always opened her heart and home to others, making them feel like family.

Shirlene was born in Wichita, Kansas. Her family lived on a farm; however, hard times and difficulty finding good workers caused them to sell the property. Shirlene's family moved to Wichita and became active members of First Baptist Wichita. Shirlene had two siblings, a brother and sister. Unfortunately, her sister died young, and Shirlene's parents became overprotective with Shirlene. Her parents did not want Shirlene to go to college, but they must have realized that the young man she met, John Dale, was very special. John and Shirlene married in 1957 and moved to Iowa so John could get his PhD in chemistry. In 1962 they moved to Oak Ridge with their new daughter Sheri so John could work at ORNL in the Analytical Chemistry Division. Kim and Julie were born in the next three years.

The young family became active members of First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge (FBCOR), including participating in church camping trips to the Smokies. Shirlene has musical talent (she taught piano lessons at home.) She shared her talent with our church by being a member of the choir and the handbell group. Sherri said she can remember her mother and other handbell choir members doing Christmas carols in front of the old Miller's department store. John and Shirlene were chaperones on the youth mission and choir trip to California.

In 1979 Shirlene went to Roane State Community College and got her business administration degree. She then became an executive secretary for ORNL. Again, Shirlene shared her new administration skills with FBCOR by being a deacon (she was both vice chair and chairman of the Deacons), plus she served on the Pastor Search Committee. However, as stated before, Shirlene's greatest gift to our church community was her love and compassion. Jo Jones described her friend with the following words: generous smiles, kindness multiplied, and sorrow softened. These traits were demonstrated by Shirlene when she faced heartache with John's death in 2013 and when helping others face tragedy. FBCOR misses Shirlene's physical presence, but we know she enjoys being near her daughter Julie by living in Maryville. All her daughters say Shirlene loves visits, cards and calls from FBCOR members. Call the church office or Debra Belvin to get the current contact info.

Oak Ridge Community Band Spring Concert

The Oak Ridge Community Band is inviting church members to the band's "Sounds of Spring" concert to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, April 14, at 3:30 p.m. There is no admission fee, and the program will feature a variety of entertaining numbers appropriate for all ages.

April FBCFBC - (Rescheduled)

On Monday, April 15, 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. **Library Meeting to follow at 2:00 p.m.**



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).

Children's Ministry

VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Nursery 11:00 a.m. Sally Hutson & Karry Garcia
Children's Church Lela Moore & Susan Williams

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Nursery 11:00 a.m. Tedi Newman & Jackie Laney
Children's Church Jodie Johnson & Debbie Johnson

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Nursery 11:00 a.m. FUN DAY - Gigi Naeve
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Prayer Requests

IMMEDIATE: Diane Williams. 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 Pruet (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 Turnbill (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).

LONG TERM: Peggy Scott. Darla Sutton. Virginia Griffith (Lisa Bowers' mother). Bobby Cline (Mark Belvin's brother-in-law). Adrienne & Gary Giles' son, Travis. Larry Fields. Scott Ethridge. Rick Nation. Jo Ann Tunstall. Nadine Bush. Theresa Bowers.



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Our services are streamed live and recorded at:

www.fbcoakridge.org/live-streaming



NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING

ALEXANDER GUEST HOUSE:

Katie Landis, RM. 217.

BEN ATCHLEY STATE VETERANS' HOME:

Norval Ziegler, RM. 204-A.

CANTERFIELD OF OAK RIDGE:

Frank Janous, RM. 216.

Jean Webster, RM. 303.

COURTYARDS SENIOR LIVING:

Dot Senn, RM. 105.

SHANNONDALE OF MARYVILLE:

Shirlene Dale, RM. 114.

Our Ministry Continues Throughout the Week

Church Office: 483-4615 /483-4657

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rory Naeve

Minister of Music: Rev. Tim Bounds

Children's Director: Hannah Simic

Minister of Youth: Rev. Shawn Simic

Church Secretary: Lola Murray

Facilities Manager: Chris Peterson

Wednesday Services

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Feast (Youth)