

First Light

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Noisy Offering

On Sunday, March 8, our Noisy Offering will support TORCH Warming Shelter. Although TORCH has recently closed the warming shelter for the season, their food supply was greatly depleted after serving so many in need. Funds from this offering will help replenish supplies and prepare them to open and host the warming shelter again when it is needed.

Thank you for your generosity as we support TORCH and the important work they do in our community.



Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout

Join us for an Easter egg hunt and cookout Saturday, March 28, at Mark and Liz Clary's farm, 100 Wiltshire Drive, O.R. Egg hunt at 11:00 a.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert. Youth who would like to help set up and hide eggs please arrive at 10:45.

Donations of individually wrapped candy and/or plastic eggs are needed for the hunt and can be dropped off at the church office through March 22nd.

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Before His Presence with Singing

“Let the “amen” sound from His people again ...”

I'm excited because I get to tell another story about how things of the church invaded things of the world. I love it when that happens.

Today's hymn line is from a hymn by Joachim Neander, a German pastor, theologian and teacher. In the 1670's, Neander was known for teaching students in the woods and valleys near Dusseldorf, Germany. I mean *well* known. So much so that the valley where he taught was given the name, "Neander Valley."

Nearly two hundred years later, when fossilized, skeletal remains of a prehistoric human were found in that region, the term "neanderthal" was used to describe it. Neanderthal means, "Neander Valley Human."

The line I've extracted from the hymn exhorts the singer, the believer, to sort of keep the tradition that Neander initiated going. Let's keep on doing things – teaching and preaching the gospel, speaking the truth of God, living the life of Christ – so that things of the church invade things of the world.

Much of the world around us hasn't really heard from God in quite a long time. As life unfolds in the day to day, God is the last thing on the average person's mind. They hear of war in the Middle East. They hear of politics. They hear about celebrities and illnesses and rumors. You may be the only hope they have of hearing about God, of hearing about Jesus and eternal life. Find a way in the day to day to let the amen sound from His people again!

Praise to the Lord! the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen How thy desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

In Christ, *Tim*



Thank You!

You cannot know how much your attendance at Robert's Celebration of Life and your spoken and written words have meant to me and my family. We are so grateful for your love and for all the ways you have shown you care.

Dianne May and family

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Oak Ridge School Family Resource Center is currently seeking donations of children's pants in sizes 7 through 10.

If you wish to donate, we will be collecting items at the church office throughout next week.

Thank you for your generosity and support for the students in our community.



Meetings: Council & Committee

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 p.m., RM. 105.

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, March 8, 3:00 p.m., RM. 105.

PERSONNEL MEETING

Sunday, March 8, 4:00 p.m., RM. 105.



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026



The next Fellowship Table is Friday, March 13, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased immediately before and after worship service Sunday, March 8th. The main entrée will be Corned Beef and cabbage. Come as early as 11:30a.m. and enjoy fellowship around hors d'oeuvres, although serving of the meal will not begin until 12 Noon. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Stoutland.

Good Friday Service

April 3, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
at First Baptist Church

Oak Ridge Philharmonia Winter Concert

Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 4:00 PM
At First Baptist Church Oak Ridge



Easter Sunrise Service

April 5, 2026, @ 7:00 AM

APRIL FBCFBC

On Monday, April 6, our church's book club will be discussing by *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. This novel is based on the story of Eliza Lucas Pinckney, who ran her father's plantation outside Charleston, South Carolina, in the 1700s. Eliza struck a bargain with the plantation's slaves; if they would teach her how to make indigo, she would teach them how to read. Join us at noon in the library as Nancy Denton leads the discussion of this book.



Discussion Group

Movie: Another Year (2010)
directed by Mike Leigh.

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

Time & Place: Friday, March 20, 6:30 pm at Joy Reedy's home.

Questions: Contact Mike Crowell, Brandon Weaver, or Joy Reedy.

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHY: Dusty Pruit, Frank Averill's grandniece, lost her son James W. Pritt, Jr., suddenly on February 17, 2026.

IMMEDIATE: Caleigh Oswald (Dianne May's cousin). Norval Ziegler. Jim Gibson. Mary Moser. Greg Helton. Jennifer Merkel (John & Eva Leone's daughter). Dianne May. Nancy Denton. Ray Seiber (Diana Giles' father). Susan Alderson (friend of Mickey Moss). Junell Brock (Peggy Geldmeier's niece). Jan Stoutland. Pat Row. Beth Ingle. Ellin Ward. Harold Matelski (Lee Howell's father-in-law). Cheri & Don Floyd, missionaries to Papua New Guinea (Dianne May's cousin). Mark Bunton (Linda & Dave Bunton's son). Ronnie Scates (Julie Keeth's friend). Gigi Naeve. Karen McCall. Jason Byrd & Anna King. Dayton King (Diane Williams' brother). Callie Walls Foster (Jim Walls' granddaughter). Carol O'Shaughnessy. Ray Lloyd. Becky Seiber (Diana Giles' mother). Katie Emmerson (Ellin Ward's daughter). Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother). Larry Carter. Debbie Pulliam (Carol O'Shaughnessy's sister). Heidi Rose Harris. Bruce Marshall. Adrian Flory.

LONG TERM: Dave Bunton. Ulrika Leander (Charlotte Bounds' friend). Vicki Heidle. Andrew Bobbett (son of Diane Ray's friend, Nan). Sherry Bath (Gigi Naeve's friend). Jim Walls. Stoney Lowell (friend of Jodie Johnson). Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law). Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin). Megan Elliott (friend of the Turners). Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt). Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew). Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson). Virginia Griffith (Lisa Bowers' mother). Larry Fields. Rick Nation. Jo Ann Tunstall. Theresa Bowers.



NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING

ALEXANDER GUEST HOUSE

Katie Landis, RM. 217.

COURTYARDS SENIOR LIVING

Lynn Edd Story, RM. 107.

Dot Senn, RM. 105.

LIFE CARE OF BLOUNT COUNTY

Norval Ziegler, RM. 141.

SHANNONDALE OF MARYVILLE

Shirlene Dale, RM. 114.

THE GLEN AT OAK RIDGE

Jean Webster, RM. 102-103.



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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
Minister of Children: 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)