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April 6, 2025

From the Pastor...

As we continue our Sesquicentennial Celebration we are focusing on First Baptist Church's core values. So far, we have noted our Baptist Distinctives, our Church's Resilience, and our Affirmation of Women.

As we move into the Easter Season, we will focus on our most important core value – Our Commitment to Christ. In fact, this is our very reason for existence. Our mission is to know and love Jesus Christ and to make Him known. This requires a commitment to Christ.

Our church was formed to be a witness to Christ. You come into our congregation by making a commitment to Christ as Savior and Lord. We seek to share Christ through our worship and ministry. And, we grow in Christ through our discipleship.

Since making Christ first in our life is a choice, I will be focusing on choosing Jesus' will and way over the next few weeks. Last Sunday we spoke about making room for those Jesus loves by Choosing Inclusiveness. In the weeks to come we will focus on:

April 6, 2025 Choosing Servanthood
John 13:1-17

April 13, 2025 Choosing the Cross (Palm Sunday)
Luke 19:28-44

April 20, 2025 Choosing Hope (Easter)
I Corinthians 15:19-26

April 27, 2025 Choosing Love
John 21:1-19

Each of us will make a choice to make Christ and His church first and foremost in this Lent and Easter Season. I invite you to be with us these important Sundays. I hope you will also bring others with you, so they too can learn how to choose Christ.

Schedule

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 10

11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, April 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Children's & Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 17

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

12:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service

Broad Street Methodist Church

Saturday, April 19

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Announcements

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, April 10, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Clay Lunsford and Matthew Weaver will entertain. The menu will include country style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Cost is \$6.00 payable at the door. Please make your reservation by Monday, April 7.

Joyful Noises

The Joyful Noises group is looking for people to join our ministry and help us spread the love of God through song. If you love singing or playing old hymns, come join us! We meet on the second Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the Brookdale Peachtree center to fellowship and sing hymns with the residents. No experience is necessary, and there are no rehearsals. Just come and bring a joyful spirit! For more information, please contact Emily Leonard, (828) 773-4830.

Holy Week at FBC

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service

April 18, 2025

Broad Street Methodist Church

12:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Spiritual Statistics

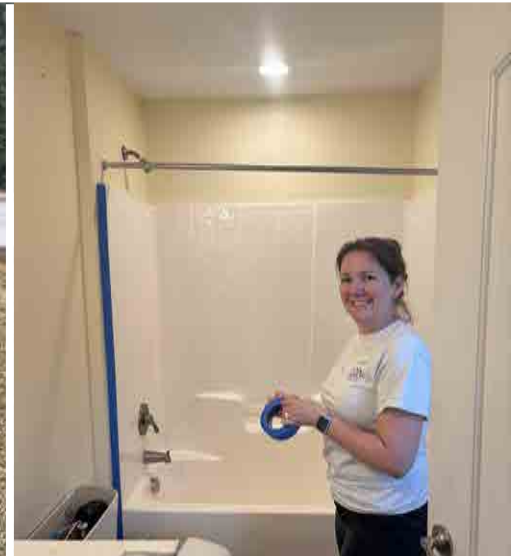
	3/23	3/30
In Person	158	144
Live Stream	19	19
Sunday School	83	74

Financial Statistics

	March	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	78,359.00	531,860.00
Budget Receipts	49,191.00	447,754.00
Goals Not Met	(29,169.00)	(84,107.00)
Alms	3,143.00	8,787.00
Designated	1,571.00	68,367.00

Hurricane Relief at Black Mountain Children's Home

March 28-30, 2025



We had a wonderful weekend on the mission trip in the mountains. We were able to knock out two pages of things that needed to be done around the property including taking down multiple trees, putting out many loads of mulch, painting four bedrooms and two bathrooms, recovering a greenhouse, pressure washing, etc. It was a joy to work together to get everything accomplished. We also had time together to learn and grow with each other. Everyone worked well together and separate which is how so much was able to be accomplished in such a little time. I am blessed by these times, and each one of these groups who show so much drive to help one another. - Elizabeth Kilby



Historical Moment

Adelle Carlson



As far as we know, Miss Adelle Carlson was the first woman to serve on our ministerial staff as Director of Religious Education. She began her work in April 1949, 24 years before our church would formally declare that our congregation would “show no discrimination regarding gender.”

Not only did First Baptist Church call Miss Carlson when few women were in formal ministry positions, but we welcomed her as a true ministry partner. In the April 8th, 1949 edition of *The Interim*, Pastor James Potter, noted his profound gratitude to have such a new associate by writing:

“We are happy that such a capable person has come into the fellowship of our worship and work to meet the need so deeply felt.”

Echoing these same sentiments, C.B. Winberry, Deacon Chair, wrote:

“Miss Carlson is not coming to do the work that we ought to do, but to lead us and help us do in a larger and better way the things that our Church should do in serving Christ.

Though Miss Carlson was only at First Baptist Church a short time, she made a positive impact on our ministries. It is believed that she went on to work at the Baptist Sunday School Board, where she published several books on Recreational Ministries and Senior Adult Ministries.

Miss Carlson opened the door to women serving on staff at First Baptist Church and many women have followed in her footsteps, such as Miss Dare Teague, who served as our Education Director from 1964-1974.

Miss Carlson would be proud to know that today we have three women serving on our ministerial staff: Elizabeth Barnard, Kristina Kyles and Melissa Wilson.

