



#### OUR PRAYER NEEDS...

##### Church Members:

Nona Lunsford, Patty Nesbitt, Brenda Hughes, Sharon Harris, Red Robbins, Jimmy Silvers, Ina Gerrish, Leonard Warren, Baxter Burke, Scott Shook, Jannie Giddens, Judy Thomason, Jim Lay, Sylvia Brumbelow, Frances Burton-Cochran, Charlie Reeves, David Timms, Billie Clackum, Lamar Couey, Levi Lane, Joann Bledsoe, Sheila Henderson, Yvonne Elrod, Wesley Daniel, Elizabeth Gillespie, Jerry English, Carrie Edwards Moyer, Kyle Holbert Brown, Ron Hayes, Truett and Peggy Grogan, Nicole Tibbs

##### Prayer Requests from our church family:

Tammy Faulkner, Susan Brown, Brian and Rosemary Daniel, Lisa Powell, Johnny Frix, Michael Shaw, Lylah Ross, Shirley Willis, Gail Rickett, Ava Price, Kassy Crump, Addison Serritt, Kim Ellis, Coleman Balliew, Ed Archer, Pam Treglown, Kelly Roach, Sherree Thornbrough, Karen Sheppard, Gloria Holden, Suzan Stephans, Danny Fite, Brenda Boswell, Margie Moss, Lloyd Range, Shirley Pratt, John Steele, Danny Elrod, Charlie Williams, Kaisley Miller, Mary Subers, Elaine Powell, LaVonne Bennett, Amelia Bowlin, Morgan Mitchell, Mabel Paul, Evan Koen, Cindy Paul, Christy Nickerson, Airagee Hamby, Anna Whitfield, Aria Lakier, Gene Payne, Angie English, Alison Davidson, Turner Rogers



#### Annual FBC Egg Hunt

All children up through 5th grade are invited to join in on our Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 8th, at 10 AM.

We are asking for donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs for this event. Please avoid chocolate candy.

#### Notes of Thanks . . .

Thanks to everyone for being so thoughtful of my family and myself during the passing of my mother, Lula Bell Thomas. The calls, texts, and cards were very comforting to us. Special thanks to the Caregivers for their gift and words of encouragement.

Much Love, Frank and Penny Rickett & Family

Dear First Baptist Family,  
We would like to thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards during the loss of our mother, Ann Whitfield. We appreciated it very much.

- Greta Van Dyke and Family

#### Mark Your Calendar . . Vacation Bible School 2023

Will be the week of  
July 10th-14th!

*"Keepers of the Kingdom"*  
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With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Lula Bell Thomas.

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#### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

We will observe the ordinance of The Lord's Supper.

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

We will have two morning worship services, one at 8:30 and one at 11:00. Sunday school will be held at the usual time of 9:45.

#### Pastor's Paragraphs: 3-21-2023



Many thanks to Steven Waters for standing in my place this past Sunday. Beth and I spent the weekend in Memphis visiting with our daughter Lauren and our son-in-law Matthew. I am grateful to be able to lead and serve beside very capable men on our Pastoral staff.

Speaking of our Pastoral staff, we will be away on a Staff retreat this Thursday through Saturday. This will give us an opportunity to pray, plan and dream about the present and future ministry of our church. We have been going through a "visioning process" led by our Georgia Baptist Mission Board staff for the past 8 months. This process has helped us sharpen our understanding of our church's mission, values and strategies. I believe this will help us to better communicate and prioritize what is most important to our church's ministry in future.

We continue to make progress towards reaching our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal. As of last Sunday, we have received \$11,661.50 toward our goal of \$13,500. You can learn more about the ongoing work of our North American Mission Board and the difference made by our AAEO gifts at [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net). Thank you, First Family, for your generosity to Kingdom work through our denominational partnerships!

The month of March marks Betty Vaughan's 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of service at CFBC. I know of no one else who has given more of themselves in service of their church than Betty has given over these last 43 years. Betty, it has been a pleasure to serve with you these last ten years and I look forward to many more years of service together. First Family, I hope you will find opportunity to thank Betty for all she does to serve us and further the ministry of our church.

You may already be aware that we have recently been able to "rehabilitate" some space to gain three adult Sunday school class rooms. In order to meet this need for some bigger classrooms, we have had to relocate and downsize our Church Library. I want to thank Netha Dunlap for leading this process with energy, grace and understanding. There have also been several other ladies who have helped with this as well. To all of you, I say thank you!

I look forward to being back in my place this Sunday as we return to our Easter preaching series, "Jesus Seven Sayings from the Cross." Also note we will be observing the Lord's Supper on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. And there will be two morning services (8:30 and 11:00 AM) on Easter Sunday. Blessings!

Pastor John

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