

THE BRIDGE

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FBC FRANKLINTON

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

March promises to be one of the *best* seasons in the Christian calendar this year. We are preparing to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as a church. Several events are noteworthy for Resurrection Preparation.

- On **March 17th**, Dr. Vern Palmisano, a practicing physician, will speak on “The Historical and Scientific Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus” during our 6 p.m. worship service.
- On **March 24th**, our Sanctuary Choir will present an Easter musical in the morning, and the children’s Joyful Noise Choir will present a musical in the 6:00 p.m. service.
- On **March 29th (Good Friday)**, we will have a community-wide “*Carry the Cross*” procession.

Add to it an **Associational Youth night** on **March 3rd**, an election of the **Pastor Search Committee** on **March 17th**, and ultimately, an **Easter Celebration** on **March 31st**, and we have an exciting month ahead!

I'm really looking forward to what the Lord will be doing in our midst.

Blessings. - *Dr. Jake*



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CARRY THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29TH, 2024
AT 9:00 A.M.

MEET IN THE DIRT CHEAP PARKING LOT
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME



WE WILL HAVE NEW CARRY THE CROSS SHIRTS THIS YEAR! YOU CAN ORDER & PAY ONLINE, OR BY CASH/CHECK IN THE OFFICE, YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OR ON THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE CHURCH, THE COST OF SHIRTS IS \$10.00. ORDERS & PAYMENT ARE DUE BY MARCH 7TH.

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" - Mark 16:15 (ESV)

It was Elizabeth's third abortion, and she felt like she'd hit rock bottom. She felt so disgusted with her life and so alone. Then, she found herself in a new church that had been started in her community, and everything changed. She discovered the love of Jesus and the power of the gospel. Maki made it big as a professional fighter, but he felt unfulfilled and undeserving of God's love. He said, "God will never love a person like me." Then, he began to hang out with some North American missionaries who had been called to plant a church in Las Vegas. He was saved, and his life has totally changed.

For over 2,000 years, the gospel of Christ has been giving new life and hope. Yet, with all the churches in our nation, multitudes in our own America are still lost without Christ. We may read the Great Commission and think of people in foreign lands. Yet, in America, there are communities and pockets of people where, up until now, Jesus has not been made known. **Make Jesus Known** is the theme for our week of prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Whether we go across the street or across the continent, the need for the saving gospel of Christ is very prevalent in our land. In North America, there are 371 million people, and 281 million of those are living without the saving hope of the gospel.

During our week of prayer, use the prayer guide and pray for North American missionaries to reach people who need the hope and love of Christ. Pray that our churches will have a passion for the lost and will partner with our missionaries to make Jesus known. Pray that our missionaries will have the resources to plant new, vibrant churches. And pray for God to call and equip more missionaries to make Jesus known in North America.

-Bro. Joey



NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

JOIN IN THE WORSHIP SERVICES AND MINISTRY AT OUR NURSING HOMES ON THE DATES LISTED BELOW:

GOOD SAMARITAN - MONDAY, MARCH 4 @ 3 PM
HERITAGE MANOR - MONDAY, MARCH 18 @ 3 PM



MARCH SAM EVENTS

Global Wildlife Tour Trip: Tuesday, March 19th. We will leave FBC at 9:00 a.m. and will go out to lunch afterward.

SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL

Our Franklinton area Senior Adult Revival is coming in April. The revival event is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, April 8-10th. We expect a great time as seniors from our church and our sister churches get together for worship, lunch, and fellowship.

CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS!

Good Friday - Carry the Cross - Begins at the parking lot by Dirt Cheap at 9:00 a.m. and culminates at the fairgrounds with worship and The Lord's Supper.

Resurrection Sunday - Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. in Mile Branch Settlement, followed by the normal Sunday Morning schedule of Easter worship and Bible Study at the church.



GRIEF SHARE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SENIOR ADULT CENTER
CALL 839-3427
TO REGISTER.

Grief Share will meet on Sunday evenings at 4:30 p.m. in the Senior Adult Center. The first meeting will be on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024.

GriefShare GriefShare is for adults over 18 who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. This 13-week program is based on the promises of healing and comfort offered in Scripture. GriefShare is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a family member, friend, or loved one.

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

North American
Mission Board

WEEK OF PRAYER: MARCH 3RD-10TH

FBC KIDS MINISTRY

Lots going on in March, so let's get right down to the dates you won't want to miss!

- **Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School**

As always, there are Sunday School classes for all ages of children at 9:30 a.m. We use LifeWay's The Gospel Project for Kids curriculum, and the kids LOVE it! If you need help finding a class for your child, let me know, and I can help you get them plugged in. Not sure what to do with your time while they're at Sunday School? Let me know, and I can help you find a class, too...for grown-ups, of course!

- **Wednesday Nights from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.: Supper, Choir, and Bible Study**

Supper begins at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center, and children's meals are only \$1! The menu varies each week, but you can find it in The Bridge each month. We have choir and classes for PK3-6th grades and Nursery for our youngest friends from birth-36 months. Our Preschool and Children's choirs meet at 5:30 p.m. with Bible Study, games, and crafts beginning at 6 p.m. We recently began the Group's Hands-On Bible curriculum, and just in time for baseball season, it's been a home run!

- **Wednesday, March 20th, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.: Joyful Noise "Dress" Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Our 1st-6th Graders will be exclusively practicing for the upcoming Easter musical on this night. Children in attendance who are not planning to sing on Sunday night are welcome to be a part of the **very quiet** rehearsal audience. No other activities are planned for grades 1-6 this evening.

- **Sunday, March 24th at 9:30 a.m.: Preschool Egg Hunt and Brunch**

This event is for our infants – kindergarten friends and their parents during the Sunday School hour. Children will meet in their regular Sunday School rooms for an abbreviated lesson and then will join their parents in the Family Life Center for breakfast/brunch. We'll then dismiss to the playground for our egg hunt. The only thing children need is a basket with their names on it. Please be aware that for both children and parents, the playground uses pea gravel as its safety surfacing. This can make walking in anything but closed shoes quite uncomfortable. Sandals are not recommended.

- **Sunday, March 24th at 6 p.m.: Joyful Noise Choir presents The Cross of Christ**

Our 1st-6th Graders will present the Easter musical they have been preparing for during the evening worship service. Please make plans to join us (*and invite your friends and family!*) Children need to meet upstairs in Rm. 310 at 5:30 p.m. Spring Sunday attire is appropriate.

- **Wednesday, March 27th, from 5:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.: Gaga for Games Night for Grades 1-6**

Having completed our very hard work on the Easter musical, our 1st-6th Graders will meet in the Family Life Center to walk to the garage to enjoy our monthly Gaga Ball games. Tennis shoes are recommended. We will dismiss to our Bible Study classes at 6 p.m. and dismiss as usual at 7 p.m. In order for your child to participate in Gaga Ball, they **MUST** have a completed (front and back) Student Emergency Card on file. Those will be sent home weekly until they are each returned.

- **Good Friday, March 29th at 9 a.m.: Carry the Cross, Dirt Cheap Parking Lot**

Families are encouraged to join us as our community commemorates Jesus' journey to the cross. We meet in the Dirt Cheap parking lot just before 9 a.m. and walk on the side of the road to the fairgrounds, where we will also observe the Lord's Supper. Parents, we encourage you to bring your children to participate in this event. Please keep their safety in mind by only having them walk with you or another trusted adult and have them only walk to your right, away from traffic.

- **Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday, No Wee Worship.**

Phew! I'm exhausted, and the month hasn't even begun yet!

☪ - Kelly McElveen



IMPORTANT INFO 

MARCH WEE WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

- 3rd: Vickie McNeal
- 10th: Leslie Westmoreland
- 17th: Kelly McElveen
- 24th: Ann Cowart
- 31st: No Wee Worship

Thank you

Last, but certainly not least, join me in wishing a **VERY Happy March Birthday** to these FBC Kids & Leaders:

- 10th: C.J. M.
- 11th: Malia M.
- 16th: Brylie B.
- 16th: Collin T.
- 17th: Nicole M.
- 24th: Bregman M.
- 27th: Hayden H.



**WASHINGTON PARISH ASSOCIATIONAL
YOUTH RALLY**



Praise & Worship

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

At First Baptist Church Franklinton
6:00 P.M. Worship
Hot Dogs will be served after.



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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays
Worship Services
8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Choir Practice
4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Wednesday Night Supper
5:00 p.m.

Half Notes/Joyful Noise
Preschool & Children
Choir Practice
5:30 p.m.

Preschool, Children,
Youth Activities
6:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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March Wednesday Night Suppers

**6- GROUP A
HAMBURGERS**

**13 - GROUP E
JAMBALAYA**

**20- GROUP B
FRIED CHICKEN**

**27 - GROUP C
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL**

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