



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JAKE



The month of April provides an incredible opportunity for us to proclaim Christ to our community. People are more open to spiritual realities around Easter.

We have planned various events and activities during the month of April and Easter to capitalize on those opportunities. May we all seize the day and share the good news of Christ!

IN HIM,
Dr. Jake



WELCOME
To Our
Church Family!

MARCH BAPTISMS & NEW MEMBERSHIP

- Mason Kersey- 2.23.2025
- Jett Seal- 3.2.2025
- Allison Haynes- 3.16.2025



REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ...”
– II Corinthians 2:14-15

The Fragrance of Christ

Grandpa was snoozing in the recliner when some of the kids decided to play a prank. They put limburger cheese on his mustache while he slept. When he awoke, Grandpa smelled something stinky. Discerning the foul odor, he looked around and said, “It sure stinks in here.” He went into the kitchen sniffing and declared, “It stinks in here too!” “So, he thought he would go outside for some fresh air. Once outside and breathing deeply, he concluded, “The whole world stinks!”

When it’s not something stinky, the sense of smell is a beautiful thing. One of our favorite parts about the fair is walking into the fairgrounds and catching the aroma of all the foods of the fair. And how about when you walk into a candle store and catch the scents of the candles each with its own flavorful personality. On resurrection Sunday as two disciples were leaving Jerusalem, there was a “spiritual aroma” in the air. Those Emmaus disciples would later say, “Did not our hearts burn within us as He (Jesus) spoke to us along the way?” The Apostle Paul tells us in II Corinthians 2 that our lives ought to diffuse the aroma of Christ to those around us. It’s amazing to realize that it is God’s desire that you and I be the source of a sweet aroma of Jesus.

Paul in our text declares that through our knowing Jesus in a personal intimate relationship God through the presence of the Spirit of Christ in us diffuses the fragrance of Christ to those around us. Our Risen Lord desires to diffuse the sweet aroma of His love, grace, and resurrection victory to those around us through our lives. A question to ponder – Do others sense the stench of the world and the flesh from us or do they catch the fragrance of Jesus?

-Joey Miller

SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL April 7th-9th

Our Franklinton area Senior Adult Revival is coming soon, bringing great fellowship, worship, and food. The revival event is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, April 7th-9th, and will take place at three area churches:

- **Monday** – First Baptist Church - Bro. Todd Allen preaching
- **Tuesday** – Bogue Chitto Church - Dr. Bryant Barnes preaching
- **Wednesday** – Thomas Church - Bro. Keith Sheridan preaching

Worship leaders will be The Allen Family and Bro. Calvin Crowe. See the revival flyer for more details and invite friends to join us.

NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

THANKS TO OUR FBC TEAM FOR BEING A BLESSING. JOIN THEM IN THE WORSHIP SERVICES AND MINISTRY AT OUR NURSING HOMES AS WE CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS’ DEATH AND RESURRECTION WITH THEM.

GOOD SAMARITAN – MONDAY, APRIL 7TH @ 3 P.M.
FAIR CITY REHAB – MONDAY, APRIL 21ST @ 3 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE

OTHER UPCOMING SAM EVENTS:

- SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY – MAY 18TH
- TRIP TO AVERY ISLAND – MAY 22ND-23RD
- WORLD WAR II MUSEUM – JULY 8TH
- FALL BRANSON TRIP – OCTOBER 6TH-10TH

CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS!

Good Friday – *Carry the Cross* – Begins at the parking lot by the old Dirt Cheap at 9:00. The walk culminates at the fairgrounds with worship and The Lord’s Supper.

Resurrection Sunday – *Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. in the Mile Branch Settlement followed by our normal Sunday Morning schedule of Easter worship and Sunday School.*

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FBC Student Ministry



BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- NEXT GEN PASTOR



DISCIPLING A GENERATION THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

What's up, FBC! I am thankful to see God moving amongst our church! God is growing ministries, sending people on missions, and changing lives through the ministry of FBC Franklinton. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we seek to **Know Christ and Make Him Known!**

I hope you've had a chance to take a look at our student center updates. From the outdoor signage to the indoor updates, God has paved the way for greater Gospel ministry. We have seen an uptick in attendance over the past month, and God is truly doing a big thing in our student ministry. Thank you SO much for supporting our ministry at the "Night to Remember" Steak Dinner! We were able to earn enough resources to pay for camp, send students to Honduras in July, and various other aspects of our ministry!

Eva and I love and appreciate everything you're doing for the Gospel, and we are thankful to be a part of God's mission with you!

-Drake Westmoreland



GRADUATE RECOGNITION 25'

Are you a Class of 2025 High School Graduate?
Are you an active member of FBC Student Ministry?

We want to recognize you and your accomplishments as you advance to the next stage of life! Please fill out the Google Form or scan the QR code to provide important information needed to recognize YOU on May 4th at 8:15/10:45 AM at FBC Franklinton!

See Bro. Drake for any questions!

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Mason Kersey
was
Baptized

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025
First Baptist Church
Franklinton, LA 70438

Thank you! To our volunteers for your kindness & support! And to everyone else for all the support that made our Steak Dinner Night a success!

FBC STUDENT MINISTRY
Happy Valentines Day

Kristina Seal
LIVE ARTIST
@KristinaSealArt



FBC STUDENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY

GRADUATE RECOGNITION | MAY 4TH @8:15/10:45 AM

KNOW CHRIST, MAKE HIM KNOWN.



NEW MERCH

\$35

\$28

\$26

USE THIS LINK

<https://first-baptist13.cls.co/pdnb>

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FBC KIDS Ministry



KELLY MCELVEEN, DIRECTOR OF FBC PLAYSCHOOL, CHILDREN'S AND PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

Let's dive right into April!

Ongoing Activities:

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.:

Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.:

Preschool and Children's Choirs

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.: Team KID for PK3-Kindergarten, BLAST for Grades 1-5, Higher Calling for Sixth Grade

Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.: Higher Calling Heads Up

Our 6th Grade Higher Calling class will join the FBC Student Ministry as they prepare to join the Student Ministry in August. Each month on the first Wednesday, they will meet with the Students and join in their Bible Study, Worship, or Game Night.

Tuesday, April 8th at 5:30 p.m., FLC: VBS Volunteer Training

Did you know that research shows that for every volunteer that is trained, 1.1 children come to know Christ through Vacation Bible School? Come be a part of a fun, informative evening on how our VBS works, learn more about the theme, and how to share the gospel with children! Dinner will be served, and there will be lots of time to have questions answered! Let Sierra or me know if you plan to attend.

Sunday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m., FLC: Preschool Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch

Our youngest friends, Toddlers through Kindergarten, and their parents/guardians are invited to join us in the Family Life Center for a Preschool-friendly brunch followed by an egg hunt outside (weather permitting). Preschoolers will go to their Sunday School class as usual for an abbreviated lesson and then join their parents at 9:45 am. Be sure to bring a basket! Because most of our children will be hunting eggs on the playground, closed-toe shoes are recommended for children and parents.

Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.: Great Red Easter Egg Hunt

After choir, children in grades 1-6 will travel to Mile Branch Settlement (*tentatively and weather permitting*) to enjoy a fun scavenger hunt for the Great Red Easter Egg. To participate, children must have a current Student Emergency Card on file. We will need some drivers to help transport children to the fairgrounds. Drivers transporting children that are not their own must have a background check on file with the church office by Tuesday, April 14th. Forms are available in the church office.

Friday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m., Dirt Cheap Parking Lot: Carry the Cross

Join our church and other churches in our community as we journey across town for this annual event. *Parents, it is important to note that traffic is not stopped for this event, and we ask that you keep your children with you on your right side, away from the flow of traffic.* It will also be helpful to discuss with them the reverence of this event and help them to be mindful of those around them. No, we would never expect (or want!) them to be fully silent. And yes, we want families to participate. This event just provides parents with an extra opportunity to talk with their children about the significance of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

I will also have a special Family Easter Devotional Easter Changes Everything to give out to our FBC Kids at the conclusion of Carry the Cross. Be sure to look for me at the fairgrounds!

Tuesday, April 22nd: FBC PlaySchool Registration for 2025/2026 Begins

Do you have a child that will be ready for PlaySchool in the Fall? Or would you like more information on FBC PlaySchool? Let me know and I'll send you information and a registration form! For more information and to receive a form, simply email me your mailing address to fbk.playschool@fbkfranklinton.org (or feel free to text me).

-Kelly McElveen

Wee Worship
Volunteers:

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6th: Kelly McElveen

13th: Heather Seal

20th:

Easter Sunday-

No Wee Worship,

No Evening Services

27th: Karen Spears



Wednesday, April 23rd from 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm, FLC: FBC Kids Supper

Before choir, kids of all ages are invited to a free meal in the Family Life Center before choirs start. They'll get to vote on their meal the week before.

**There will be NO regular Wednesday Night Supper this day.
Children/Students ONLY.**



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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025
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FIRST BAPTIST FRANKLINTON

Easter Egg Hunt + Brunch

SUNDAY 13 APRIL

9:30 A.M.

PK3-K CHILDREN WILL MEET IN THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM FOR AN ABBREVIATED LESSON, THEN JOIN PARENTS IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOR BRUNCH, FOLLOWED BY AN EGG HUNT ON THE PLAYGROUND.

VBS

Volunteer Training

COME BE A PART OF A FUN, INFORMATIVE EVENING ON HOW OUR VBS WORKS, LEARN MORE ABOUT THE THEME, AND HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH CHILDREN! DINNER WILL BE SERVED, AND THERE WILL BE LOTS OF TIME TO HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED! LET SIERRA OR KELLY KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

Tuesday, April 8th
5:30 p.m. - FLC

IF YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER THIS YEAR OR WOULD LIKE TO BE, THIS IS FOR YOU!

Great Red Easter Egg Hunt

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FIRST BAPTIST FRANKLINTON

A generation that knows Christ and makes Him known.

Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.

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FBC April Events



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Franklinton

FBC EASTER MUSICAL

APRIL 13TH, 2025
FBC CHOIR PRESENTS:
TO THE RISEN CHRIST
8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

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GOOD Friday CARRY THE CROSS

04.18 AT 9:00 A.M.
MEET AT THE OLD DIRT CHEAP PARKING
LOT. WE WILL THEN TAKE UP OUR CROSS
AND WALK TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.
FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S SUPPER.

RISEN

Easter

HE IS RISEN

JOIN US FOR EASTER SERVICES APRIL 20TH, 2025

7:00 A.M.- SUNRISE SERVICE AT MILE BRANCH
8:15 A.M.- FBC WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 A.M.- SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 A.M.- FBC WORSHIP SERVICE

"25 IN 24 HOURS" PRESENTED BY: DR. VERN PALMISANO

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.

COME HEAR THIS RIVETING AND
POWERFUL PRESENTATION ON THE
EVIDENCE FOR THE OLD TESTAMENT
PROPHECIES FULFILLED ON THE DAY
OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST. YOU
WILL NEVER THINK ABOUT THE
LORD'S PASSION THE SAME WAY
AGAIN.

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FBC EVENTS



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

LADIES MISSIONS TEA PARTY

DATE: APRIL 26, 2025

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: MARTHA MERCADO
(MISSION: FBC HISPANIC MINISTRIES-
LOCAL CHURCH AND HONDURAS TRIP)

COST: LADIES MISSIONS TEA COST \$10.00
(SEE A HOST TO PURCHASE A TICKET).

INFO: WE WILL NEED YOUTH GUYS AND MEN TO
VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE TEA.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO
HOST A TABLE! CONTACT
LESLIE WESTMORELAND
FOR MORE INFORMATION AT:
LESLIE210@YAHOO.COM
fbefranklinton@fbcfranklinton.org



FBC Women's Paint Party
Rescheduled Date:
Thursday, April 3, 2025
6:00 p.m. in the FLC.
Cost: \$25
Contact Leslie W. for
more information.

Honduras Mission Trip
Pillowcase
Sewing Night

APRIL 7TH
AT 4:30 PM
in the Senior Adult Center.

IF YOU HAVE A SEWING MACHINE, PLEASE BRING IT.
HOWEVER, A SEWING MACHINE IS NOT REQUIRED TO
ATTEND. THE MATERIAL WILL BE PROVIDED
(EVEN IF YOU CAN'T SEW, STILL JOIN US, WE ALSO NEED
PEOPLE TO HELP CUT THE FABRIC!)

CONTACT SANDRA MCDANIEL OR LESLIE
WESTMORELAND WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Join us as we sew pillowcases together for Honduras!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

franklinton
(985) 839-3427 OFFICE

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.

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

**Adult & Ladies Bible
Studies**
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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