

We offer Sunday School for all ages and would love to have you join us each week- 9:45am-10:45am. Also, join us for Worship, Sundays at 11:00am! Our Sunday service is heard on WCLN 1170 AM or StarVision cable, channel 16.

Don't forget to "LIKE" the First Baptist Church Facebook Page and "share" our page with your friends! Each one, reach one!

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www.clintonfirstbaptist.org

Our Mission

"The purpose of First Baptist Church is to honor God as we love and minister to all people, witness to them of our life-changing Savior, lead them into the fellowship of His church, and nurture them in Christian growth."

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First Connections

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FROM THE PASTOR

Annie Johnson Flint was born one year after the end of the Civil War. She was orphaned at age 3 following the untimely death of her mother. Her father gave her and her baby sister up to foster families. For years she desperately sought the love of a devoted family for her and her sister. This search led her to the love of Christ and she became a Christian as a young adult. Annie called upon her life experience and deep faith in God to write dozens of poems giving tribute to God's love and grace through Jesus Christ. She continually based her writing on the influence of specific Scriptures upon her life. She wrote the following poem in response to Hebrews 4:14-16:

*Some of us stay at the cross,
Some of us wait at the tomb,
Quickened and raised together with Christ,
Yet lingering still in its gloom;
Some of us bide at the Passover feast
With Pentecost all unknown —
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
That our Lord has made our own.
If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,
His work had been incomplete;
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb,
He had only known defeat;
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross,
And the way of the tomb leads on
To victorious grace in the heavenly place
Where the risen Lord has gone.
So, let us go on with our Lord
To the fullness of God He has brought,
Unsearchable riches of glory and good
Exceeding our uttermost thought;
Let us grow up into Christ,
Claiming His life and its powers,
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
That our conquering Lord has made ours.*

AMEN.

Blessings,
Ray

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023



Join us for Worship!
As additional elements of our worship experience, The Adult Choir will present:
"Love Divine"
a cantata by Joel Raney

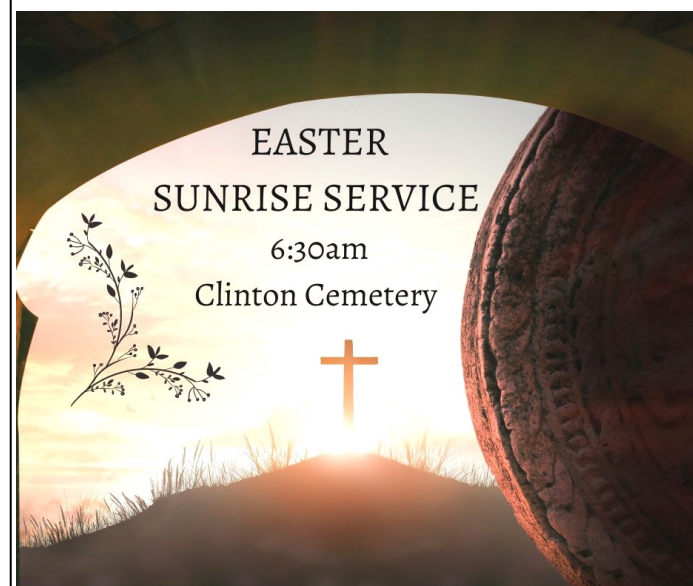
with additional participation by our Half Notes & Children's Choir

*Join us after Worship as well for a Church-wide Covered Dish Lunch and Children's Ministry Egg Hunt.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:30am

Clinton Cemetery



Please Remember in Prayer —

IN THE HOSPITAL

Ricky Autry, Rex Hospital

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Carlton Albritton, Charles and Mirjean Blackman, Sue Miller, Mike Underwood, Carolyn Wrench

OUR HOMEBOUND

April Bissette, Joe Butler, Rufus Herring, Cristie Quakenbush, Juanita Rich

NURSING HOMES

Local

Lee Brown, Mary Gran 715B
Doug Warren, Southwood 208
Willie Ruth Watson, Mary Gran 704
Linda Wright, Southwood 104

Out of Town

Bobby Bunker, Cadence Senior Care, Garner
Faye McCullen, The Landing of Smithfield
Sue Miller, Rolling Ridge, Newton Grove

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bobby Beard (Ann Weeks' son-in-law)
Mary Borum, (Becky Spell Vann's sister)
Our Soup Kitchen ministry
Tim's Gift Ministry
Life Line Sampson

Condolences

We express deepest sympathy to Jake Matthews and family for the death of his grandmother, Juanita Ferrell Card.

Also, deepest sympathy to Kristen Spell and family for the death of her grandfather, Bobby Matthis;

To Michael Parker and family for the death of his grandmother, Doris Parker.

Also, deepest sympathy to the family of Dalton Mayo.

BRICKS Campaign Update

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Owed on Building (1,077,670.63)
Outstanding Pledges \$123,298.85

Memorials

Memory of Charles Jackson

Given by: Norma Jean Jackson

Memory of Dr. Dalton Mayo

Given by: Lew, Annell Grace & Annie Marie Starling
Donald Starling

Memory of Doris Parker

Given by: Lew, Annell Grace & Annie Marie Starling
Donald Starling

Memory of Frances Tart

Given by: Lew, Annell Grace & Annie Marie Starling

Memory of Dale Underwood

Given by: Lew, Annell Grace & Annie Marie Starling
Don & Donna Manley

Memory of James Wheeler

Given by: Lew, Annell Grace & Annie Marie Starling
Alan Wooten

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church:
Thank you for sending Mama the newsletters and church programs. She looked forward to them so much. I read them to her when she no longer could. Thank you for your kindness.
Susan Tart Edgerton & Zachary
The Family of Frances Tart.

Churchwide Fifth Sunday Breakfast

On the fifth Sunday of April, the 30th, there will be a churchwide breakfast in the Family Ministry Center. Following breakfast, the adult classes will meet jointly for Sunday School.



**Rise Up
Repent &
ReIGNITE**

We invite you to Tim's Gift's 12th Annual Rise Up Christian Event!
Sunday, April 30—HUBB'S FARM 4:00pm—7:00 pm
Food—Fellowship—Fun
For more info 910-592-1126

Free Admission—Please bring a jar of jelly or peanut butter for the Salemburg Food Bank. A limited number of seats will be available. You may bring your chair or blanket.

April 2023

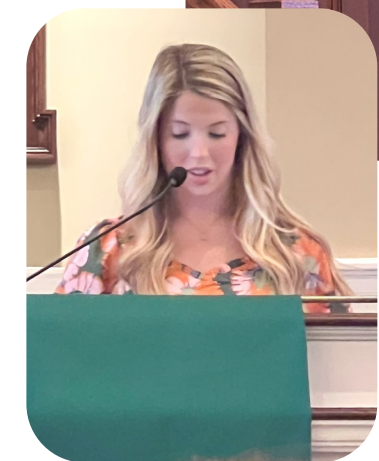
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary 1:00 pm Haitian Worship in the Chapel 5:30-7:00 pm Youth Fellowship and Bible Study				Soup Kitchen, 4:00		1 Trip to Rudy Theater, 10:00 am
2 Palm Sunday Adult Choir Cantata, 11 am Churchwide Lunch & Children's Egg Hunt Youth Glow Egg Hunt, 5:30-7:30 pm	3 10:00am Homebound Visitation Tenebrae Rehearsal 7:00 pm 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	4	5 Lenten Lunch, 12:00 noon FMC Regular Wednesday Activities	6 Soup Kitchen 4:00 Tenebrae Service, 7:00 pm	7 Good Friday, Office Closed	8
9 Easter Sunday NO Evening Activities	10 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	11 10:00am Nursing Home Visitation	12 NO Wednesday Activities	13	14	15
16 Deacons Mtg. 5:00 pm Youth Fellowship, 5:30-7:30 pm Missions Development Council, 6:00 pm	17 Faith SS Class Covered Dish Lunch, FMC 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	18 JOY Walk, 9:15 am FMC Gym "Precious Gems" 10:00am Fellowship Hall	19 Regular Wednesday Activities	20 Soup Kitchen 4:00	21	22
23	24 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	25 Trip to Carolina Outlets, 9:30 am	26 Regular Wednesday Activities	27 Soup Kitchen 4:00	28	29
30 Churchwide Breakfast & Joint Sunday School Tim's Gift Rise Up Event at Hubb's Farm, 4:00-7:00 pm				Wednesday Schedule 5:30 pm Wednesday Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bible Study 6-7:00 pm Children's Missions and Choirs 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		

April Birthday Wishes

- | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Henry Moore | 9 Paxton Hudson | 23 Tony Fallert | 29 Lynn Butler |
| Michael Chestnutt | 14 Barbara Dixon | Debbie Raynor | 30 Sylvia Blinson |
| Robbie Montgomery | Juanita Rich | 24 Jeana Grace Bowker | |
| 2 Ricky Taylor | Ruby Johnson | 25 Hannah Murphy | |
| 3 Sheila Lewis | Gage Jackson | 27 Bill Nance | |
| Nicholas Jackson | 15 Johnny Kaleel | Paula Peters | |
| 6 Cameron Fardy | 16 Cheryl Norris | Anna Edwards | |
| Savannah Matthews | 17 Vernon Clifton | Emma Adkins | |
| 7 Donald Starling | 19 Jeanne Hobbs | Nolan Jackson | |
| George Raynor | 21 Lake Montgomery | 28 Bobby Warren | |
| 8 Rex Little | 23 Louise Warren | 29 Wanda Nashwinter | |
| 9 Jeff Warren | Lynn Underwood | Craig Richardson | |



The Campbell University Choir presented a concert on Wednesday, March 15.



April Nursery Schedule

- 4/2, 11am- Georgeanne Carlton
- 4/6, 7pm- Vickie Dail (Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service)
- 4/9, 11am- Happy Easter! The QUIET ROOM is available today instead of the NURSERY.
- 4/16, 11am- Lindsay Matthews
- 4/23, 11am- Rachel Combs
- 4/30, 11am- Jaclyn Smith



JOIN US FOR

Adult Choir

REHEARSAL:
WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:15PM
(CHOIR ROOM)

WORSHIP PREP:
SUNDAYS 10:40AM
REHEARSAL (CHOIR ROOM)

Each week our Adult Choir gathers in the Choir Room on Wednesday evenings and Sunday Mornings for rehearsals. Each rehearsal is an opportunity to use our gifts to serve the Lord through music. The Adult Choir is an integral part of our worship experience and is intended to be Christ-centered, joyful and inviting in spirit and worshipful in presentation of repertoire.

Minister of Music: Lauren McCollister Accompanist: Jean Hatch

Senior Happenings

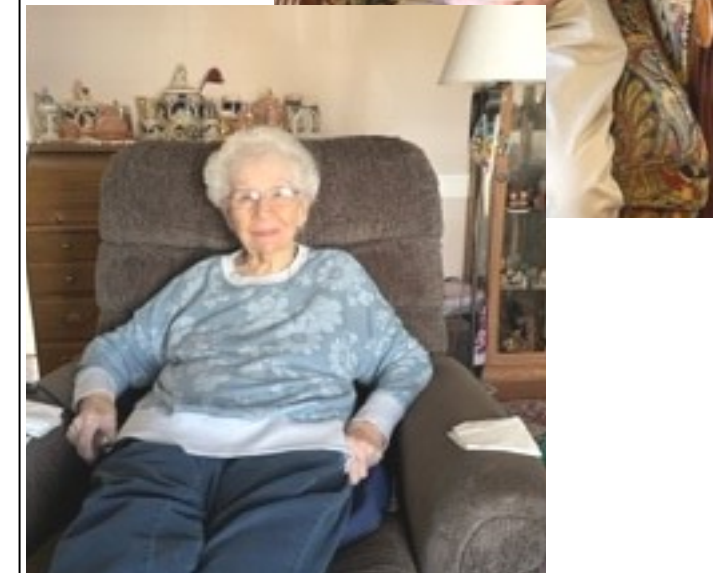
What is one of your favorite verses in the Bible? What is it speaking to you? One of mine is Psalm 100. I was taught this when I was a little girl, back then we learned many Bible verses by memory. I used this verse when I was ordained as a deacon. *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people, and the sheep of His pastures. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations."* (Psalm 100)

Easter is on the way! It is one of the most important holidays we celebrate. God sent His only Son to come live among us, only to give His life so we could have eternal life with Him in glory. Are you making a joyful noise telling others about Him? Are you serving Him with gladness? Are you helping others when they are in need, when they need a visit or just someone enough to listen as they pour out their hearts to you? There are times when everyone goes down in the valley, but joy comes in the morning. Do you enter His gates with thanksgiving and praises, thanking Him and blessing His Holy Name? This Easter be obedient and see what you can do in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Love in Christ,
Faye B. Warren, Sr. Adult Director.

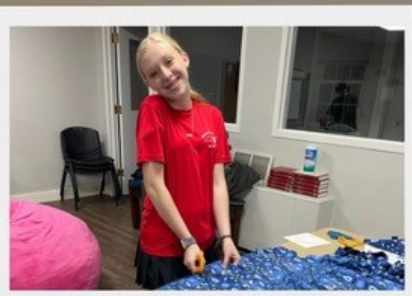
Upcoming Senior Adult Events

- Saturday, April 1**
Rudy Theater Easter Show, leave at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 2**
Senior Adult Council, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 3**
Homebound Visitation, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 11**
Nursing Home Visits, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 18**
JOY Walk in the Gym, 9:15 a.m.
Precious Gems, 10:00a.m. FMC
- Tuesday, April 25**
Shopping trip to Carolina Pottery and lunch at Golden Corral. Leave at 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday, May 7**
Senior Adult Day—sign up at the church office.





Benevolent Blankets Mission Project



As Holy week quickly approaches and the anticipation of celebrating our risen Savior is on the horizon, we think about the sacrifice of Jesus. As the sounds of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem fades, Jesus prepares to surrender himself, and absorb the sins of the whole world. "For God so loved the world, that He sent his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

We know John 3:16 well, and it is often the passage that we memorize quickly; yet the next verse is also significant and powerful. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:17) How amazing is the love of our God that he would bring us all, the entire world, salvation through His Son, Jesus.

The story does not end when Jesus dies on the cross. The stillness of death will only last for a short time, because the resurrection of the Savior is coming soon. Easter Sunday is on its way and we can hardly wait to celebrate and proclaim that the tomb is empty and He is alive! With our eyes fixed on Jesus, the reflective spirit of Lent, the sacrifice of the cross and the joy of the resurrection can continue; revealing God's everlasting love and grace.

Minister of Students: Lauren E McCollister



FBC YOUTH GLOW EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 2, 2023
5:30-7:30pm

FBC YOUTH SPRING/SUMMER 2023 SCHEDULE

- Wednesday: Supper & Serve
 - 5:30-7:00pm
- Sunday Youth Fellowship & Bible Study
 - 5:30-7:30pm
- Easter Sunday, April 9th
 - NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
- Sunday, April 30th
 - RISE UP @ Hubbs Farm 4:00-7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 24th
 - End-of-Year Celebration 5:30-7:00pm
- Sunday, June 4, 2023
 - Graduation Sunday
- Monday July 17-22
 - Passport Youth Camp (Berea, KY)

**Summer Youth Fellowship Schedule Coming Soon!*

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12:00pm, FMC

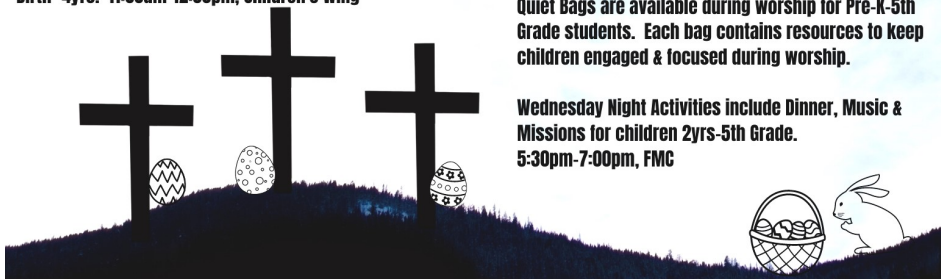
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Childcare is provided each Sunday during worship for children Birth -4yrs. 11:00am-12:00pm, Children's Wing

Quiet Bags are available during worship for Pre-K-5th Grade students. Each bag contains resources to keep children engaged & focused during worship.

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*XOXO,
Ms. Margo*

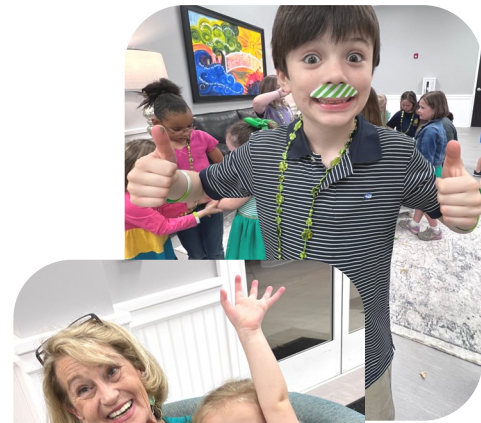


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Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, 12:00 PM
First Baptist Church, Family Ministry Center
Don't forget your basket!
The Easter Bunny will be available for photos!



PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

May 14, 2023 - 11:00am Worship

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.” Parent/Child Dedication is a time for us to celebrate and thank God for the gift of your child. If you would like your baby dedicated contact Margo, 910-990-1242 or the Church Office. We look forward to celebrating in this special day with your family.



PLEASE SUPPORT FBC'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023, 12:00PM

BAKE SALE

ALL DONATIONS WILL HELP SEND OUR 1ST-5TH GRADERS TO ROCKFISH MEADOWS CHURCH CAMP JULY 23-28, 2023!



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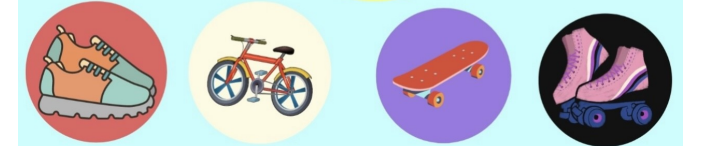


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL~2023
Dinner, Bible Lessons, Music, Worship,
Recreation & Crafts
Children- 2yrs-5th Grade

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JUNE 18-22

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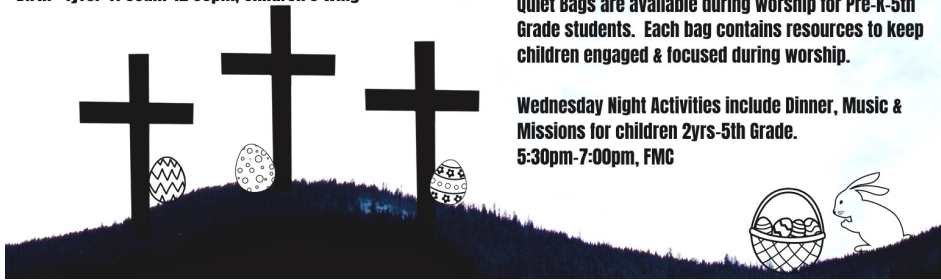
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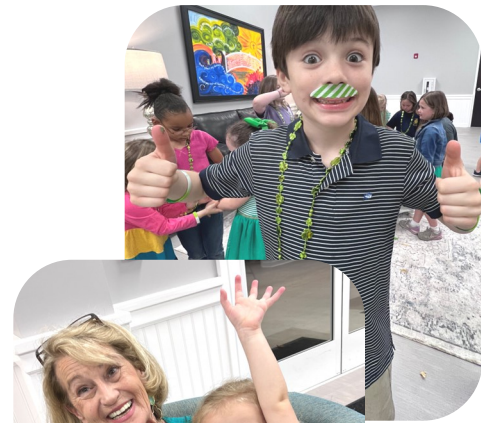
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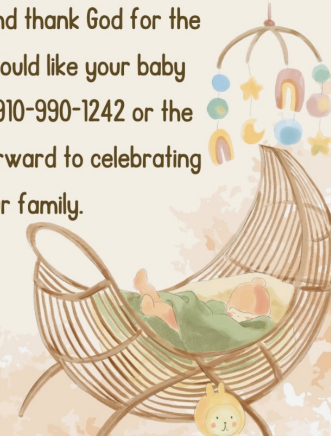
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