

The Encourager

"Making Jesus First in Our Lives"

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FBC, Plattsburg

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton

"Christ Is Risen" (Luke 24:6) is the Good News of Easter. The message of the resurrection is hope for the lost. Jesus said that his mission was "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). To celebrate Easter is to live each day in light of the truths that Jesus paid for our sins, was buried and was raised to life again. These are historical truths! Do I just believe Christ lives or have I trusted Him to save me so that I can truly say "Christ lives and He lives IN me"? It is great to worship Jesus together but it is also a privilege to serve Jesus together. I encourage you to participate in each night of the revival April 15 - 18 and that you help us get the word out about revival. Let's pray that God will revive His people and bring lost people to salvation.

MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

What a way to start the month of April by celebrating our Lord and Savior Jesus! The Choir reminded us in the cantata on Palm Sunday of all Jesus did for us. John 11:25-26 says "Jesus said...'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die'" We have that promise if we know Him as our Lord and Savior! I am so thankful for all the wonderful songs we can lift up in praise to Him!

The Children's Choir "Joyful Noise" will be singing in both morning services on April 29th. I hope you will plan to attend. God Bless!

YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth minister

Chris Tomlin's song "Resurrection Power" comes to mind when I think about Easter and all that it means to me. Christ died for our sins and was raised again in three days, all to set us free from the sins that have separated us from him. The same power that conquered death and washes away my sin, lives inside of me. Ephesians 1:19-20 "and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might, that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places."

We will be relying heavily on his strength to get us through the next few months. The youth are currently working on a Dinner Theater fundraiser that will be on April 14th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Students will be presenting "The Bible in 30 Minutes or Less!" by Anton Bucher. Dinner will be Spaghetti or Chicken Alfredo with salad, breadsticks, and dessert. Tickets will be \$15 for one or 25\$ for two. All proceeds will go towards Church Camp (May 29th-June 2nd), Super Summer (June 11th-June 15th) or Mission trip (July 22nd - July 28th). The youth will also be having their Craft Day Fundraiser on May 5th from 9am -9pm in the Fellowship Hall. As this is the busy time of year for all of our youth, I just ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow and serve God.

NEW LIFE REVIVAL: Our church will join with three other Baptist churches (Trimble, Turney and Lathrop) and hold nightly revival services April 15-18. We will be canvassing on April 7 and 14th. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer and one in each adult Sunday School Class. Please sign up today to help.

AWANA: by Terry Liles

- April 18th – Store Night
- April 25 – Awards Night
- May 2 – Picnic – Perkins Park (all family members are welcome)

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS: by Debbie Smith, director

April showers bring May flowers. We will be taking our Spring walks to see what is changing in God's World. We may even see some of the May flowers starting to grow. Both classes will be clowning around on Circus Day.

Miss Rose from the Clinton County Health Department will be stopping by to tell us about poison control.

We will be finishing our letters because "Z" is coming up.

School pictures are April 9 and 10. Don't forget to bring your smiles that day.

FUNDRAISER Hog Roast for the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. New K9 Unit on April 7 at 5:00 PM at the Lathrop Middle School. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for pie, cake and cookies needed. Desserts need to be taken to Lathrop by 4:30, you can bring your desserts to the church by 4:00 and they will be taken to Lathrop for you!

WMU: by Margaret Stevens

Thank you to all who gave to the Annie Armstrong Offering this Spring. To this date \$4,794 has been given to support our Missionaries in North America.

In April you will learn more about the Pure Water/Pure Love opportunity to help provide water filters to missionaries around the world. These are filters they use in their homes for clean water to use for drinking and cooking.

July 9- 13, 2018 8:45 AM to Noon.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 9-13; 8:45-Noon
Children age 4 thru 6th grade

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR: We have updated our website's online calendar to a Google calendar. Go our www.fbcplattsburg.com and click on calendar to see events.



VBS is July 9 – 13th

Happy Birthday to Members and their families: 1-Kathy Liles 3-Sandy Verdi 4-T.J. McMurry 5-Stacy Howard 9-Ron Shepard & Becky Jessee 10-J.R. Trayler, David Scrivens 11-Grace Liles & Jean Bentsen 13-Lorrie Norris, Carolyn Fitzpatrick & Mickayla DeMint 14-Sharon Clements 17-Charlene Gipson 18-Lorna Croney, Raven Duncan & Brandon Smith 21-Nancy Morse 22-Landon McMurtrey 25-Terry Barnett & Courtney Mitchell 26-Earl Price & C.J. Schmitt 28-Aubrey Potter 30-NeQuelle DeFord & Austin Riddle

OUR PURPOSE

MAKING JESUS FIRST IN OUR LIVES leads us to bring others to experience His love and to build relationships within His family, develop them to become Christ-like and enable them to serve, to witness and to worship.



NEW MEMBER'S CLASS: The pastor will teach a five-week class during the Sunday School hour starting April 8 (15, 22, 29 and May 6). The class is for new members AND anyone interested in joining. Topics covered includes salvation, assurance of salvation, distinct beliefs and Baptist faith, spiritual gifts and personal spiritual growth. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

JOYFUL NOISE: This ministry needs monetary donations to provide a meal at 6:00 PM for children staying for AWANA & for our youth that are helping. Please text or call Danielle Schmitt (816-726-5811) to see how you can help.

MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children's Church is for children Kindergarten thru 4th grade. See Megan or Jayme Gudde if you have questions. **ATTENTION PARENTS: NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY**

AWANA is a rewarding ministry that builds God's Word into children's lives and meets each Wed. To help, contact Terry Liles (816-808-1577) or Jon Taylor (816-803-3890).

JOYFUL NOISE is the children's choir for children grades Kindergarten - 6th grade. Marnie Mitchell is the director. The children practice from 5 – 6 p.m. then eat a meal before going to AWANA at 6:30. Joyful Noise will present their Spring program on Sunday, April 29 in both services.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY. Women meet each Tuesday at 6:30 PM at home of Diane Burnich (707 Quail Place). Questions or to sign up, contact Julie McDowell (816) 217-8357.

BACKGROUND CHECKS: All adults from age 18 up who work with babies thru youth need to have a background check every 2 years. Cost is \$5. Forms are in the holder outside the secretary's office, on the table in the foyer and on the church's website.

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APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER 6:30 AM Sunrise Service-FBC	2	3	4	5 2:00 PM WMU	6	7 7:30 AM Christian Men's Brkfst-FBC Revival Canvassing 6 PM Deacons/Wives Dinner Meeting
8	9	10	11	12 7:00 PM NIGHT WMU	13	14 Revival canvassing Youth Dinner Theatre Fundraiser
15 8:45-9:15 AM SS Breakfast-Taylor Class Host Oakridge-D. Mitchell 7:00 PM New Birth-FBC, Trimble	16 7:00 PM New Hope, FBC Plattsburg	17 7:00 PM New Purpose, Browning Baptist, Turney	18 7:00 PM New Confidence, FBC, Lathrop AWANA Store Night	19	20	21
	<i>New Life Revival</i>					
22	23	24	25 AWANA Awards Night	26	27	28
29 JOYFUL NOISE PROGRAM at 8 & 10:30 AM	30					
	Sunday Schedule 8:00-9:00 AM Worship 9:15-10:15 AM Bible Study 10:30-11:35 AM Worship 6:30 PM Youth			Wednesday Schedule 4:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-8:15 PM Youth 6:30-8:15 PM AWANA 8:15 PM Ensemble		