

# The Encourager

*FBC, Plattsburg*

*"Making Jesus First in Our Lives"*

*March, 2018*

## **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:** by Robert Shelton

Why is Easter so important to the Christian faith? The Apostle Paul wrote that if Christ has not been raised from the dead then preaching and faith are in vain (1 Cor. 15:14), we are spreading a lie (1 Cor. 15:15), there is no forgiveness (1 Cor. 15:17) and Christians should be pitied (1 Cor. 15:19) **BUT CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD AND WE HAVE FORGIVENESS, ETERNAL LIFE, HOPE AND JOY IN JESUS CHRIST (1 Cor. 15:20)!!!!**

Dr. David Turner said this: "The resurrection culminates the passion narrative in all four Gospels because it is at the center of redemption itself. Without it, one can only pity Jesus as a dead martyr whose lofty ideals were sadly misunderstood. With it, one must stand in awe of the exalted Messiah, the Son of the living God, who gave His life as a ransom for many, who presently reigns at God's right hand, and who will one day return in glory to fix this broken world." I am looking forward to celebrating with you.

## **WMU:** by Margaret Stevens

In March we learn more about North American missionaries working in the United States and Canada through the NAMB (North American Missions Board). We also take the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our goal is \$5800.00. Please pray about your gift to this vital ministry that funds Church Planting, College Campus Ministry, Disaster Relief, Chaplains in hospitals and the military, Summer Sports Camps and many other ministries that spread the gospel of salvation.

## **MUSIC:** by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

It was so exciting to participate in the Global Hymn Sing on February 25<sup>th</sup> by singing "Jesus Shall Reign." It is estimated that we were among 1,010,581 believers in 77 countries singing this missions hymn together in 32 languages. Singing together was an act of solidarity and fellowship that emphasized our shared faith in Jesus Christ. Pause and think about it . . . the same song being sung to God in different languages on the same day all over the world? WOW! Now let's remember to pray for those around the world that do not yet know Christ for Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Easter will be here before we know it. I hope you have on your calendars that the choir will be singing Grace in All Its Glory in both services Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. God Bless!

## **YOUTH:** by Aaron Gudde, youth minister

As I thaw out after the latest winter ice storm, I realize how close spring is and think about how busy we will be. Spring sports, youth fundraisers, graduation, Super Summer, mission trip and church camp make for a very busy time of the year. "But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray" (Luke 5:16). It's important that we remind ourselves that even in this busy time and with our busy lives that we need to "slip away" and pray. As we finish up our study of apologetics over the next couple of weeks, we are going to look at prayer and how it is an important part of our relationship with Christ.

Coming up on our schedule we have Winter Jam 2018 on the March 16; it will cost \$35 for the Jam Nation ticket. We will be placing the ticket order after Youth on Wednesday night March 7. Any adults who want to attend so also let me know by March 7. The youth are also in the planning stages of a Dinner Theater Fundraiser to be held in April so look for more information in the coming weeks.

**DEACON ORDINATION:** Our church will ordain three men to the deacon ministry on March 11. These men have been serving as deacon elects. Pray for them as they finish preparations: Terry Liles, Brandon Reinbold and Ken White.

**ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON:** Following the Deacon Ordination on Sunday, March 11, there will be a meal for the entire church. The church will provide the meat, drinks and dessert (a cake), we ask you to please bring two of the following dishes: fruit, vegetable or salad.

## **PRESCHOOL NEWS:** by Debbie Smith, director

Our Preschool year is certainly breezing by! March, our breezy month, will bring a rustle of activities that are aimed at providing the children with skill builders that are sure to please.

We will be watching to see if March comes in like a lion or a lamb and for signs of Spring.

The Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes will be learning about My Plate and preparing for Grandparent's Day, which is on Friday, March 23.

The Tuesday-Thursday classes will be adding the color green to their color booklets, making kites, and glistening eggs.

Spring break will be March 26 – April 2.

**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.

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

I encourage you to participate in all the services leading up to Easter:

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. FBC Choir

at 7:00 p.m. Community Chorus at FBC

Maundy Thu, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Worship at First Christian Church

Sunrise Service, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. Worship at FBC followed by Continental Breakfast

Easter Worship, April 1 at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. at FBC

### **AWANA:** by Terry Liles

We continue to need help each week so if you are interested in helping with AWANA, please contact us. Thank you to those already faithfully serving each week. Our annual AWANA Grand Prix (pinewood derby) will be on Saturday March 10. Check in begins at 9:00 a.m. and the races will start around 10:00 a.m. The AWANA Grand Prix is open to all AWANA Clubbers, their families, Youth, and all of our church members (we have a category for everyone) so come join the fun! **ONLY AWANA GRAND PRIX CAR MAY BE ENTERED IN THE RACE.** AWANA Grand Prix car kits will be available for purchase up to race week (car kits are \$4.00). You can still make donations to our last store night in April. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**REVIVAL SERVICES COMING IN APRIL:** We are joining with 3 other churches April 15 – 18 to have revival services in each of our communities (Plattsburg, Trimble, Turney and Lathrop). Worship will be at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 15 Pastor Ron Malott preaching at Trimble Baptist

Monday, April 16 Pastor Mike Gilliam preaching at FBC, Plattsburg

Tuesday, April 17 Pastor Robert Shelton preaching at Browning Baptist, Turney

Wed., April 18 Pastor Paul Wood preaching at FBC, Lathrop

In preparation for the revival, we will ask you to help us get the word out by telling your neighbors and friends. There will also be several Saturdays set aside to take flyers door to door in each of four communities.

### **LIBRARY:** by Alison Belt

The library now has the newest book by Francine Rivers, The Masterpiece. This complex novel will hold your attention, so put something good in the crockpot, put your phone on silent, & snuggle in for a great read!!

### **VBS:** by Alison Belt

We are needing an exuberant director for Preschool Recreation for VBS, July 9-13, 2018, from 8:45-12. This is a part-time position! All of our VBS workers are eligible for the eternal retirement plan that is out of this world. Applications for the retirement plan should be submitted in prayer to the Son of God who died and pay for the sins of all humanity and has prepared an eternal home for all who trust Him.

### **Happy Birthday to Members and their families**

1-Ken White 2-Beth Shepard 3-Cindy Hoover 4-Jake Gipson & Caleb Davis 6-Sherry Miller & Stephanie Laslie 8-Glen McMillian 10-Marie Hash 11-Josh Wilkerson & Jonathon Fish II 12-Pat DeMoss & Kristina Kobbe 13-Kayley Clements 19-Keith Clements, Greg Wade & Brandon Reinbold 20-Breanna Davis & Michael Williams 22-Jared Richerson, Jon Fernandez & Shirley Nichols 23-Robin Hon 26-Roy DeShon, John Riddle & Amanda Wilkinson 27-Dotty Davis

**ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR:** We have updated our website's online calendar to a Google calendar. Go our [www.fbcplattsburg.com](http://www.fbcplattsburg.com) and click on calendar to see events.



### **MINISTRIES**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children's Church is for children Kindergarten thru 4th grade. See Megan or Jayme Gudde if you have questions.

**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). AWANA Derby will be Saturday, March 10.

**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.

**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.

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# MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7:30 AM Christian Men's Brkfst-Masonic Lodge
4	5	6	7	8 11:00 AM WMU Luncheon & Study 7:00 PM Deacon Questioning 7:00 PM Night WMU	9	10 9:00 AM AWANA Grand Prix
<b>Week of Prayer for North American Missions</b>						
11 8:00 Baptism 8:00 & 10:30 Deacon Ordination 11:45 AM Luncheon 5:30 PM Ch Council 6:00 PM Business	12	13	13	15	16 3:45 PM Winter Jam	17
18 8:45-9:25 AM SS Brkfst-DeShon Class Host 11:15 AM Senior Center Fundraiser	19	20	21	22 <i>Preschool Set Up For Grandparent's Day-Kitchen &amp; Fellowship Hall</i>	23 <i>Preschool Grandparent's Day Kitchen &amp; Fellowship Hall</i>	24
25 5:00 PM Community Chorus Rehearsal & Dinner 7:00 PM Community Chorus Cantata	26	27	28 <i>NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES— EASTER BREAK</i>	29 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday-First Presbyterian	30 7:00 PM Good Friday-First Christian	31
<i>APRIL 1 6:30 AM Sunrise Service &amp; Continental Breakfast here at FBC 8:00 &amp; 10:30 Easter worship</i>	<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 8:00-9:00 AM Worship 9:15-10:15 AM Bible Study 10:30-11:35 AM Worship 6:30 PM Youth			<b>Wednesday Schedule</b> 4:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-8:15 PM Youth 6:30-8:15 PM AWANA 8:15 PM Ensemble		

# NEW LIFE SERVICES

## **New Birth — Pastor Ron Malott**

April 15 – Trimble Baptist Church – 112 E Maple 64492

## **New Hope — Pastor Mike Gilliam**

April 16 – FBC Plattsburg – 501 W Broadway 64477

## **New Purpose — Pastor Robert**

April 17 – Browning Baptist Church – 4<sup>th</sup> & Grant St Turney, MO 64493

## **New Confidence — Pastor Paul Wood**

April 18 – FBC Lathrop – 413 Center St 64465

**April  
15-18**



**All services begin at 7 PM**

For Information Call (816) 296-3021