



# First Family News

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## Easter Under Quarantine

*"Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

—Matthew 28:20b

I often joke about ministry related tasks for which I never received any training in seminary. For instance, there isn't any course over how to remove a rat snake from a church bathroom, which I could have used one summer day a couple of years ago. I also think a cooking class should be a must in a Baptist seminary as it speaks to one of our members' favorite love languages, but alas, there are no culinary courses in seminary. In recent days, I wished I would have taken a course over how to lead a church through a government imposed time of extreme social distancing because of a global virus pandemic.

There is no playbook for how to respond these days, not only in ministry but in almost every other sector of our society as well. While we are grateful to have the technology to meet on-line, we miss the faces of our church family, along with the handshakes and hugs. There simply is no replacement for face-to-face physical interaction. We believe, though, that the day for our regular gatherings will return soon. Until then, we will rest in the knowledge that we belong to a church that is bigger than a building. The church cannot be confined to one room. As we gather together online to worship and pray, we are doing so as one body...and we are joining a global community of people doing the exact same thing.

As I write this article on March 19<sup>th</sup>, it looks as though we have a long road ahead of us, one that will potentially keep us from meeting together for months. That means, that we could even be meeting on-line for our Easter Sunday services. The Easter memories I hold most dear are those that involve a church body gathered together. The church my family belonged to throughout my childhood and adolescence had traditions just like every other congregation. The annual egg hunt took place on my grandfather's land amongst a small creek and hundreds of mesquite trees. We divided the eggs by age group, even having some well-hidden (sometimes buried) eggs for the teenagers to find. Afterward, was a game of baseball and hamburgers. I always looked forward to these events with excitement. My heart hurts knowing that this tradition and countless others are on hold for American churches and families.

Perhaps, though, this "Easter under quarantine" can shine a new light on an old story for all of us. Jesus' 11 remaining apostles, along with others, had essentially quarantined themselves in the upper room during the days following Jesus' death. They were not responding to a disease though. No, they were hiding in fear, likely hoping that they would not also die as Jesus had. As they hid, there were undoubtedly others around them celebrating Passover as they always did. I wonder if the 11 and the others spent any of that time longing for the days of old when they would gather with their families and celebrate Passover, each with their own unique spins on the ancient tradition. It likely seemed as though this Passover would be lost, ruined, and emptied of its wonderful meaning. But something happened.

Their feelings of loss, confusion, and fear were replaced by wonder and

an inexpressible joy. Yes, they missed the Passover celebrations of old, but they received something much better...a Risen Savior. Jesus, who they all faithlessly believed to be dead, was not only alive, but He was resurrected to an ETERNAL life. I can only imagine what it must have been like to have been in the upper room when the truth was revealed. I imagine tears of joy, gasps of unbelief, and of course embracing. It is in the midst of the deepest darkness in all of history, the death of the God-man upon a cross, that the greatest news was shared. Jesus IS ALIVE!

From that point forward, followers of Jesus would continue to endure hardship. One only need to read Acts and Paul's letters to discover that things didn't suddenly get easy for Jesus' followers. If anything, they got more difficult, but something was different. They were motivated by something else the world couldn't see. They knew that even in the midst of worldly difficulty, including their own deaths, that they had a hope and a future that could not be shaken. They KNEW that God would ensure their best outcome. They believed it so strongly that they were willing to die as martyrs if need be or to give their entire lives spreading that good news to others.

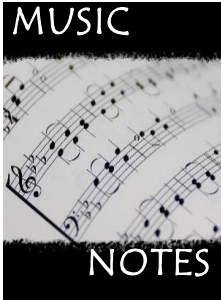
Perhaps you're reading this article feeling disconnected, fearful, or frustrated about these days. If so, may I interrupt all the bad news with THE good news. Jesus is still alive. He is still on His throne. And the promise remains, one day He will make all things right and call us to live in glory and peace with him for eternity. Celebrate this truth today and every day. And as you do, know that there are millions of other members of Christ's body celebrating with you.

**Corey**



**First Baptist Family**  
**Sunday Morning, April 12th**

Sunrise Service at Meinen Lake	7:00
Traditional Worship Service	8:30
Churchwide Brunch	9:00-10:45
Sunday AM GROW Groups	9:45
Contemporary Worship Service	11:00



The Definite Article . . . In the English language we have three articles that we use to refer to various nouns: “a”, “an”, and “the.” The definite article, “the,” is the most specific. When we use the definite article to refer to something in a particular context, the object or event to which we refer is specifically identified. It occurred to me that there are many objects and events in the life of Jesus to which we refer with the definite article, “the.” In the context of our Christian faith, we as believers easily identify many of these.

For example, when believers speak of the manger, the star, the rich young ruler, or the calming of the storm, most believers will likely think of a specific manger, star, cross, and storm being calmed, even though there are other mangers, stars, rich young rulers, and calmed storms in history. In this season of the year especially, we use the definite article in referring to objects and events about which virtually the whole word is familiar, even without a given context. How amazing it is to speak of the Last Supper, the cross, the Resurrection, and the empty tomb, knowing the eternal significance of these!

Let's make these history-changing topics a regular part of our conversations, particularly in the next few weeks as we approach Easter Sunday, April 12. Our “Service of Shadows” on Wednesday evening, April 8, will help us live out the tremendous contrast between the horrible hopelessness Jesus’ disciples surely felt in the aftermath of the cross and the unspeakable joy they found once they discovered the reason for the empty tomb. Plan to experience these emotions with us in our Service of Shadows and our Easter celebrations. They will help all of us recall the truly amazing gift the Lord has given us.

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April 2–5, 2020

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This has been a really interesting couple of weeks leading up to the month of April. Everything that we are used to has been different. It has just been a bit weird. But maybe when things are weird, we have the opportunity to minister in new ways. We have the chance to reach our community in a totally different capacity. Luke 6: 27-30 says, *“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.”*

When we look at the person of Jesus, we realize that He didn't much like what the world expected Him to do. He functioned in the world altogether differently than what was expected. Let's look at another example. Jesus didn't run around with anyone from religious groups. He hung around with tax collectors, fishermen, thieves, and lots of other people. Jesus loved and spent time with sinners, like you and like me. He didn't invest all of His time with the religious people, no. He loved people that didn't deserve it.

Matthew 7:13-14 says, *“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”*

He says that *many* enter through the broad gate. The broad path is a pretty normal path. It is the path that everyone does. But few people travel the narrow path. When we turn to Jesus, we discover that normal just might not be the best life. We have been called to look at what is normal and live differently. When the world is panicking, we have been called to provide care and show that we are not shaken by changing up our normal weekly schedule. Instead, we reach out and provide care for our .....

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**COMING Up Soon** for FBC's

**Students Gr 6-12**

**Youth SUMMER Camp**

Latham Springs, Aquilla, Texas

June 29th—July 3rd

Cost: \$195.00

**Nonrefundable \$50 Deposits Due April 19th!**



Dear FBC & CDO Family,

Normally in April I am telling you about all the fun Easter activities we are doing and the special days that are coming up during the month. However, in light of everything going on in the world I wanted to share some encouraging verses! This is a time when we are all wondering how things will go in the coming weeks. I just want to remind you, this is no shock to God. He isn't surprised by what is going on in the world today. Let's focus on the peace that only God can give! I hope these verses help you to do just that! I used the New Living Translation so that you could share these verses with your children! Your kids feel your stress, and if you are worried, they are likely to worry also. This is a great opportunity to teach them about the faithfulness of God and relying on God in times of trouble!

*"Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall."*

—Psalm 55:22 (NLT)

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."*

—Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

*"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"*

—Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)



**Kidz at Kamp**

(For Kids Finishing Grades 3-5)

**JULY 9-13, 2020**

Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, Texas

**COST: \$200.00**

**Nonrefundable \$50 Deposit Due April 19th**

## Children's DAY OUT

*"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."*

—Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

*"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So, don't be troubled or afraid."*

—John 14:27 (NLT)

*"And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful."*

—Colossians 3:15 (NLT)

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."*

—2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

*"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

—John 16:33 (NLT)

Ms. Amy



Community  
Easter Festival

Grace Baptist Church  
Saturday, April 11th  
11:30am — 1:00pm

Candy/Prize Filled

**Plastic Easter Eggs Needed!**

Collection containers are now available in the main hallway.



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**Grow**



**Show**



**Sundays -**

Traditional Worship 8:30am  
 Sunday AM **GROW** Grps 9:45am  
 Contemporary Worship 11:00am  
 Sr Adult Grp 4:00pm

**Wednesdays -**

Student Ministry Grp 6:00pm  
 FBC Kids 6:30pm  
 Ladies/Men's **GROW** Grps 6:30pm  
 Mixed Adults **GROW** Grps 6:30pm

**Address Service Requested**



**AGAIN??!!**

Please keep in mind due to evolving national, state and local COVID-19 restrictions, our April church services, activities and events may change as well. Stay in touch via Facebook, email and/or call the office (Mon-Fri, 8am to 4pm).



Sun, April 5—Palm Sunday—Lord's Supper 8:30/9:45/11:00am  
 Wed, April 8—Service of Shadows 6:30pm  
 Thurs, April 9—CDO Easter Egg Hunt/Parties See Teachers  
 Fri, April 10—Good Friday, Office Closed  
 Sat, April 11—Community Easter Festival 11:30am  
 at Grace Baptist Church

**FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF:	Feb 23	Mar 01	Mar 08*	Mar 15*
SS Attendance:	171	166	181	128
8:30 Worship:	51	67	60	44
11:00 Worship:	N/A	164	152	110
Income Rec'd:	12594.14	16894.90	8537.47	8618.13
<b>BUDGET:</b>				
YTD Required:	95419.20	107346.60	19274.00	131201.40
YTD Receipts:	84496.85	99542.95	106431.57	114082.14
Wkly Required:	11927.40	11927.40	11927.40	11927.40
Wkly Receipts:	9969.94	15046.00	6888.62	7650.57

\*All online donations have NOT been reported /included this date at newsletter print time.

# CONNECTION SUNDAY



Bringing the FBC Family Together  
 to Connect with One Another  
 for the Glory of Christ

**Sunday, April 26th**

Sunday AM GROW Groups 9:45am  
**COMBINED** Worship 11:00am  
 Churchwide Covered Dish Luncheon 12:15pm

Everyone is asked to bring a  
 covered dish food item to share.

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community. We show the love of Christ in the way that we serve those around us. We are called to see how the world acts and say, I am going to follow God instead of the world. I am going to see the message the world is telling me, and flip it upside-down.

May we be a church community and a student ministry that isn't afraid to serve our community in radical ways and may we follow the narrow path that calls us to show love to those around us.

Grace and Peace,  
*Joel*



**Be A Good Steward:  
Remember Your Tithe**

Turn your tithe and/or offerings in to the church in person, online through [www.gvfbc.org](http://www.gvfbc.org), or mail it to FBC at PO Box 454, Grandview, Texas 76050.



*Our Christian love and sympathy  
are extended to . . .*

*Rodney Cheek and family on the loss of his mother,  
Mildred Cheek.*



Anna Alverson

Bobbie Jane Mosley

NC

Dustin Stewart

Brian and Karen Ellen Anderson

CM

BF Building Fund  
BN Benevolence Fund  
BTSF Back to School Fair  
CDO Children's Day Out  
CDO Sch Children's Day  
Out Scholarship Fund  
CCF Children Camp Fund  
CM Children Ministry

CF Choir Fund  
FFF Funeral Food Fund  
GF General Fund  
HM Homeless Ministry  
IM International Missions  
KF Kitchen Fund  
LF Library Fund  
MF Memorial Fund

MisF Missions Fund  
MTF Mission Trip  
MusF Music Fund  
NC New Construction  
OO Overcoming Obstacles  
SSF Sew 'n Sews Fund  
YCS Youth Camp Scholarship  
YF Youth Fund

## Experience G-d's Written Word Ancient Hebrew Scroll Project Sunday, April 26, 6pm FBC Sanctuary



sponsored by  
Christian Heritage  
Foundation

Biblical Hebrew manuscripts are the Holy Scripture- received, recorded, and preserved by the Jewish people. They have been carefully copied from the originals throughout the millennia. These Ancient Hebrew Scrolls make up the only complete set of the TANAKH (Hebrew Scriptures, or what some refer to as the Old Testament) in the world that you can see.

Sixteen scrolls make up an entire TANAKH; however, this traveling Ancient Hebrew Scroll display contains all 16 scrolls plus duplicates making this collection a total of 40 scrolls.

Scrolls in the display are unique and most of them are 250 years old or older. Six of the scrolls in the collection were commissioned by this project to be written in Jerusalem by a scribe (sofer) when a worldwide search failed to discover those needed to complete the set. These ancient scrolls were written in countries all over the world: Israel, Poland, Iraq, Morocco, and Russia to name a few; however, each scroll at different times and in its own history, made its way to Jerusalem and from there was discovered and purchased by this project. Each scroll has a look and a story of its own.

Make plans today to come see and learn about these ancient scrolls as they are displayed here at First Baptist in our sanctuary on April 26th at 6pm. Be sure to invite someone to share this historical experience of the written Word surrounding our Christian ancestry with you and your family.



**NEXT PRIMETIMERS LUNCH BUNCH:**  
**Covered Dish Luncheon April 27th, Noon**

**Annie Armstrong**  
Easter Offering for  
North American Missions

It's all about the  
**GOSPEL**

**Church Goal:** \$2000.00

**Week of Prayer:**  
Sunday, April 5th through Sunday, April 12th



Friday, April 17th  
6pm—10pm

Kids Ages 6 Months Up to 5th Grade  
Childcare & Activities Included

Bring Your Child's Supper!

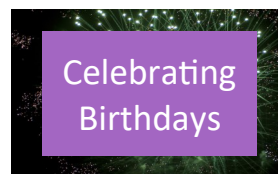
Cost: \$10 1st Child / \$5 Each Sibling

RSVP to the Church Office by 4pm Wednesday, April 15th.



**CDO Ninja Day**  
Thursday, April 16th

Ever think that someone as young as our CDO kids doesn't have to worry about overcoming challenges yet? Think again. Using an age appropriate course and equipment, Jared Greer brings a fresh motivational approach to teach even young kids positive, yet fun, ways to overcome life's obstacles.



- 02 Brighton Blackwell, Brittain Blackwell, Suzanne Pierce
- 03 Wesley Johnson, Brittny Lee, Lynn Nall, Blaine Scharnhorst, Mark Shane, Cindy Smith
- 04 Alan Hale, Kathrine Stewart
- 05 Juan Martinez, Ella Summerhill
- 06 Lillian Nall
- 07 Tamie Barron, Tom Clynych, Rebekah Hale, Barbara Powell,
- 08 Ja'Kobee Crownover, Coltyn Eason, William Harlow
- 09 Coy Emery
- 10 Jama Derting, Tanner Webb
- 11 Jack Baker
- 12 Cooper Gray
- 13 Hanna Hudson, Hamed Kharrazi, Jan Moran
- 14 Bennie Bridge, Dean Siratt
- 15 Myshel Smith
- 16 JBo Hudson, Peggy Lyle
- 17 Carman Bruner, Earnest Crownover III, Shelby East
- 18 Rita Basham, Sue Ellen Hale, Christie Jenkins, Ada Rhodes, Waylon Terry
- 20 Wally Pippin
- 21 Paige Goodman, Jarrod Peabody, Morgan Smith
- 22 Kyndal Clendennen, Alexcis Firebaugh, Hunter Stagner
- 23 Canon Cornutt
- 25 Britny Harlow, Stacie Rudduck
- 27 Corey Cornutt, Kylee Grissam, Karen Smith, Ezra Wallace
- 28 Kory Davis, Micah Greer, Jackie McSwain, Tanya Miller, Amy Quisenberry, David Quisenberry
- 29 Tave Doty, Katie Gray, Tamie Hudson, Curtis Knowles

**VBS** workers meeting

Sunday, April 26th, 4pm  
FBC Fellowship Hall

All persons interested or already signed up to be workers during this summer's Vacation Bible School . . . June 21st—25th . . . are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Contact Amy Curry if you have any questions.



Lord's Supper

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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