

March 11, 2024

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Deciding on which date to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus was a major controversy in the early days of Christianity. The Eastern and Western branches differed on the date, and it became known as the Paschal controversies. The Eastern Church chose to observe the crucifixion on the date which corresponded with the Jewish Passover on the 14th of Nisan. That put the resurrection two days later and would be celebrated on whatever day that fell. The Western church chose the first Sunday that fell after the 14th of Nisan. It would be one of the gatherings, the Council of Nicaea, in 325 AD that would designate the observance for the first Sunday following the spring equinox. This would range from March 22 until April 25.

Christian tradition has added to the observance a period of repenting and fasting before Easter as the 40 days of Lent. The Holy Week has included Maundy Thursday as a day to observe the Last Supper; Good Friday as the day of crucifixion; Holy Saturday as the transition between crucifixion and resurrection; and Easter Sunday as the celebration of Jesus' rising from the dead. Other traditions developed over time including the lamb as a symbol of Jesus as the sacrificial lamb, and in the 13th Century, the egg as a symbol of new life was employed and decorated to celebrate the resurrection. The idea became popular in the United States to have egg hunts and egg rolls as part of the search for and celebration of new life. Later on in the 17th century, protestants would reject much of the Catholic tradition and the rabbit or bunny began to be seen. Some countries had other animals like the cuckoo in Switzerland and the fox in Westphalia. These creatures would bring the eggs to children.

Much debate still goes on as to what time and traditions are acceptable for this most important tradition. While many differences are seen, the time of Easter should focus on the true and most important meaning, that God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. Jesus is the meaning of Easter. He is the One who gave His life on the Cross and Rose from the dead leaving an empty tomb.

As Easter approaches, let us prepare our hearts for this time of focus on Jesus. Let us share with our neighbors that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let us worship Him in spirit and truth. However we may celebrate with our family and children, let us remind them that Jesus is the hope of New Life. He is the One and Only Savior of the world. He is Risen!

Are You Ready for Easter? Easter is Coming!
Pastor Ken

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

1st Worship Service at 8:00am
Bible Study Hour at 9:15am
2nd Worship Service at 10:30am

- In house
- 93.1 FM Radio
- Online at fbcstephenville.org
- Online on our [Facebook Live](#)



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8am and 10:30am

We encourage as many of our members as possible to attend the 8am Service, allowing seating for visitors at the 10:30am Service.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP PLAY LIST

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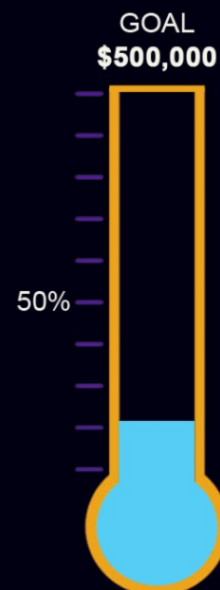
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LIFE **V**ISION 2024

Due to inflation and increased construction costs,
we need to raise \$500,000 to complete
Phase 2 of the Sanctuary and
Phase 3 in the Nursery and exterior of the Sanctuary.

Please pray about giving to LifeVision 2024.



PRAYER REQUEST

LifeVision 2024

Missions:

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Spring Break Mission Trips: March 9 - 16

Youth Mission Trip - Mission Arlington

University Mission Trip - Denver, CO.

2nd Annual FBC Stephenville Week of Community Missions, June 19-22

Renovation Team:

Mikel Thomas, Julie Brinkley, Linda Gifford, King Smith, Kent Styron, and Mary Waters

THIS WEEK AT FBC

MONDAY, MARCH 11

University Mission Trip to Denver, CO (March 9 - 14)

Youth Mission Trip to Arlington, TX (March 10 -14)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

University Mission Trip to Denver, CO (March 9 - 14)

Youth Mission Trip to Arlington, TX (March 10 -14) 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast- Education Building, Room 112

6:00pm ESL (English as a Second Language) - Education Building, Room 221

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

University Mission Trip to Denver, CO (March 9 - 14)

Youth Mission Trip to Arlington, TX (March 10 -14)

10:00am Worship Service - Lone Star Rehabilitation Wellness Center

1:00pm Worship Service - Mulberry Manor Nursing Home

All Evening Activities Are Dismissed for Spring Break

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

University Mission Trip to Denver, CO (March 9 - 14)

Youth Mission Trip to Arlington, TX (March 10 -14)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

University Mission Trip to Denver, CO (March 9 - 14)

Youth Mission Trip to Arlington, TX (March 10 -14)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

University Mission Trip to Denver, CO (March 9 - 14)

Youth Mission Trip to Arlington, TX (March 10 -14)

7:30am Men's Encouragement Team - Jake and Dorothy's

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:30am Nursery and Preschool- Education Building, 1st Floor

8:00am 1st Worship Service -Fellowship Hall

8:45am Library Open till 9:30am - Education Building, 2nd Floor

9:15am Bible Study Hour -Fellowship Hall, Education and Paradigm Buildings

10:30am 2nd Worship Service - Fellowship Hall

2:00pm Homebound Worship Service - Laurel Glen Nursing Home

3:00pm Homebound Worship Service - Good Tree Assisted Living

3:30pm Youth Bible Drill- Education Building, 3rd Floor

5:30pm re:generation - Education Building, Room 221

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MEET 1ST THURSDAY



WOM
Women On Mission

OF EVERY MONTH

1:00pm
Education Building
Room 111



Woman's Missionary Union
Baptist Women

RENEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Study of Revelation

Thursdays, 9:15-11:30am
Education Building, Room 221

Cost: \$10

Childcare with Reservation
Contact Patti Locke or Joyce May
for reservations or any questions.
patricialocke2003@yahoo.com, 254-592-4054
jkfrankmay@gmail.com, 405-229-9220



FOREVER FAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Forever Faithful Fellowship Road Trip



Saturday, March 23rd

Waxahache

12 - 6pm

\$15 - Call office to RSVP



Heaven's Front Porch

SAVE THE DATES

Save the Date!

Ladies, mark your calendars

April 23, 2024

for our 2nd Annual Event of

The Gathering

"He knows my name"

Guest Speaker, Special Music, Delicious Meal,
Beautiful and Uniquely Decorated Tables

6PM in the FBC Fellowship Hall

Hostess Tickets on sale: March 24 and 31

Guest Tickets on sale: April 7 and 14

• Save the Date •

2ND ANNUAL
FBC STEPHENVILLE
WEEK OF
COMMUNITY MISSIONS

June 19 - 22



SUPPORT GROUPS

The Gathering Place
634 East Road
Stephenville, TX 76401
254-595-3751
info@thegathering-place.com

GIVING



WHERE ARE YOU SERVING?

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace"*

1 Peter 4:10

Preschool Ministry: bromwyn@fbcstephenville.org
(volunteers plus 6 paid positions available for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings)

Children's Ministry: kallen@fbcstephenville.org

Youth Ministry: jonathan@fbcstephenville.org

University Ministry: drake@fbcstephenville.org

Associate Pastor: dale@fbcstephenville.org

ESL: info@fbcstephenville.org

Grace Place: graceplace@fbcstephenville.org
(For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/evp9nhtp>)

Homebound Ministry: dick@fbcstephenville.org

Tech Ministry: mike@fbcstephenville.org

Van Ministry: diane@fbcstephenville.org

Worship Ministry: josh@fbcstephenville.org

Contact the ministries above to sign up or call the church office for more information at 254-965-3187

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