



# The Link



**APRIL 2026**

Dear First Baptist Family,

A pastor friend of mine was going through a very hard time some years back. He was telling me how his church was divided and prone to conflict. It just seemed like the default posture of the members toward one another was defensiveness and conflict, he said. He told me he was asking some friends of his what we thought he should do. I told him, "Plan a mission trip or activity." I went on to share with him that nothing reveals the absurdity of congregational conflict and pettiness like getting people to engage in the great task of mission. If you can get two conflicting Christians to, say, feed the poor together at the soup kitchen or build a church in Nicaragua together or lead people to Jesus on the streets of Camden or Paris or Mozambique together, then the silliness of much of our strife can be dealt with.

I've seen it time and time again: Mission reconnects comfortable church members to the original task and calling of the church. When we strive for (in the words of our 4th canon) "the reaching of the nations," much that ails distracted, comfortable Christians is seen for the silliness that it is.

I would go a step forward: There is direct connection between attitude within the walls of the church and missional engagement outside the walls of the church.

I thank God that First Baptist Camden is NOT in conflict, that we are not experiencing strife and division. I feel a great and powerful unity of purpose in our church, and I thank God for it! But the point remains: We stay focused by being the body of Christ in the world, by being on mission here and around the world.

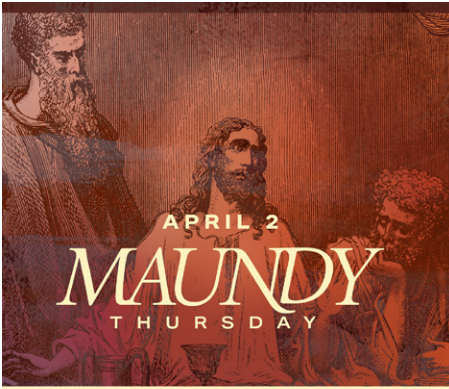
So ask yourself this: Am I on mission? What am I doing to advance the cause of Christ here at First Baptist, here in Camden, and, indeed, around the world?

The heart that isn't serving and going is the heart that is ripe for seeds of discord and discontentment. But the heart that is engaged in service, in mission, in witness, and in outreach is a heart that is aligned with the heart of Jesus Himself.

Let us, church, be an authentic family, around the whole gospel, for the glory of God, and the reaching of the nations!

Let us be on mission together!  
Pastor Wyman





APRIL 2  
**MAUNDY**  
THURSDAY

SERVICE AT 6:00 PM  
LORD'S SUPPER BY INTINCTION  
SANCTUARY



APRIL 3  
**GOOD**  
FRIDAY

SERVICE AT 6:00 PM  
SANCTUARY



HE IS RISEN  
APRIL 5  
**EASTER**

WORSHIP AT 8:45 & 10:30 AM  
LIGHT BREAKFAST BETWEEN IN FELLOWSHIP CENTER  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**33 THE SERIES**  
AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

REGISTER HERE

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - SATURDAYS @ 7:30 AM**  
**BEGINNING APRIL 11**

**LADIES SMALL GROUPS**

Contact Stephanie Bell or the church office to get plugged in

**RA RACER 500 EVENT**

APRIL 29 - 6:30 PM  
FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

**OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$50,000**  
**CURRENT TOTAL: \$22,850**

YOUR GENEROSITY IS  
*more than a gift*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**TEACHER TRAINING**  
FELLOWSHIP CENTER

April 25  
9-11 am

SCAN TO REGISTER

**YOUNG AT HEART**  
FEATURING JUDY HAMMETT

APRIL 28  
11:45 AM  
FELLOWSHIP CENTER  
MEATLOAF, CREAMED POTATOES,  
COLLARD GREENS, LIMA BEANS,  
ROLLS, LEMON MERINGUE PIE

**first CAMDEN** *Welcome to the Family*

Wes & Lisa Dasher	Todd & Robin Gaither	Ron Hill	David Padgett
Debbie Trowbridge	Chloee Dail	Diane Hall	Hill Hudson
Josie Jackson	Mike Lynch	Susie Lynch	Chloe Parker
Lyla Wallace	Samuel Wilson		

CHURCHWIDE  
*Prayer Emphasis*



*Wednesday*  
**April 15 at 6pm**

**BILL ELLIFF**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - VIRTUAL GUEST SPEAKER

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BRING REVISED FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

LORD'S SUPPER & BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

# QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

**MAY 3 AT 6:00 PM**  
FELLOWSHIP CENTER

The Finance Committee will bring revised Financial Policies and Procedures to the Church Conference on May 3. The update will be available no later than Friday, April 17 in the Welcome Center, the Fellowship Center, first floor of the East Building, and the church office. The packet will contain both the current wording and its proposed replacement.



SIGN UP HERE!

BEGINS  
APRIL 26  
AT 9:15 AM  
6 WEEK  
COURSE

April 19 *Following Worship in the Fellowship Center*



[tinyurl.com/FBCFirstLook](http://tinyurl.com/FBCFirstLook)

**MAY 17**

**Graduation**

# SUNDAY

CONTACT PASTOR CLINT BY APRIL 15 TO PARTICIPATE

Parent - Child  
*Commitment*

May 10  
During Worship



[tinyurl.com/FBCParentChild26](http://tinyurl.com/FBCParentChild26)

(Register by May 1)

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION STATION**

# VBS MAY 2

WORK DAY **10 AM - 12 PM**

in the Multipurpose Room

**VBS - JUNE 1-4**

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION STATION** JOHN 8:12

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER OR PARTICIPATE AT [tinyurl.com/FBCVBS26](http://tinyurl.com/FBCVBS26)

2026

# Cola Wars

JULY 20-22

## WOMEN ON MISSION

April 14  
@ 10:00 am  
Ropeholders  
& Heartshapers  
East Building Room 130

April 26  
@ 4:00 pm  
Fiber Fanatics

*Liberty University*

**JULY 6-10**

EST. 1995

**STUDENT LIFE CAMP MISSIONS**

**GRADES 3-5**  
**JULY 13-16**  
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

# KidSalt

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL 2026 -

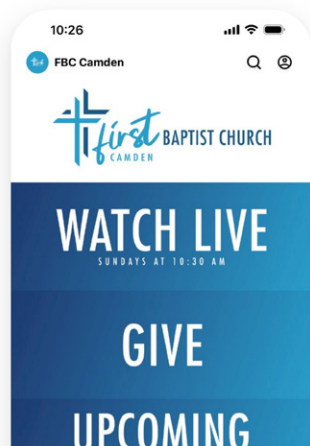
APRIL 1 WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM - HOLY WEDNESDAY SERVICE
APRIL 2 THURSDAY	6:00 PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE LORD'S SUPPER - INTINCTION
APRIL 3 FRIDAY	6:00 PM - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
APRIL 5 SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:45 & 10:30 AM
APRIL 19 SUNDAY	FIRST LOOK LUNCH - FOLLOWING WORSHIP
APRIL 21 TUESDAY	YOUNG AT HEART TRIP TO B'S FLOWERS
APRIL 25 SATURDAY	9:00 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING
APRIL 28 TUESDAY	11:45 AM - YOUNG AT HEART
APRIL 29 WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM - RA RACER 500 EVENT

## MARCH TOTALS

Monthly Budget.....	\$173,626
March Giving.....	\$177,158
Year to Date Budget.....	\$520,878
Year to Date Giving.....	\$470,529
Average Sunday School Attendance..	376
Average Worship Attendance.....	451

### March Designated Funds

Annie Armstrong.....	\$19,240
Benevolence.....	\$1,130
Building Fund.....	\$150
CLC Project.....	\$50
Gideons.....	\$100
Janie Chapman.....	\$250
Lottie Moon.....	\$275
Love Offering.....	\$75
Sacks of Love.....	\$100
WMU.....	\$151
Youth.....	\$2,150



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### SUNDAY

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDIES  
9:15 AM FIRST STEPS CLASS (BEGINS 4/26)  
10:30 AM WORSHIP  
4:30 PM - 4/26 - LOVE, SERVE, GIVE

### MONDAY

12:00 PM CRAFT CLASS  
6:00 PM LADIES JOSHUA BIBLE STUDY (ENDS 4/20)

### TUESDAY

7:30 AM BROTHERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM LADIES JOSHUA BIBLE STUDY (ENDS 4/22)  
4:45 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER  
6:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MTG.  
6:00 PM LADIES' SMALL GROUPS  
6:00 PM WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS  
6:00 PM FIRST STUDENTS - FBC SET APART  
6:30 PM CHOIR & ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY

6:45 AM MEN'S BIBLE READERS ENCOURAGEMENT  
GROUP AT CHICK-FIL-A  
11:30 AM NORTH OF 60 PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB  
(ENDS 4/23)

### SATURDAY

6:30 AM MEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY  
7:30 AM 33 SERIES MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (BEGINS 4/11)  
10:00 AM GRIEFSHARE (ENDS 4/4)

OASIS - YOUNG ADULT MISSIONS GROUP  
4/16 - 6:30 PM

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Minister.....Every Member  
Senior Pastor.....Dr. Wyman Richardson  
Minister to Students.....Clint Ellis  
Minister of Music.....Tommy Sunderland  
Director of Children's Ministries .....  
.....Stephanie Caldwell  
Director of Senior Adult Ministries.....Mark Derr

### Support Staff:

Office Manager/Bookkeeper.....Tracy Collier  
Ministry Assistant.....Angie Black  
Ministry Assistant.....Amber McCaskill  
Communications Director.....Tiffany Ellis  
Tech Director.....Douglas Smith  
Childcare Center Director.....Amy Shivar  
Facilities Manager.....William (Buck) Clyburn  
Kitchen Manager.....Lana Wright

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