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**FARRAGUT** family

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### Preparing For Easter

Many of you have spent time over the last month preparing your flower beds so they're ready for planting. Preparation isn't always enjoyable—it's the hard work that sets everything else up for success. It likely included pulling weeds, breaking up the soil, spreading mulch, and choosing the right flowers. But if you want a beautiful garden, the prep work is essential. The payoff comes when the flowers are planted and begin to bloom.

The same is true in many areas of life. Whatever we're preparing for, there is always work to be done ahead of time—and when we prepare well, we're far more likely to enjoy the outcome.

As a church, we want to encourage you to prepare your heart for Easter. Take time to reflect on what was happening in the days leading up to the resurrection. Engage in devotions, participate in gatherings, and be intentional so that when Easter Sunday arrives, your joy and understanding will be even deeper.

Here are a few ways you can prepare:

#### **Daily Devotions (March 29 - April 4)**

Throughout the week, we will share daily devotions on social media and through email, written by members of our church. Each devotion focuses on what Jesus was doing in the days leading up to His death and resurrection. We encourage you to take time each day to watch and reflect as you prepare your heart.

#### **Good Friday Service (April 3 at 6:00pm)**

This year, we will have separate services for adults and children. Adults will meet in the sanctuary, while kids will gather in the Kid's Worship Area. Both services will focus on the significance of the cross and what Jesus endured for us. At the conclusion, we will host our traditional Easter Egg Hunt so families can enjoy that time together.

#### **Easter Sunday (April 4)**

##### **Sunrise Service - 7:00am**

A short, 45 minute service held in the foyer, reflecting on the first moments of the resurrection and what those early witnesses experienced.

##### **Sunday School - 9:15am**

##### **Worship & Kids Worship - 10:30am**

We would love for you to join us for any—or all—of these opportunities as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

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#### SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School (all ages) ~ 9:15am  
Children Worship Service ~ 10:30am  
Worship Service ~ 10:30am  
Sunday Night: 5:00 ~ 6:15pm\*  
Children & Youth: 5:00 ~ 6:30pm\*

\*Fall and Spring semesters

# Student News

## Middle School SMCC Retreat

This April, Luke is planning and leading a weekend retreat to SMCC. He'll be joined by our amazing volunteers and Kenny for a weekend of worship, community, and fun. You can register at our youth page: [farragutcc.com/youth](http://farragutcc.com/youth)

Dates: April 10th-12th  
Cost: \$100

## Alaska Fundraisers

### Spring Yard Clean Up

Our team is available to help with any indoor or outdoor tasks you need done! Contact Kenny to schedule a team to have a some youth come over and lend a hand!

### Online Donation

If you'd like to make an online donation for our summer mission trip, you can do that here with this QR code:



# Ministry Announcements



**Sower's Sewing  
Ministry Meeting  
Saturday, April 11  
10am - 1pm**

We will work on pillowcase dresses for Panama girls. Lunch meeting to follow for those interested in planning and teaching for Summer Sewing Camp.



**Men's Topgolf Event  
Friday, April 17**

All men are invited  
Cost is \$20 per person



*Craft Time*

**Women's Craft Days  
Fri & Sat, April 24 & 25  
10am - 5pm**

Bring your craft, lunch, snack and fellowship with other crafty women in the church for one or both days, a few hours or all day.

# Children's Ministry

# April

## Farragut Kids Volunteers of the Month

- Nursery- Kelsey McKinney
- Preschool- Missy Warden
- Elementary- Brandy Lundy

KID-FRIENDLY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
WITH EASTER EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD  
6:00P-7:00P SERVICE  
7:00-7:30P EASTER EGG HUNT



### VBS Registration BEGINS Easter Sunday (4/5)

First 50 kids registered get their own Rainforest Falls drawstring backpack!

PLUS, you can order a Rainforest Falls VBS tshirt for your child! All proceeds will go to help offset the cost of the nightly dinner. Use this code to order your tshirt, today! Tshirts will arrive before VBS begins.



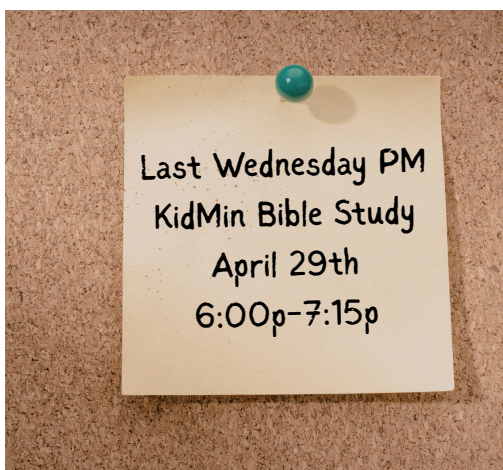
VBS Registration Code



VBS T-Shirt Order Form

July 27th-31st, 2026 5:30p-8:00p Preschool\*-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

\*Preschool is limited to FCC and MDO kids



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Luncheon & Bake Sale  
benefitting Student Mission Trip to Alaska  
Sunday, April 19  
following worship service

Order \$4 BBQ or Meatball Sub Sandwiches OR  
\$6 Combo Meals

Take Out OR Dine In

Please PRE-ORDER now in the foyer



All ages and abilities welcome!

Kids 10 and under need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

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This Easter, many of you will gather around a table with family and friends. If your family is like most, there's probably an unspoken list of topics that are off-limits—things like money, politics, and religion. Maybe your family sticks to those, or maybe you've added a few more to the list over the years.

It's interesting how often the most important topics in life are the very ones we avoid.

Every other year, we lean into those conversations with our *Hot Topics* sermon series. We ask you—our church family—what subjects are usually avoided but deeply worth discussing. Then, together, we open God's Word and seek truth, clarity, and understanding.

Starting the Sunday after Easter, we'll begin this year's *Hot Topics: Searching For The Truth* series. The three topics you asked us to address are:

- What happens after we die?
- Faith & Politics
- Sexuality

These are meaningful, sometimes challenging conversations—but they're also important ones. This series is a great opportunity to invite a friend or family member to join you as we begin honest, thoughtful, discussions grounded in Scripture.

Here's what's coming up:

April 5 ~ Easter | Mark 16:1-8 ~ *The Resurrection*  
April 12 ~ What Happens When We Die?  
April 19 ~ Faith & Politics | Romans 13:1-10  
April 26 ~ Guest Speaker: Kenny Shubert  
May 3 ~ Healthy Sexuality

We're looking forward to walking through these topics together. Our prayer is that this series won't just inform you—but equip you to engage in conversations that truly matter.