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ACOLYTES

March 25.....Jeremiah Craig
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April 1.....Hannah Parker
.....Natalie Marsh

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

March 25.....John Roberts
March 27.....Steve Barnes
.....Amy Meador
March 28.....Willis Archer
March 29.....Tommy Brown
.....Klinnin Carson
.....Claudia Waters
March 30.....Belinda Camper
.....Merri Wilkins
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ICC

**CANNED MEAT FOR
YOKEFELLOW**

March Goal: 30

March Donations: 14

Don't forget to give to this needy
cause!

CHILDREN NEEDED

We would like all children to meet
in the vestibules of the Sanctuary
this morning, March 25, following
Sunday School at 10:45 AM. We
are going to have a Palm Sunday
processional and would like to have
all of our children participating!

Records for March 18, 2018	
Sunday School Attendance	120
Morning Worship Attendance ..	151
Budget Requirements.....	\$8,664.00
Budget Offering	\$6057.00
Special Offerings	\$926.45
Total	\$6,983.45
Budget to Date	
Required by 3-18-18 ...	\$216,600.00
Received by 3-18-18...	\$226,173.33
Building Fund	
Received	\$201.00
Capital Campaign	\$0
To Date	\$424,417.71

NO WEDNESDAY MEAL: March 28 or April 4

SPRING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Sunday Evenings, April 8-22

Dr. Jim McConnell, New Testament Professor at Gardner-Webb, will be back with us in April (April 8-22, 6 PM) to teach the **Annual Bible Study on the First Epistle of Peter**. Not only will Dr. McConnell help us to unlock the riches of First Peter, but he will also provide us with skills and techniques to help us become better interpreters of scripture. The class will cost \$10 per person and will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM. You may register by call the church office (ask for Tim), by email (timfbcr@gmail.com), or on the registration sheets provided in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your interest in growing in your walk with God!

ISAAC HUGHES' EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WORKDAY

Monday, April 2, - 9:30 AM

Thank you to all who were able to help with the landscaping of the African-American Cemetery at Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church. So much was accomplished. Isaac is hosting one more workday on Monday, April 2 (Easter Monday) at 9:30 AM. That workday should finish up his project. Thank you to all who have donated their time, energy and contributed financially to Isaac's project!

MISSION TRIP

A team from First Baptist and the Women Roofers will be in Lumberton March 29-31 to assist homeowners whose houses were damaged by flooding during Hurricane Matthew. The team includes the Bovender family, Caroline Blanton Scruggs, Lynn Blanton, Dane Heffner, Lori Herrick, Billy Honeycutt and Bob Smith from First Baptist. Keep their efforts and travels in your prayers.

WELCOME TABLE

Our next serving dates are April 2, April 9 and April 23. Prayerfully consider how you and your family or you and your Sunday school class might help. We always need desserts and volunteers. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center.

LENTEN OFFERING

Our families with children have been participating in giving to our Lenten Offering during this season of Lent. They are taking up a collection that will benefit other children...The Baptist Children's Home. If you would like to participate, extra offering boxes are provided in the Welcome Center. The ingathering of this offering will take place on Sunday, March 25.



YOUTH

We are currently on Spring/Easter Break for the next few weeks. We will resume with ILLUMINATE (Sunday Nights) & DIVE (Wednesday Nights) the week of April 8-14.

*Passport deposits are due by April 1st (\$100 per student)

CHILDREN

Easter Egg Hunt—March 31st (Saturday) at Kiwanis Park (Green St). 10:00-11:30a.m. (Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you plan to attend).

South Mountain—July 30th-August 3rd (Mon-Fri) \$55.00 deposit due to secure your spot.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES, MARCH 25 - APRIL 1, 2018

Join us this year during Holy Week for our special worship opportunities. 2000 years ago, the events of this eight-day week transformed the course of history, along with our own individual and corporate lives. All worship services will be held at First Baptist, unless otherwise noted below. We invite you to set aside this time to recall the events of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, the Crucifixion and Resurrection through these worship services!

Palm Sunday Celebration, Sunday, March 25, 10:55 AM

Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 PM

**Community Good Friday Service, 12:00 Noon,
at St. Francis Episcopal Church**

Good Friday Tenebrae Reflection, 6:00 PM

**Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM, Rutherfordton City Cemetery
Rutherfordton Community Easter Breakfast, First United Methodist
Church, immediately following the Sunrise Service**

Sunday School and Resurrection Celebration, 9:45 and 10:55 AM

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures...

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NRSV)

(Please note that we will not have Sunday evening or Wednesday Night Services during Holy Week, or during Easter Week/Spring Break)

PASTOR'S COLUMN

"But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first...So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:31, 42-45, NRSV)

If the previous' Sunday's message was difficult for you, please know that it was difficult for me to prepare and preach. We all have possessions that we would part with tomorrow. We also have those we would grieve if we lost them. Peter reminded Jesus that he and the other disciples left *all* behind to follow Him. Some had families. Others had businesses. All left their dreams, their plans, and their ambitions, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

And, Jesus commended them. Yet, he provided a sober reminder – *the first shall be last, and the last will be first!* Yes, the disciples were the leaders of the pack in the Kingdom of God. No one made the sacrifices that they did, prior to and following the death and resurrection of Jesus. So, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were with Jesus and Peter when Jesus was transfigured before them, approached Jesus. They asked whether or not they could rule next to Jesus. Those who were seated closest to the King had the most power. Perhaps, they were merely ambitious. Perhaps they were tired of being in Peter's shadow, and so they needed to beat Peter to the punch. Perhaps they continued to dream of God's Kingdom in worldly terms, reflecting the great Kingdoms of the world. Whatever their motivation, they missed the mark entirely. Yes, they left all to follow Jesus. Yes, they are the, at this point, greatest in the Kingdom of God.

However, remember Jesus' destination. It's a cross. Remember Jesus' glory. It's his death. Remember those who are next to him when he dies. Yes, they are thieves. The greatest among us are servants.

They are the people who are here Sunday after Sunday, teaching our children. They keep the building clean. They work quietly in their place, with contentment and joy. They need no prestige. They work without pretense. They are secure in who they are. They know who they are. And, thus, they are the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus says to James and John that if they want to be the greatest, they must have a heart to serve, to give, to sacrifice and to do so with the goal of loving people into the Kingdom of God. That's true greatness. Those are the ones who will sit at Jesus' right and left in the Kingdom of God.

Grace and peace,

Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
March 25, 2018
10:55 AM

Sermon Series: *Just Jesus*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements Tim Marsh
Leader: The Lord is Risen!
People: He is Risen indeed!

Missions Moment Billy Vaughn
The Written Word Mark 11:1-11 Billy Vaughn
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Acolyte Candles "Hosanna!" arr. Garee
Sanctuary Choir and First Ringers Handbell Choir and FBCR Children
*Hymn 175 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" ST. THEODULPH
(*Ingathering of Lenten Offering*)

*Invocation Lewis Craig

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Tim Marsh
Voluntary "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" arr. Sherman
First Ringers Handbell Choir

The Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer Beth Heffner

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Offertory 176 FOREST GREEN
"With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise"

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Psalm 54:6 Lillie Beheler
Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Mark 11:12-25 Tim Marsh
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "See Now, Messiah Comes" Larson
Stephanie Rzonca, Violin

See now, Messiah comes. We trust in Him alone.
See now, the King of kings who comes to claim His throne.
Hosanna, hosanna! All praise the Mighty One!
See now, Messiah comes. Behold what God has done!

See now Messiah comes. He rides in majesty.
See now, the Lord of life who comes to set us free.
Hosanna, hosanna! Our eyes at last can see.
See now, Messiah comes, has come to set us free.

Behold, the promise is fulfilled, our peace has been restored.
The glory of the Lord is now revealed.
Behold the coming of the Lord, of the Lord!

See now, Messiah comes. The halls of Zion ring.
God's Son has come to earth. Let all creation sing!
Hosanna, hosanna! Our hearts have been redeemed.
See now, Messiah comes, the blessed King of kings! CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word "When Jesus Expects Fruit" Tim Marsh

*Hymn 510 "Lord, Here Am I" BECK
(*We invite all who desire to make public professions of faith or transfer church membership to do so at this time. And, we encourage all with special prayer needs to pray with the pastor or pray silently at the altar for personal or intercessory prayer needs.*)

GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Benediction
*Departing Song (512) "We Go in Peace" EDWARDS
We go in peace, we go in love,
We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above
To tell the world this very thing:
That Jesus Christ is Lord and King, Jesus Christ is Lord and King!
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*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices