



April 2017

# The SEARCHLIGHT

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## From the Shepherd's Heart

Easter is the believer's season of hope. With everything in us we look backward at the fulfilled promise of Christ as He rose from the dead and forward to His soon return and the resurrection of the saints of all the ages. Peter reminds us, "For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was chosen before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the times for you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God" (1 Peter 1:18-21, HCSB).

All during April we will celebrate the hope of the ages in special services. Plan to be with us as we lift high our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

- April 2 – DNOW weekend worship at First Baptist Church 11 AM
- April 9 – "For He Alone is Worthy" Choir Musical 11 AM
- April 13 – Passover Celebration 6:30 PM (tickets required)
- April 16 – Community Sunrise Service at Fortune Springs Park 7 AM (First Baptist is the location in case of bad weather)
- April 16 – Easter Sunday School 10 AM and Worship 11 AM
- April 23 – Guest Speaker for Worship, Gary Anderson, SC Baptist Convention
- April 30 – A Rebuilders Journey: Where do we go from Here?

**Holy Week Notes:** Lunch hour devotion with meal will be provided in Winnsboro every day at First United Methodist Church. Monday is First Baptist Day, when our ladies will be providing lunch and I will be sharing the message, "The Great Exchange." Other local pastors are featured each day at FUMC and all are welcome. We will NOT have Wednesday services during Holy Week, but we will be observing a Christian Passover on Thursday. Because of the meticulous preparations needed for Passover, it will be a ticketed event. Adults are \$6, children and youth are \$3 and children under 6 are free. Passover begins at 6:30 PM. Invite friends and neighbors, but be sure to purchase tickets by Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13, HCSB).

## Holy Week Services

Holy Week services will be April 10-14th at 12:00 noon at First Methodist Church. The worship service is followed by lunch in the fellowship hall.

Monday, April 10th, Pastor Bailey will be preaching and the FBC Hostess Committee will provide the lunch.

Get spiritual and physical nourishment during your lunch hour.

## Christian Passover

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6.00 for adults

\$3.00 for youth

Children under 6 are free

Sign up for the Passover meal and worship service on the Information Table in the church foyer.

## Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m.

April 16th

Fortune Springs Park

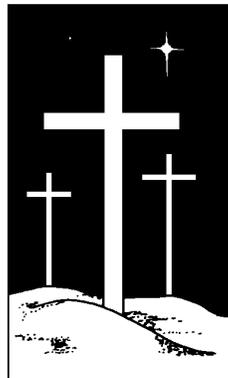
Join with community churches on Easter Sunday in Fortune Springs Park at 7:00 a.m. to worship and watch the sunrise.

## Opportunities for Ministry, Worship and Study:

- 1 **VBS Expo 2017.** April 1, 2017. North Trenholm Baptist Church. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 per church before March 10th and \$10.00 per person or \$40.00 per church or \$15.00 per person at the door. For more info go to [www.scbaptist.org/generations/children](http://www.scbaptist.org/generations/children).
- 2 **Art Journaling for Grief & Stress Relief.** Thursday afternoons in April (6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th) Columbia Metro Baptist Association Building, 1929 Gadsden St., Columbia. Cost \$25. Facilitators: Dr. Dee Gullede and Bev Barbee. No previous art experience required. Learn to express your feelings when words fail you. To register call 803-730-2220. For more info contact [drdee@artsasmedicine.com](mailto:drdee@artsasmedicine.com).
- 3 **The Case for Christ.** In theaters on April 7th. The true story of Lee and Leslie Strobel. Lee, an award winning journalist and confirmed atheist, was devastated when Leslie told him she had become a follower of Christ. Lee decided to help his wife by disproving her newfound Christian faith! The Case for Christ will inspire Christians and challenge everyone else to consider the claims of Christ.
- 4 **Springtime Jubilee 2017** The Old Time Singin', Laughin', & Preachin' Conference for Mature & Senior Adults. May 1-3, Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Leaders include: The Collingsworth Family, David Phelps, Guy Penrod, Chonda Pierce, Johnny Hung, Legacy Five, Will Graham, The Hoppers, Lefevre Quartet, Allison Speer, Kingsmen Quartet, Greater Vision, Dennis Swanberg, The Inspirations, Squire Parsons, Herb Reavis, Dixie Melody Boys. For more information go to [jubileeconference.com](http://jubileeconference.com) or 800-616-8863.
- 5 **The Insanity of God Encounter .** May 5&6, 2017. Second Baptist church, Lancaster. Cost is \$10.00 per person (includes snacks and Saturday Lunch). Speakers are Nik and Ruth Ripken. For all Believers seeking to make disciples of all peoples despite circumstances. For tickets and info contact Second Baptist church 803-283-2015.
- 6 **Embrace the Nations.** May 19-20, 2017. First Baptist Church Fort Mill. Cost is \$25 per person (\$15 before April 19). Led by Brett Freemon, Missions Pastor at First Baptist Church of Fort Mill, and Mark Aderholt, Chief Strategist and Associate Executive Director at SCBC. For more info call Missions Mobilization Team at (803) 227-7064 or on line at [scbaptist.org/missions-mobilization](http://scbaptist.org/missions-mobilization).
- 7 **Children's Music Mini Camp.** July 11-13, 2017, White Oak Conference Center. For students completing grades K-5 – 2. Cost is \$110.00 for campers and chaperones (before May 15) , after May 15 cost is \$120.00 for campers and chaperones. For more information go to [www.scbaptist.org/worship](http://www.scbaptist.org/worship) and click on Worship Calendar event.

## For He Alone Is Worthy

The Easter musical "For He Alone Is Worthy" will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 9th, during the morning worship service.



Invite your family and friends and neighbors to join us for this musical and drama presentation.

"For He Alone Is Worthy" will be sung by FBC choir and friends accompanied by an orchestra and the drama of the passion of Christ.

## Impact Jamaica

### Bringing the love of Jesus to the people of Jamaica

Mission trip to Jamaica will include Blood Pressure Clinics, VBS, Orphanage Ministry, Preaching Ministry, Construction Ministry, Community Ministry, Public School Ministry. Cost is \$599 plus air fare. Passport is required. Excellent accommodations, meals, transportation in Jamaica, mission trip activities are planned including a day off to visit one of Jamaica's resort/recreation areas. (flyer is on bulletin board)

For more info contact Dr. Tom Sees at 803-293-0015 or [risingsuncommunitychurch@sccoast.net](mailto:risingsuncommunitychurch@sccoast.net).

## April Birthdays

- 1 Wyatt Adams
- 4 Patrick Kelly
- 6 Kinley Elaine Mobley
- 7 Dorothy Brandenburg
- 8 Jamie Baughman, Richard Kelly, Rayne Williams
- 10 Caleb Chapman, Kai Gunn
- 18 Kimberly Truitt
- 21 Connie Wilkes
- 24 Angi Connor
- 25 Michael Robinson
- 27 Lilly Grace Branham, Hannah Silvia
- 28 Leeza Smith

# God's People Praying

## 365 Days of Prayer

- 1 **Pray for the** planning and preparations for this summers VBS and the training meeting at North Trenholm Baptist Church.
- 2 Pray for those who are involved in beginning new churches in South Carolina.
- 3 If you are experiencing severe financial difficulties, ask God to teach you to trust Him to “supply all needs, according to His riches in glory.”
- 4 Pray for Dr. Craig Bailey and Sue as they lead First Baptist Church.
- 5 Ask God to pour out a special blessing on those who have dedicated their lives to the healing arts.
- 6 Ask God to let the members of our church be ever mindful that “growth” is measured in more than numbers.
- 7 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Edisto Baptist Association.
- 8 **Pray for the safety** of the volunteers who are working to get Camp La Vida ready for the 2016 camping season. Thank God for their willingness to help.
- 9 **Ask God to** instill in your heart and the hearts of your fellow church members a renewed appreciation for and commitment to the Cooperative Program today as Baptists observe Cooperative Program Sunday.
- 10 As high school students look forward to prom activities in the next few weeks, pray that they will make wise decisions about their activities.
- 11 Pray for racial harmony — beginning in your church and neighborhood and spreading throughout our state, nation, and world.
- 12 Pray that Christians will be ever mindful of the fact that God sees and knows our every action and thought though we may be able to hide them from those around us.
- 13 Pray for parents as they try to navigate the waters of so many influences which may be harmful to their children.
- 14 Pray for our church as we celebrate the Passover Sadar that we will learn the significance of its elements.
- 15 Pray that Christians will so live out their faith that those around them will want to know the source.
- 16 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Florence Baptist Association.
- 17 Pray for the surviving family members who have lost loved ones to suicide or the violent act of another.
- 18 Pray for accountants, CPAs, and other tax preparers to be able to get some rest as the deadline for filing taxes has now passed and their workloads will be lighter.
- 19 When your job feels unrewarding or stressful, thank God that you have a job and the health to do it.
- 20 Ask God to help you learn to give thanks in every situation of you life, that even the difficult times will become a blessing if they draw you closer to Him.

## *In Sympathy*

*We send our Christian love and sympathy to Marcy Caulder and her family on the death of her uncle, Avery Anderson.*

## Angels from Heaven

When my mother died, the family gathered at the funeral home. Some of us had been trying to explain to my 5 year-old son why his grandmother's body was still with us, but her spirit had gone to be with God in heaven.

The time drew near for the funeral home to close. In the stillness, we suddenly heard footsteps running back and forth across the floor above us.

Despite our sadness, we all had to laugh when my son burst out excitedly, “Daddy! The angels are coming for Grandma!”

George Childee

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- 21 Thank God for His son Jesus Christ and the sacrifice He made for our sin
- 22 Thank God for the many beautiful flowers which are beginning to appear and for other signs of Spring.
- 23 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Greenville Baptist Association.
- 24 Pray for those children who are growing up without one or both of their parents taking an active roll in their care.
- 25 Pray for the Southern Baptist Seminaries and their faculty as they prepare the students to lead the southern Baptist Convention in the future.
- 26 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Edgefield Baptist Association.
- 27 Pray for the TeamKIDs as they meet this evening having fun learning about their Lord and Savior.
- 28 Pray for Pray for Churches whose pastors are leaving to accept a call to another church.
- 29 Pray for the other churches in Fairfield County and their ministries that together we may reach our county for Christ.
- 30 **Pray for those** who will receive the Health Kits we have provided.

# United Methodist Men

April 2017

## Fundraiser

Helping the Special Needs of Fairfield and  
Epworth Children's Home

April 27, 2017

6:30 p.m.

### "A Night of Music"

#### Performing Musicians:

Wanda Derrick  
Susan and Cary Taylor  
Aaron Frish  
Chuck Herin  
Donnie and Elaine Smith  
Esther Baughman

**Tickets: \$15.00 for Dinner/Musical**  
**\$6.00 for Musical Only**

For more information call 712-9428 or 635-4087  
United Methodist Men and the First United Methodist church  
office will have tickets.

### HAM Radio Operators Needed

Emergency Management of South Carolina is looking for  
HAM radio operators in Fairfield County to help with  
spreading emergency information during emergencies—  
floods, hurricanes, tornados, etc.

If you are a HAM radio operator or know of someone who  
is a HAM radio operator who lives in Fairfield County  
please contact Earl Dean at 803-760-9102.

### Bible Verse Memorized

A little girl returned home from Sunday School and proudly  
announced she had memorized a new Bible verse. "Eat car-  
rots for me," she recited.

The confused mother called the Sunday School teacher for  
an explanation. She discovered the verse was 1 Peter 5:7  
"He careth for me."

Delores Ritter, Today's Christian Woman

## Kids Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 8th

11:00 am — 1:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt, Games  
Crafts, Bible Lesson and Lunch

FBC Kids' activities are open to all kids age 2 to 6th  
grade. If a child is not potty-trained, an adult must stay  
with them.

## Together for His Kingdom

**Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering**

**First Baptist Goal: \$2400**

The early church worked together to effectively build  
the kingdom of God. Today, Southern Baptists follow  
that lead. The keys to the success of the early church  
in Acts remain the same today. It is in Jesus' name,  
and with His power, that we send our Southern Baptist  
missionaries to the unreached Samarias of North  
America to preach, to baptize, and to make disciples  
together for His kingdom.

Your prayers and financial support through the Annie  
Armstrong Easter Offering are critical provisions for our  
missionaries in the United States and Canada.

America is experiencing a time of spiritual darkness.  
Seventy to 75 percent of Southern Baptist church in  
America are plateaued or declining and on average 17  
Southern Baptist churches close their doors for good  
on every Sunday. Let us shine a bright light in the dark-  
ness by strongly supporting the Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering with our money and the North Ameri-  
can missionaries with our prayers.

# First Baptist Church

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Address Service Request

## Our Church Staff

Pastor . . . . . Dr. Craig Bailey  
Minister of Youth . . . . . Brad Caulder  
Chairman of Deacons . . . . . Mike Robinson  
Worship Pastor . . . . . Donnie Smith  
Organist . . . . . Robby Lynn Wade  
Sunday School Director . . . . . Nancy Smith  
Secretary . . . . . Susan Creasy

## Our Church Services

Sunday 10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Morning Worship  
4:30 PM Youth  
Wednesday 5:30 PM Supper  
6:15 pm TeamKID  
6:30 PM Youth On Mission  
6:30 PM Prayer/Bible Study  
7:30 PM Choir Practice

# The Searchlight

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## Mission Outreach

Our church mission outreach for April is **Ministry Packets**. These packets are given to fire victims and homeless through food pantries, those in need through the Good Samaritan Medical Clinic at 1st Hispanic B C, workers who travel with the fair through the SC State Fair ministry, homeless through partnering agencies and the Winter Shelter, truckers through Transport for Christ, formerly homeless through USC Supportive Housing and many more.

For each packet place 1 toothbrush, 1 toothpaste (6 oz.), 1 bar of soap (4.5 oz. bath size), 1 comb, 1 wash cloth, and 1 towel in a 2 gallon zip loc bag.

**Ministry Packets are due Sunday, April 30th** to be delivered to Columbia Metro Association on Monday, May 1st.

Do not forget our ongoing support of the **Fairfield Community Food Bank**. Bring your Treet and ketchup or other non perishable food items and place them in the collection box in the lobby.

## BOOK-MARKS

### New Arrivals to our Library:

We have 3 books by Murray Pura in The Danforths of Lancaster Hall Series:

- Ashton Park
- Beneath the Dover Sky
- London Dawn

Thank you Sue Bailey for your generous donation of these books for our library.

