



THE MESSENGER

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CLEAN-UP DAY

Sunday, March 26th

11:30 a.m.

with LUNCH provided in the Fellowship Hall

It's a new season, we've got a new pastor and it's time to spruce up our church building and get rid of some old clutter.

SCHEDULE

11:30 a.m. - Lunch in the Fellowship Hall (no cost)

12:00 noon - Get your project assignments. Each staff member has surveyed their ministry areas and have developed a list of project assignments. They will provide direction and instruction.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. There will be something for **EVERYONE** to do.
2. There will be **NO CHILDCARE** during Clean-Up Day (since we will be cleaning up in these areas). **However, if you can come to help, your whole family is invited to join you for lunch.**
3. A dumpster will be in the upper parking lot for convenient trash removal and it will be removed on Monday after Clean-Up Day.
4. **Thank you to the Sunday School teachers, choir teachers and committees** who have already begun to clean up their areas. REMEMBER to **mark any big items for removal** on CLEAN-UP DAY when we have extra help. *If you haven't had a chance to spruce up your area, please try to begin before March 26th.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 19

- 9:15 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Morning Worship
- 4:00 - Uninvited Bible Study/*E. Holloway*
- 4:30 - Youth Bible Drills
- 5:30 - TBA Bible Drills and Skills (Children)

TUESDAY, March 21

- 7:00 - Youth Bible Study/*Jack's*
- 9:30 - Abide Bible Study/*C. Laird*

WEDNESDAY, March 22

- 5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
- YOUTH BELLS
- 5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR
- Young Ringers
- 6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
- 6:15 - Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 - MISSIONS (G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends)
- YOUTH WORSHIP
- 7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, March 23

- 7:00 - Youth Bible Study/*Piggly Wiggly*
- 12:00 - Lenten Luncheon (First Baptist Church)

FRIDAY, March 24

- 6:00 - G.I.F.T.

USHERS FOR MARCH

Landry Adkins, Justin Anders, John Anderson, Tyler Covington, Leslie Dunn, John Ellis, Riley Garrett, Ryan Haarala, George Hill, Joe Pettey, Lee Rogers, Walter Rogers, Jr., Scott Sills, and Brad Williams



Dr. Daniel P. Caldwell, Interim Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Noah Greer, Youth Minister
Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 142 Offering: \$25,381.54

January 1, 2023

Requirements: \$ 286,166.65
Receipts: \$ 321,336.97
Annie Armstrong: \$ 5,571.42

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mar. 19 - Sam McCorkle Mar. 26 - Jet Scarbrough
Apr. 2 - Elliot Brewer Apr. 9 - Walter Rogers, Jr.

Deacon's Breakfast - March 19

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, March 19

"Words" Proverbs 25:11
Dr. Daniel Caldwell

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - March 22

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cheesy Bacon Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Salad Bar and Dessert

KIDS: Hot Dog and Tater Tots

Adults: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20

SERVERS: Micki Harrison,

Melissa Mabry and Rachael Scarbrough

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - March 19

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Van Goodman

Preschool Ext. Session

Jason and Caitlin Braud

Launch

Clifford and Erika Holloway

Worship Welcome

Landry and Fay Adkins
Leslie and Jill Williams

Greeters

Lydia Sanders
Jena Sims
Susan Hill

Security Team 4

Van Goodman
Landry Adkins
Davis Miller
Greg Monsour

Counting Committee

Sally Wilkinson,
chairman
Daphne Calhoun
Scott Sills



One of my favorite 20th century writers is Frederick Buechner.

Here are some of his thoughts on grace:

“After centuries of handling and mishandling, most religious words have become so shop-worn nobody’s much interested anymore. Not so with *grace*, for some reason. Mysteriously, even derivatives like *gracious* and *graceful* still have some bloom left.

Grace is something you can never get but can only be given. There’s no way to earn it or deserve it or bring it about any more than you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream or earn good looks or bring about your own birth.

A good sleep is grace and so are good dreams. Most tears are grace. The smell of rain is grace. Somebody loving you is grace. Have you ever *tried* to love somebody?

A crucial eccentricity of the Christian faith is the assertion that people are saved by grace. There’s nothing *you* have to do. There’s nothing you *have* to do. There’s nothing you have to *do*.

The grace of God means something like this: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you *are* because the party wouldn’t have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don’t be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It’s for you I created the universe. I love you.

There’s only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you’ll reach out and take it.

Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift, too.”

Amen.

DTB

“A new commandment I give unto you.”

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 6, 2023 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH-WIDE Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

at the home of Ronnie and Merrie Smith
8437 Russell Tipton Road

Plan to come and bring your lawn chair!



This Easter season, our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful Easter lilies that will be available for you to purchase for **\$12 each** in honor or in memory of someone special. *Please send in this order form with your payment.*

Number of Lilies: _____

In Memory

of: _____

In Honor

of: _____

BY: _____



Welcome to our newest member...

Gina Garrett



THIS THURSDAY,
March 23
12:00 noon

Please join us for the Lenten Luncheon here at First Baptist Church!

G.I.F.T. (NOTE CHANGE)
Friday, March 24 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Birth through 6th Grade
Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway @ 601-934-0803 by **Sunday, March 19**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 28

12:00 noon COST: \$5

Speaker: Dr. Chuck Davenport

Healthy Living

Make reservations by calling the church or signing the list in the Welcome Center by Friday, March 24.



SEND THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

FBC GOAL: \$20,000.00

We have given: \$5,571.42



MISSIONS LUNCHEON
Monday, April 10
12:00 noon
Guest Speakers:
Joyce and Scott Pittman,
Missionaries to Brazil