

# The Messenger

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## from the Pastor

Christians began worshipping on Sundays, the first day of the week, in the earliest times of the church. They chose Sunday, as opposed to Sabbath (Saturday), to worship because Jesus' resurrection occurred on a Sunday. From the earliest times of the church, Easter held a central place. Fifty-two times a year the Church comes together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Sunday, however, is an even more special Sunday. On Easter we celebrate, in a fresh way, the Day of Jesus' resurrection. At First Baptist Church we join believers around the world to boldly proclaim our faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

I JOHN 4:10 SAYS: **“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”**

In a world confused about love, God shows His love for us clearly at Easter. At First Baptist Church, many events, special music, and services every night of Holy week are geared to help us focus on Easter's impact in our lives today. I hope you'll experience that real love this year at Easter.

I'll see you in church on Sunday,

*Don*



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## APRIL 2

- 7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast  
11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon  
Noon Prayer Meeting  
4:30 p.m. GriefShare

### XYZ Senior Adult Program

**Tuesday, April 2**

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Kairos Prison Ministry program  
by Gerald Inmon

*A delicious meal will be provided.*

## APRIL 3

- 6:40 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study  
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies  
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## APRIL 4

- 10 a.m. Preschool Story Time

## APRIL 5

- 6 p.m. Parents' Night Out *(Registration required)*

## APRIL 6

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Ministry  
Going Beyond Simulcast  
*(Pre-registration required)*

## APRIL 7

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
5 p.m. Children's Choir  
5 p.m. Evening of Inspirational Music  
with Ora Reed

## APRIL 8

- 5:30 p.m. Outreach

## APRIL 9

- 7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast  
10 a.m. Morning Outreach  
Noon Prayer Meeting  
2 p.m. State Bible Drill  
at FBC New Albany  
4:30 p.m. GriefShare

## APRIL 10

- 6:40 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study  
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA: Backwards Night  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies  
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## APRIL 13

- 10 a.m. Preschool Eggstravaganza

## APRIL 14

*Palm Sunday*

*Children's choir singing in both services.*

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
5 p.m. Children's Choir  
5 p.m. Holy Week Services begin

## APRIL 15

- 6 p.m. Holy Week Service

## APRIL 16

- 7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast  
Noon Prayer Meeting  
6 p.m. Holy Week Service

## APRIL 17

- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Holy Week Service  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## APRIL 18

- 6 p.m. Holy Week Service

## APRIL 19

*Good Friday*

*Church office closed*

- 6 p.m. Holy Week Service

## APRIL 21

*Easter Sunday*

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service

## APRIL 23

- 7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast  
Noon Prayer Meeting  
4:30 p.m. GriefShare

# Our Family

## APRIL 24

- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 p.m. AWANA: Store Night
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
- 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
- 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## APRIL 25

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Book Club

## APRIL 28

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 3 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5 p.m. Town Hall Meeting in the Fellowship Hall followed by Quarterly Business Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Jiwon Lee Violin Recital in the Sanctuary

## APRIL 29

- 5:30 p.m. Outreach

## APRIL 30

- 7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 10 a.m. Morning Outreach
- Noon Prayer Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. GriefShare

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First Baptist Oxford Goal: \$25,000

## Library & Media Center

Open Sundays 9:30-11 a.m.  
and Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.

**Check out our display  
of books about children  
around the world**

## Sunday school attendance

March 3 - 499	March 17- 456
March 10 - 400	March 24 - 517

## Budget March 1-24, 2019

Budget	\$158,431.76
Building	\$2,405.00
Designated	\$31,344.72
Total	\$192,181.48

## Deacons of the Week

**Mar. 31-** Mike Tomes, Jeff Busby,

**Apr. 6** David Erhart

**Apr. 7-13** Michael Ferris, Paxton Little,  
Michael Meurrier

**Apr. 14-20** Ryan Overall, Jason Simon,  
Kevin Bain

**Apr. 21-27** Bobby Clanton, Gary Carter,  
Brad Golmon

**Apr. 28-** Paul Hale, Nelson Little,

**May 4** Lanny Shackelford

## New Members in March

Morgan Blythe, Abby McCutcheon,  
Reagan Rutland

## Congratulations

To Marci and Daniel Wicker on the birth a son, **Carter Wicker**, on March 22.

To Olivia and Will Nobile on the birth of a daughter, **Mary Virginia Nobile**, on March 25. Proud grandparents are Kathy & Bobby Clanton.

## Our Sympathy

To Mr. Sonny Mason & family in the loss of his sister, Miss Peggy Mason.

To Leigh Johnston and Beverly Bennett & family in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Ann Byrd.

To Harriet Gorove, Beth James, William Sartor (Bill Jr.) & family in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Betsy Sartor.

To Hank Addy & family in the loss of his stepfather, Mr. John Calk.



## Ora Reed

International Vocalist/Pianist

presents

### An Evening of Inspirational Music Sunday, April 7

5 p.m. in the First Baptist Oxford sanctuary. *Free Admission*

# THIS IS LOVE

1 JOHN 4:10

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS AT FBC OXFORD

*6-6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

**MONDAY, APRIL 15\***

Psalm 36:5-11

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16\***

John 12:20-26

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17\***

John 13:21-32

*Youth Night*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18\***

John 13:33-35

*with Ordinance of the Lord's Supper*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

John 19

*\*preschool care available*

**EASTER SUNDAY** April 21

Worship Services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Save and share FBC Easter events at [gotofirst.org/easter](http://gotofirst.org/easter).

# MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Questions? Contact Jeff Holeman at 662.234.3515 or wigtake@gmail.com

## MONDAY OUTREACH April 8 & 29

5:30-7 p.m. Light meal served. Come join us as we call, write, and visit our community. *Preschool care begins at 5:45 p.m.*

## TUESDAY OUTREACH April 9 & 30

10-11 a.m. Come join us as we call, write, and visit our community. *No preschool care.*

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS

**July 20-27 to Oaxaca, Mexico. Ministry to Children.**

Cost for High School students and parents is \$575 per person.

**Sept. 28-Oct. 4 to Oaxaca, Mexico. Women's Ministry Trip.**

Cost is \$400.

**Sept. 25-30 to Oaxaca, Mexico. Leadership Training Part Five.**

Cost is \$400.

**Dec. 13-20 to Rome, Italy. Ministry to College Students and Muslim Refugees.** Cost is \$700 plus airfare (approximately \$1900).

**Dec. 28-Jan. 11 to Oaxaca Mexico. College Student Trip.**

Cost is \$1450 per person.

## USA MISSION TRIPS

**July 7-10 to New Orleans. Ministry to Children and Adults.**

Cost is \$75 per person.

**Oct. 24-27 to New Orleans. Ministry to Children and Adults.**

Cost is \$75 per person.

Please support the

## Lafayette County Foster Care Closet

by donating gently worn or like-new children's clothing.

**Donation box will be in the Atrium  
April 14 to May 26.**

*Items will be distributed to foster families whose new foster children have very few belongings of their own.*





Save the date:

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2

*"Lord, give us a heart for America  
and give America a heart for God."*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org)

Going **BEYOND**  
SIMULCAST

**APRIL 6**

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

with **PRISCILLA SHIRER**

[gotofirst.org/beyond](http://gotofirst.org/beyond)

### Monthly Book Club

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Email [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org) for more info.

## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



### Beach Camp 2019 June 30-July 5

Panama City Beach, FL. For ALL youth entering grades 7 to college. \$225 due April 1.

### Star Wars Dodge Ball Night.

April 7 at 6 p.m. in the CLC! Dodgeball and Pizza!

### Passion at the Pavilion. April 9!

\$10 per person. Ole Miss Students free.

### Friends and Games Night with

Gary Permenter. April 10. 5:30-7:30 p.m.



### Bugs and Burgers

May 1 at 6 p.m.

### Big Breakfast for our Graduates

May 19 at 8:45 a.m.



Save the Date:

**DNOW 2019! August 9-11!**

# PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



## PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Thursday, April 4 at 10 a.m.  
in the FBC Library & Media Center

Preschool & Children's Departments

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**  
April 5 • 6-9 p.m.

## Preschool Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. on the Preschool Playground



## Volunteers needed

FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3-7 • 9 a.m.-noon

Contact Dina Addy, (662) 837-0797  
or [diaddy@gotofirst.org](mailto:diaddy@gotofirst.org) for more info

*Open to all kids currently in Kindergarten-6th grade*

*Kids and volunteers, sign up at  
[gotofirst.org/vbs](http://gotofirst.org/vbs)*



Save the date for the FBC Library  
**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**  
**JUNE 9-JULY 21**

*Open to all kids Pre-K - 6th grade*





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