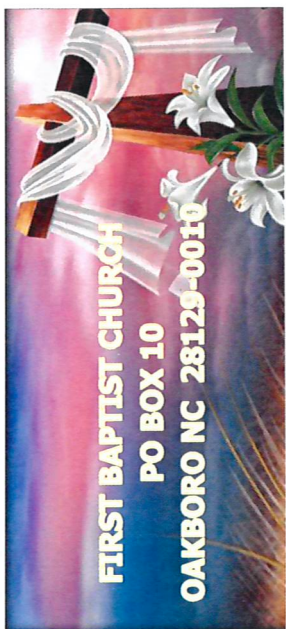


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The culture of the first century Roman Empire was not an equal one. Our cherished notions of fairness and equality not only had no place there, they weren't even ideas that would have made any sense to the average person. Free men were the most important members of society. After that came male slaves. Then there was a huge gap and you arrived at free women. Another big leap had you land on slave women. Finally, at the bottom of the pile were children. Until children could contribute productively to a family—

and really, only male children were ever going to be able to reach that mark—they didn't matter. Unwanted girls and children with any kind of deformity were regularly thrown out after birth to die of exposure. This practice was not only sanctioned, in some instances it was considered a cultural duty.

Things in the Jewish culture of the first century were marginally better, an improvement borne on the back of God's command to be fruitful and multiple—something hard to achieve if you regularly practice infanticide—but only marginally so. We joke about children being best seen and not heard, but for them it was simply the way things were supposed to be.

So, when a group of mothers threw all caution and cultural custom to the wind and brought their children to Jesus one afternoon as He was teaching, it only made sense that the disciples would rebuke them and tell them to go away. After all, Jesus was a famous rabbi who was teaching about the kingdom of God. He didn't have time for children.

And then Jesus broke the mold.

*"Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."* Mark 10:14-15

Jesus loved children. Beyond the fact that as God He specially created all of them, He understood something very important: The advancement of the kingdom of God depended on them in a major way. Adults in the kingdom of God are great. But if there aren't kids in the kingdom of God, it won't be long before there aren't any more adults in the kingdom of God. In other words: Kids in the kingdom of God are exceedingly important.

Here's why all of this matters: You may have noticed, but we have had an incredible influx of young people lately. Both the youth group and the children's and preschool ministries are bursting at the seams. And the

thing about this kind of momentum is that it attracts more growth by virtue of its existence. Families with kids want to go to church where there are families with kids. When they find one, they'll go there and invite their friends to come with them. It's a rich-get-richer sort of situation. Well, we're getting richer. All the time.

This presents us with a blessing, an opportunity, and a challenge. The blessing should be patently obvious: It's a lot of fun and a clear sign of the movement of God's Spirit to see so many young people around here all the time. God designed us to be a place where people can connect and when even the youngest of people are connecting, we know we're on the right track.

The opportunity should be equally obvious. Jesus wanted the children to come to Him then, and He still does today. We have the opportunity to plant and nurture the Gospel into the hearts and minds of a growing group of young people who, over the course of the many years of life they have ahead of them should our Lord tarry, have the opportunity to impact the lives of scores more people. The potential we have before us to spark a movement of the lost into the kingdom of God is not merely multiplicative, it's exponential. With even a modest amount of effort we could be a part of seeing hundreds, if not thousands, of people come to know and trust Jesus as Lord—most of whom we'll never know about until the kingdom comes.

This all brings us around to the challenge. This is an investment we've got to make and we can't make it like we should if we don't all step up to be involved in the process. We have a fantastic group of folks who are currently working in our youth and children's ministries. They are dedicated and passionate and they are doing great work. But we need more. We need a group of 10-12 people who are willing to serve where they are called and sent on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights with our kids and our youth. We will always make sure you have the teaching resources you need such that with only a little bit of prep time you can have a broad and deep impact. We'll also make sure you have the opportunity to learn some of the basics of leading small group Bible studies with kids and youth. In other words: If you'll step up to the challenge, we'll help make sure you're ready to succeed.

And why? Because Jesus said to let the children come to Him. We're His body, church. They've come to us. We've got to make sure we're helping them get all the way there. Let's get to work together.

*Pastor Jonathan*

## History Room



Have you visited the Oakboro First Baptist History Room located in Room 202 on the second floor of the Sanctuary Building?

The History Room is opened each Sunday morning prior to Sunday School and remains open until after the Worship Service. Visits at other times are encouraged and can be made by contacting a member of the History Committee. Also, information about items in the room can be provided at any time by a committee member.

A book for each year is being compiled. Please remember to give photos and information of church and family events to Vickie Yandle or Linda Arrowood. They will also be happy to receive any items you find that will help tell the history of First Baptist.

There are some centennial items available. Please see Cheryl Cameron to obtain toboggans, plates, ornaments, or favorite scripture booklets.

## Ladies' Care Ring

In addition to the *Proverbs 31 Wannabes*, we are wanting to explore interest in another small group for ladies. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Renée Watkins or the church office. The first meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on Monday, *April 15*, at her house.

## Easter Lily Dedications



We will be taking dedications for Easter lilies to be placed in the church. More information will follow in the weekly bulletins.



Join us as we look closely at what Good Friday means to us as Christians.

## Our Record of Giving

Budget Goals – March	24,631.60
Budget Receipts – March	23,122.14
Budget Goals – YTD	184,737.00
Budget Receipts - YTD	171,171.15
Budget Variance	-13,565.85
<i>Special Offerings</i>	
Building Fund	940.00
Wednesday Meals	386.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	535.00
Youth Ministry (Bake Auction Donations)	5,662.00
Youth Camp Deposits	1,900.00
Taylor Morton Mission Trip	1,870.00

On *April 2*, we will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. to visit Bonnie Richardson at Brookdale in Monroe, then go out to eat at Hilltop (they serve fried okra on Tuesdays)!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRESENTS

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7 AT 6:00 P.M.  
FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

### 8 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES:

- 1) GOD IS THE CREATOR (GENESIS 1:1)
- 2) EVERYONE HAS SINNED (ROMANS 3:23)
- 3) THE BIBLE IS TRUTH (2 TIMOTHY 3:16)
- 4) JESUS WAS BORN (MATTHEW 1:21);
- 5) THE REMEDY FOR SIN (MATTHEW 20:28)
- 6) SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS (1 CORINTHIANS 1:18)
- 7) POWER OF THE RESURRECTION (ROMANS 3:23)
- 8) JESUS' ULTIMATE RETURN (REVELATION 1:7)

PSALM 150:6 - "LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH PRAISE THE LORD. PRAISE THE LORD!"

## In Honor



A donation was made to the Annie Armstrong Offering by Mae Brooks in honor of WMU ladies.

The Worship Choir made a contribution to the Building Fund in honor of **Ted Parker**.

In honor of **Louise Floyd's birthday**, a donation was given to the Building Fund by Kevin and Hunter Floyd.



In memory of **Margaret Tyson**, a contribution was given to the Building Fund by Wiley & Joyce Little.

In memory of **Gladys Helms**, donations were given to the Building Fund by:

Earl & Sue Greene  
Brooks & Jane Barnhardt  
Wiley & Joyce Little

In memory of **Judy Johnson**, Pastor Jonathan's grandmother, contributions were made to the Building Fund by:

The Life Sunday School Class  
Ted & Jewell Parker  
Kevin Floyd  
Earl & Sue Greene  
Delinda Huneycutt  
Jim & Cheryl Cameron  
Wiley & Joyce Little  
First Baptist, Oakboro.

A donation was made to the Building Fund in memory of **Grady Love Sr.**, Mary McClellan's brother, by Ted & Jewell Parker.

In memory of **Rosemary Contreras**, George Baggie's sister, a donation was given to the Building Fund by the Life Sunday School Class.

## Scholarship News



Again, our church will offer scholarships to high school seniors. You may get an application from the church office or your school's guidance counselor. Deadline to submit the applications is **April 15**. Another opportunity for senior girls is through the Association WMU. Contact the Association office at (704) 982-1033 if interested in applying.



### Camp Caswell

Confirmed: June 24-29



Hickory Grove Baptist Church  
Charlotte, NC  
April 5 & 6

See Pastor Jonathan if interested

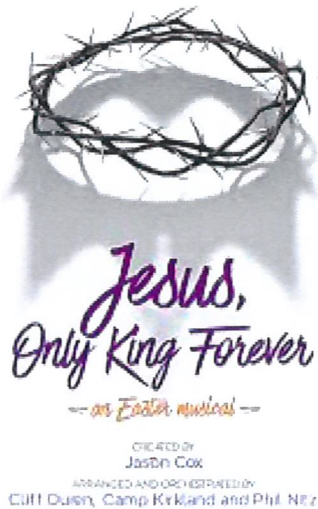


**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**  
April 13  
10:00 a.m.  
Oakboro  
District Park

## Church Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Nursery/Children's Church
Apr 7	Jeff & Sandra Chance – Sunday School Mickey & Vera Robinson – Worship	Lisa Waits, Ashlea Mooney
14	Danny & Julie Poplin – Sunday School Matt & Melanie Hudson – Worship	Jane Baucom, Kay Smith No Children's Church: Palm Sunday
21	Bobby & Renee Watkins – Sunday School Deborah Tucker – Worship	Andy & Julie Castelleo No Children's Church: Easter
28	Eddie & Linda Arrowood – Sunday School Gerald & Bonnie Lee – Worship	Tracy & Lisa Lowder Sandra Chance
May 5	Matt & Melanie Hudson – Sunday School Jim & Cheryl Cameron - Worship	Cheryl Cameron, Sheila Hinson

Date	Deacon of the Week	Stewardship
Apr 7	Kevin Floyd	Eddie Arrowood
14	Matt Hudson	Doug Burgess
21	Tracy Lowder	
28	Mike McClellan	Usher
May 5	Thomas Meadors	Gerald Lee



Join Us as  
the Worship Choir  
presents Easter Musical  
Sunday, April 14  
6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Building  
Church-Wide Reception  
Afterward



April's requested items are **rice, macaroni & cheese, pasta, instant potatoes** for Stanly Community Christian Ministries. Thank you for continuing to drop off your donations in the basement kitchen area.



*"Dear First Baptist Church, Thanks so much for the beautiful pillowcases and pillows. We are so grateful to have such giving and caring people in our community to be able to continue to bring joy and smiles to the children we serve. Thank you,"*

Butterfly House CAC

*"Dear FBCO Family, Thanks for helping me reach my missions trip travel goal of \$3,400. In total at FBCO, you have donated over \$1,800 of that. Anything extra will go to WSCM. I am so blessed to be in such a giving family. Love,"* Taylor Morton

Dear FBO Family -

*"Thank you so much for your generous thoughts, prayers, concern, compassion, and donations to the Building Fund in the wake of my grandmother's passing. Your tangible love meant the world to our entire family. You showed in beautiful fashion what it looks like when the church works like it should and we were the grateful beneficiaries. We love you and are so thankful to be a part of the First Baptist Oakboro family.*

*With love,"*  
The Waits Family



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# April 2019

- April 2 Kay Smith
- Lanee Eury
- 6 Rita Crisco
- 8 Alyssa Pope
- Jimmy Cople
- 12 Noah Young
- Shaler Henry
- 16 Thomas Meadors
- Lillianne Crisco
- 17 Barbara Drye
- 18 Amy Honeycutt
- 20 Chip Alsobrooks
- Ella West
- Earl Greene
- 21 Cooper Smith
- Cartney Henry
- 22 Lisa Waits
- 25 Jane Baucom
- 28 Ruth Turner
- April Tucker

- May 3 Seth Morton
- 4 Ellen Little
- Bill Thomas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir	2 8:30 a.m. Nursing Home Ministry: Brookdale in Monroe	3 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Missions Night for ALL Ages 7:45 Worship Choir	4	5 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Clean-Up Day	6
<b>Association Senior Adult Revival at Plyler Baptist 10:00 a.m.</b>					<b>Baptist on Missions Conference at Hickory Grove Baptist, Charlotte</b>	
7 9:00 a.m. Handbells Rehearsal 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Fire Station Open House 4:00 Deacons' Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir presents "SURE FOUNDATION"	8 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	9	10 5:45 p.m. The Gathering Place 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir, TeamKid, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:45 Worship Choir	11	12 Meals on a Mission  10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Oakboro District Park	13
14 9:00 a.m. Handbells Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Proverbs 31 Wannabes @ April Tucker's 6:00 Adult Choir presents "Jesus, Only King Forever" Palm Sunday	15 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer 7:00 p.m. Ladies' Care Ring at Renee Watkins's House and Stanly-Montgomery Spring Session at Uwharrie Community Church, Albemarle	16	17 NO Wednesday Night Activities	18	19 6:30 p.m.  Good Friday Service	20 
 Rejoice! He Is Risen	22	23	24 NO Wednesday Night Activities	25	26	27
<b>April 22- 26: No School</b>						
28 6:00 p.m. School of Music Recital 	29 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	30	<i>Weekly Sunday Services</i> 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School 11:00 a.m. ~ Worship			