

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
April 1, 2012 - 10:30 A.M.

Prelude	Matthew Pickering
Procession of Palms	FBC Children
Welcome	Randy Turner
Offertory Prayer	Randy Turner
Offertory	Instrumentalist



Love Won
The Music of Easter
Presented by FBC Celebration Choir

Postlude Matthew Pickering

Evening Service
6:00 p.m.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE / CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
April 1-7

Sunday, April 1

USHER GROUP II

Tommy Rogers, *Head Usher*
Randy Moore, *Assistant*

Jack Evans	Larry Braddock
Ed Carter	Lowell Howell
Rhes Low	Robert Read
Jeff Bailey	Jon Widener

Tim Pitts
Greeters: Roger Myrick, Charles Robine

PARKING LOT SECURITY

A.M. & P.M.

Tom Chambers / Thomas Shows

TV MINISTRY

Production Crew **RED**

WELCOME CENTER

Eric & Nancy Lindstrom

EXTENDED SESSION

"Children are an inheritance of the Lord." Psalm 127:3

Bed Babies	Jeanelle Smith
2's	Josh & Rebekah Boone
3's	Hunter & Meg Jones

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

Hospital Visitation

Monday, April 2	Gerald Parish
	Stacey Pickering
Tuesday, April 3	Glenn Pitts
	David Rice
Wednesday, April 4	Billy Sumrall
	Stan Pickering
Thursday, April 5	Tony Thaxton
	Charles Robine
Friday, April 6	Norris Wallace
	Ronnie Walters

Meal Delivery – April 4

Ray Bush, George Blackledge

Sunday, April 1
Palm Sunday

9:15	Sunday School
10:30	Morning Worship
11:30	Journey to the Cross
4:30	FBC University G.R.O.W.
5:00	Journey to the Cross
5:15	AWANA
6:00	Evening Worship Youth Discipleship Training

Monday, April 2

12:00	Holy Week Service
5:30	Precept Bible Study

Tuesday, April 3

8:00-Noon	Mom's Morning Out
9:30	WOM Groups
12:00	Holy Week Service

Wednesday, April 4

10:30	First Editions
12:00	Holy Week Service
3:30	Library Open (until 6 p.m.)
5:00	Wednesday Night Supper
5:30	Children's Choirs & Missions
6:00	Prayer Service Cross Training
7:00	Celebration Choir

Thursday, April 5

8:00-Noon	Mom's Morning Out
9:30-11:30	Precept Bible Study
12:00	Holy Week Service
6:00	Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 6
Good Friday

	Church Offices Closed
7:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast
12:00	Holy Week Service



Wednesday Night Supper
\$5/Adult, \$4/Child

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Seasoned Italian Green Beans, Texas Toast, Iced Cake, Tea / Water / Coffee

Please remember to cancel meal reservations when you will not be using them. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday noon.



First Edition

"First Things First"

First Baptist Church - Laurel, Mississippi

Randy Turner, Pastor

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From the Pastor's Pen

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection?

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded and placed at the head of that stony coffin.

Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!" Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stopped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day.

The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it.

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table until the master was finished. Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers and mouth and clean his beard, then wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm finished."

But if the master got up from the table and folded his napkins and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table because ... the folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back."

Do you think Jesus was trying to tell us something?

*Peace and love,
Randy Turner*



The FBC Celebration Choir
presents
Love Won!
The Music of Easter
Sunday, April 1 10:30 a.m.



12 Noon
Monday, April 2 - Friday, April 6
Maundy Thursday Service
6 p.m. April 5



11:30-1:00 for Families of 1st-6th Graders
5:00-6:00 Youth and Adults
Family Life Center

You will be reminded of Christ's great sacrifice for us as you walk through five scenes. From the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the resurrection, you will see and hear reminders of God's love as you experience *Journey to the Cross*.

It takes about 25 minutes to walk through the different rooms in order and follow the instructions on the cards for reflection.

On Easter Sunday, April 8, we will have two services - 8:30 and 10:30 - as has been our custom for several years. After Easter, we will continue to have *two Sunday morning services*. Sunday School will begin at its regular time of 9:15.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Joan Ross, Children's Minister



Sunday, April 1
@ 5:00 p.m.

Youth will meet in the gym and go through **Journey to the Cross**. Then we will go eat together, Dutch treat!

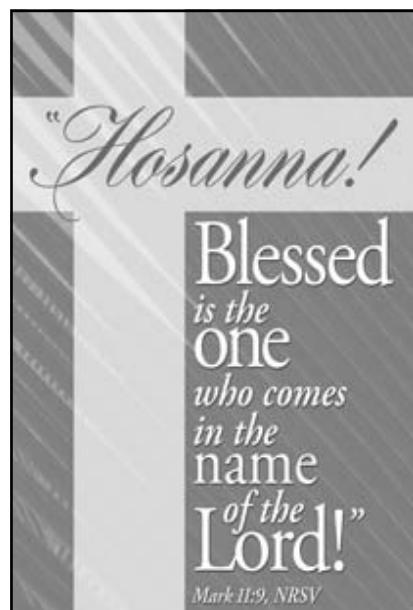


◆ On Sunday, April 1, Youth Sunday School will be held in the gym with Mark Easley teaching everyone. We will also have a **pancake breakfast** for reaching our goal of **50** in Sunday School.

◆ **Friday, March 30**
Courageous Night
6:30 p.m. Pizza in the FLC
7 p.m. Movie in the Sanctuary
This event is **FREE** and everyone is invited!

◆ **Small groups** will not meet again until April 15

◆ Wednesday, April 4
Mystery Trip



Join us on a
55'ers
Mystery
Trip!!

Thursday, April 19
Leave church at **9 a.m.**
Return approximately **5 p.m.**

Cost is \$36 for charter and lunch. We must have 20 to go. Register and pay in church office. Sign-up deadline is April 5.



Palm Sunday Processional
Children age K4-6th grade are reminded to meet in the sanctuary foyer at 10:15 Sunday to receive your palm leaves. Children will walk down the aisle at the beginning of the worship service. (Children's Church will not meet Sunday.)

Baskets Needed for "Eggstravaganza"
Each child needs to bring a basket for the egg hunts Sunday.

Eggstravaganza
11:30-1:00 Family Life Center
Salad, pizza and cookies for all
Egg hunts and crafts for 3-year-old through K5
Journey to the Cross for families of 1st-6th graders

NOTE: Some families will go on egg hunts first, then Journey to the Cross while others will experience Journey to the Cross first.

Terrific Tuesday Train Tickets
Completed K5 -6th grade children and adults will ride to Meridian on Amtrak on June 5. This event is from 9:30-2:30. In order to get the discounted group rate, we must **pay by April 18**. The cost per ticket is **\$6 per child and \$13 per adult**. Space is limited. Checks need to be made to FBC Laurel and marked "train."

"Sermon on the Mound" Notes
Every child in the first through sixth grade choir has received a listening CD for our spring performance. Parents, please encourage your child to listen to their CD. Children with speaking parts need to have them memorized by April 18.

AWANA/Sermon on the Mound
Sunday, May 6 - 6:00 p.m.
In order for as many children as possible to participate in both the AWANA year-end program and the children's choir presentation, we are having both programs on Sunday, May 6. Parents will see the AWANA DVD and children will receive awards followed by "Sermon on the Mound."

Centri-Kid Payment Reminder
The second payment for children registered for Centri-Kid was due March 21. The \$85 payment needs to be made to FBC Laurel and marked "Centri-Kid."



Sunday, April 1
Paper Airplane Night

EDUCATION MINISTRY
Rick Carter, Associate Pastor

Thanks to *all* who helped make our **Wild Game Supper** such an outstanding event!



SBC Goal: \$70,000,000
FBC Laurel Goal: \$13,000
Given to Date: \$ 11,347.50

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

God Rewards Our Work
"G" Team
Sunday, April 1
4:30 p.m.



You are cordially invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Beth Turner** **Bride-Elect of Bradley McDaniel** **Sunday, April 1** **1:30-3:00 p.m.** **Heritage Hall**
(No invitations are being mailed.)



The Prayer Room, located in the west corner of the Chapel, has been reopened. All are welcome to use it.



Esther: A Person Who Lives for the Good of God's People
Four-Week Study Beginning
Thursday, April 12 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.
& Monday, April 16 - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Call 601-428-1097 for information.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Frances Thomas - Laurelwood (swing bed)
Kathleen Warnock - Forrest General - 3315

BIRTHDAYS

April 1 JoJo Sullivan
April 2 Stacy Easterwood, Charles Robine
April 3 John Turner
April 5 Danny West
April 6 Emily Armour, Lee Bounds, William Haddock
April 7 April Lawless

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Case and Kate Mauldin Embry of Oxford on the birth of a son, Harry Bernard Embry, born March 21, 2012, weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce. He is welcomed by proud grandmother **Patty Mauldin** and was greatly anticipated by his granddaddy Mitch. He is also welcomed by great-grandparents **Bernard and Mattie Shuff**.

THANK YOU

Thank-you notes have been received in the church office from **Jerry Watkins, Kendall King Waggoner, and L. V. Walters**.

SYMPATHY

The First Baptist Church family expresses its love and sympathy to **Sharon Walters and Family** in the loss of her mother, Patsy Lightsey; and to **Bob Rayburn and Family** in the loss of his sister, Louise Lawcock.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Receipts - March 25, 2012

Budget Received	21,975.14
Required Year-to-Date	390,000.00
Received Year-to-Date	344,047.64
Faith First	3,301.00
Annie Armstrong	11,347.50