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Our deepest Sympathy for:

Lynn Haynie in the loss of her mother-in-law,
Mary Haynie.

To Our First Baptist Church Family,

Our family would like to express our gratitude to all of you for your thoughts and prayers, phone calls, hospital visits, cards sent and the family meal provided during our mother, Doris Kelly's, recent illness and her celebration home to be with the Lord.

She loved her church and we are rejoicing in knowing that she is now a member of that everlasting church we call "Heaven."

God Bless each one of you!
Bess and Ken Kelly

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, February 11

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 2:00 PM Women's Fellowship Gathering
- 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14 - Valentine's Day

- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service/ Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 16

- Youth D-Now Begins
- 7:30 PM D-Now Worship (All are invited.)

Saturday, February 17

- Youth D-Now Continues
- 7:00PM D-Now Worship (All are invited.)

Sunday, February 18

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting

Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day

- No School
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, February 20

- 7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club

Wednesday, February 21

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

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Tuesday, February 13 — 4:00-7:00PM
16th ANNUAL SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER



Boulevard Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

FBC is helping sponsor the event this year!

Proceeds to benefit Family Promise, Soup Kitchen,
and the Developmental Center for Exceptional Children
\$5 Tickets are now available in the FBC church office.

All are invited to the
YOUTH D-NOW
(Discipleship Now)

Worship Services:
FBC Chapel

Friday, February 16
7:30pm and

Saturday, February 17
7:00pm

Special Guest Pastor:
Samuel Lian

Music:
North Greenville University
Worship Band

February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Join us for the Ash Wednesday fellowship
meals and worship services.

Noon - Lunch with Service
following in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM - Supper with Service following
at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Reservations are required for meals: 224-1622

From one Minister to Another...

We missed many of you last Sunday as we gathered to share the Lord's Supper. As you know, the weather was pretty raw! Adding to the excitement were all the TV weather people warning, "Don't get out on the roads unless you really have to!" I'm glad they do what they do; but honestly, that seemed like "overkill" to me.

One good thing--everyone moved closer to the front of the sanctuary to facilitate the serving of communion. We had a wonderful choir and praise team in place--the music was beautiful as always. And the different approach to the Lord's Supper observance seemed to be well received. It was a good day in church!

If, however, you decided to play it safe and hunker down at home last Sunday, I understand. JUST DON'T DO IT AGAIN--unless, of course, you really need to! By way of advance warning, though, there's a chance of rain this coming Sunday as well--but this time, the rain is not supposed to be so cold. So... I know you can do this. I know you can make it to church!

Hey, I'm just having some fun with you; but I really do want to emphasize the importance of being with us in worship this Sunday. We begin our journey toward Easter, going--as always--by way of the cross.

When you arrive for worship this Sunday, you will see an "old rugged cross" on the Communion Table. One of our hymns, along with a responsive reading, will reflect the importance of its presence there on the table.

This Sunday begins our consideration of the seven statements that Jesus made from the cross. These "last words" are precious to us as followers of Christ. Each time we encounter them, we go a bit deeper into their meaning and relevance to our lives.

We begin this week with "Father, forgive them..." I look forward to seeing you with us, and I would encourage you to invite others to join us as well! And if you know someone who really shouldn't be driving in the rain, offer to pick them up and bring them with you to church. We're family here, and families do these things.

And now, on a "lighter note" (?), our SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER takes place this Tuesday evening, February 13, from 4 to 7 PM. It seems that every year, someone shows up who's never joined us for this event before. After being part of all the food and fun, they'll say something like, "I can't believe I've been missing out on this!" So if you're one of those folks who are still missing out--don't!

Not only is it fun to see your ministers in a very different role--as pancake chefs!--all the money (\$5 per person) goes to good causes in the community. ALL of it, because First Baptist and a few other churches in the community are taking care of all the food costs.

And the labor could not get any cheaper (I know... "you get what you pay for"). Anyway, I hope you'll join us for the pancakes... and the fun!

In a Spirit of Partnership...
James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

February 11

Worship Childcare:

JJ and Bradley Orr

Deacons of the Week:

Steve Madden, Offertory Prayer
Michael Davis, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Jeff Neal and David Fry

February 18

Worship Childcare:

Robin Gardner

Deacons of the Week:

Jerry Neal, Offertory Prayer
Charles Cromer, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Mike Eaves and Roger Cason

February Collection Committee

Steve Madden, Mathias Richardson,
Chad Walker, Becky Campbell,
John Nichols

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

February 14

Lunch and Supper

Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Pineapple
Casserole, Broccoli, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

February 21

Lunch

Soup and Salad
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Chili, Corn Bread, Baked Potato Bar,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch & Supper Reservations

**Please contact the church office
by Noon on Tuesdays to make or
cancel your reservations.**

SERMON SERIES — FOUNDATIONS: FROM THE CROSS

February 11 — *Father, Forgive* (Luke 23:26-34)

February 18 — *Today...Paradise* (Luke 23:38-43)

February 25 — *Dear Woman* (John 19:23-27)

March 4 — *I'm Thirsty* (John 19:28-29)

March 11 — *My God, Why* (Mark 15:25-36)

March 18 — *Finished!* (John 19:29-30)

March 25 — *Into Your Hands* (Luke 23:44-49)




We're excited to announce that First Baptist Church is now able to accept tithes, offerings, and payments via computer and/or smartphone. With our new Pushpay system, you can give easily, quickly and securely using a bank account or credit/debit card.

On your smartphone

Grab your phone and text FBCANDERSON to 77977.
You'll receive a text back with instructions to start giving.
Tap the link and you're ready to give!

Giving link on our website

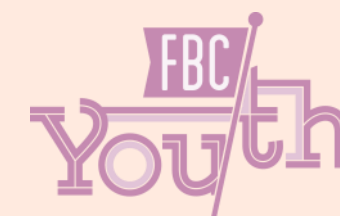
You'll see a red GIVE button  on the bottom right-hand side of our church homepage. Clicking this button will take you to the secure giving link and allow you to give electronically.

Recurring Gifts

When you give electronically, you will be asked if you want to repeat the gift. You can answer no to give a one-time gift or yes to set up a recurring gift. If you set up a recurring gift, you will be asked when to start giving, how often to give, and when to stop giving. Making changes to a recurring gift is an easy process.

Contact Josh Hunt or Janice Fouts if you have any questions about using this system.

Remember that your generosity helps us to fulfill our mission of knowing Christ and making Him known!



March 11th - 11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

BBQ FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

The Youth will be serving
BBQ with all the fixin's,
dessert and tea!

Donations will go toward the
Cost of Passport Summer
Youth Conference.



July 8-13

PASSPORT FOR YOUTH

Sign up with Amy and pay the
\$50.00 deposit by March 11.

Save the date!

March 25

2018 WINTER JAM TOUR

Featuring Christian artists: Skillet, Kari Jobe, Building 429, KB, Jordan Feliz, and the tour host NewSong. Comedian John Crist and Speaker Nick Hall.

More details soon!