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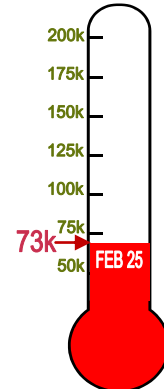
HARRISON PRUITT PARK UPDATE

For Church.
For Community.

Contributions Needed: \$200,000

Harrison Pruitt Fund: \$400,000

Total Cost: \$600,000



Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, February 25

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
5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 27

10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

Wednesday, February 28

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
GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

Sunday, March 4

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
5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 6

7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club

Wednesday, March 7

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, March 8

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First Baptist Church

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Sunday, March 11 — 11:30 AM

YOUTH - 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.

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July 8 - 13

PASSPORT FOR YOUTH

Sign up with Amy and pay the \$50.00 deposit by March 11.
***Please Note* Passport deposits can be made on our new pushpay system using your debit/credit card.**

March 11



Daylight Savings Time!
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead.

March 25

YOUTH 2018 Winter Jam Tour

Youth will leave the church at 3:00pm. Cost: \$15.00

March 25 - April 1 HOLY WEEK

March 25 - 9:30am
Palm Sunday Worship

March 29 - 7:00pm
Maundy Thursday Communion



March 31 - 10:30am
Community Easter Egg Hunt & Cook Out
The Old McCants Field

We are now accepting candy in the church office for the Egg Hunt. We need individually wrapped candy that won't melt and can be stuffed into small Easter eggs.



April 1 beginning at 7:00am
Easter Sunrise Service (Carolina Wren Park)
followed by Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:30am - Easter Sunday Worship

First Baptist Church Contact Information
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CHURCH OFFICE — 224-1622

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 - 4:00; Fri. 9:00 - 3:00

Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor

Dr. Josh Hunt.....Associate Pastor
Rev. Amy Brown.....Minister of Students
Mr. Addrian Wilson.....Minister of Music
Mr. Jamie Smith.....Assistant Music Director
Mrs. Ramona Hallman.....Organist
Mrs. Kelly Smith.....Pianist
FBC Child Development Center.....224-2635
Mrs. Shannon Griffin.....CDC Director

MINISTER ON CALL: (after hours & weekends)

Call: 224-1622, Press 6, leave name, number and a brief message
and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.

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From one Minister to Another...

We continue on our journey toward Easter. Though time passes quickly, let's not rush through this holy season. Each Lord's Day, we're slowing down enough to listen to Jesus' last words from the cross. Each service reveals a new item added to the Communion Table to help us reflect on the meaning of what Jesus said in these last moments before His death.

The front of our Beacon tells of upcoming worship services and other events. Consider each of these an opportunity to reach out to someone you know, or perhaps someone you should get to know, in order to share your faith and the ministries of your church with them. There's no better time to invite someone new to join us at First Baptist. It could be the beginning of a meaningful relationship!

Many of us are aware that several in our church family have been going through difficult days. Of course, this is usually true for our church; and their challenges serve as reminders that we, too, will have our moments of sickness and sadness in life. No one is exempt. And all of us need Christian brothers and sisters who demonstrate compassion and concern when those difficult days come.

A few years back, I attended a memorial service for a retired Lutheran minister. While there, I was introduced to a hymn he'd selected for his service called *Borning Cry*. Most of us, myself included, prefer to sing and hear hymns that "we cut our teeth on"—right? But on this occasion, I found this unfamiliar hymn to be quite beautiful and meaningful. Unlike most hymns, it's written from our Lord's perspective as He keeps watch over our lives. I want to share it with you:

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."

May the Lord continue to prepare our hearts to celebrate the grand surprise of Resurrection Day. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

February 25

Worship Childcare:
Paula Ballentine
Deacons of the Week:
Liz Marvin, Offertory Prayer
Fran Singleton, Visitor Outreach
Security:
Mike Eaves and Charlie Campbell

March 4

Worship Childcare:
Kathleen Barnhart
Deacons of the Week:
John Nichols, Offertory Prayer
Pat Vickery, Visitor Outreach
Security:
Wes Wallace and Michael Hatchett

March Collection Committee
Greg Shore, Fran Singleton, Rusty Smith,
Ed Sokol, Alene Sullivan, Pat Vickery

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

February 28

Lunch and Supper
Fried Chicken (Chicken Tenders for children at supper), Rice and Gravy, Butter Peas, Carrots, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

March 7

Lunch and Supper
Pork Loin, Hash Brown Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

FBC Bible Study Series:
The Gospel of John taught by Josh Hunt
Wednesdays, Noon and 6:15pm
Last Wednesday (2/21) – The Word Made Flesh
February 28 – The Miraculous Signs of Jesus
March 7 – The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus
March 14 – Jesus' Farewell Discourse
March 21 – The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of a King
March 28 – No Bible Study, Holy Week
April 4 – No Bible Study, Spring Break
April 11 – Eternal Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p> <p>Instruction sheets are located in the vestibule and on the table just outside the Deacons' conference room.</p> <p>Contact Josh Hunt or Janice Fouts if you have any questions about using this system.</p>				1	2	3
4 9:30am From the Cross: I'M THIRSTY John 19:28-29 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	5	6 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	7 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study Series: The Gospel of John taught by Josh Hunt <i>The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus</i> 6:00 Youth Bible Study	8 Beacon Mailed	9	10
11 9:30am From the Cross: MY GOD, WHY? Mark 15:25-36 11:30 AM Youth BBQ Fundraiser 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	12 6:00PM Men's Ministry Meeting	13	14 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study Series: The Gospel of John taught by Josh Hunt <i>Jesus' Farewell Discourse</i> 6:00 Youth Bible Study	15 No School	16 No School	17
18 9:30am From the Cross: FINISHED! John 19:29-30 11:30am Deacons' Meeting 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	19 6:00pm Stewardship Mtg.	20 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	21 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study Series: The Gospel of John taught by Josh Hunt <i>The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of a King</i> 6:00 Youth Bible Study	22 Beacon Mailed	23	24
25 9:30am From the Cross: INTO YOUR HANDS Luke 23:44-49 3:00PM Youth Winter Jam	26	27 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	28 No Meals, Bible Studies or Activities	29 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Communion	30 Good Friday Church Office closed	31 10:30am Community Easter Egg Hunt Old McCants field