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Our deepest Sympathy for:

Charles Cromer in the loss of his sister-in-law, Florence Cromer.

Dru and Teller Thompson in the loss of their father and Betty Jo Thompson in the loss of her son, Tripp Thompson.

Kathleen Barnhart in the loss of her mother, Barbara Groover.

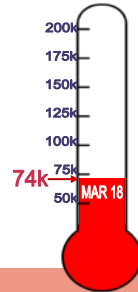
Leon Phillips in the loss of his wife, Doris Phillips.

Jerry Minyard and family in the loss of his father, Bill Minyard.

**HARRISON PRUITT PARK UPDATE**

*For Church.  
For Community.*

Contributions Needed: \$200,000  
Harrison Pruitt Fund: \$400,000  
Total Cost: \$600,000



**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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**Opportunities at First Baptist**

**Sunday, March 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
- 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

**Monday, March 19**

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

**Tuesday, March 20**

- 7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club

**Wednesday, March 21**

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
- 4:00 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 25 - Palm Sunday**

- 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
- 3:00 PM Youth Winter Jam

**Monday, March 26**

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

**Tuesday, March 27**

- 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 28**

- No Noon or Evening Meals or Bible Studies
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 29**

- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion

**Friday, March 30 - Good Friday**

- Church office Closed
- No School

**Saturday, March 31**

- 10:30 AM Community Easter Egg Hunt

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**Wednesdays  
Noon & 6:15pm**

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN  
Taught by Josh Hunt**

**This Wednesday, March 21:  
The Arrest, Trial, and  
Crucifixion of a King**

**Annie Armstrong  
and CBF Global  
Missions Offerings  
March 2018  
Church Goal \$4,000**

## 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**

**From one Minister to Another...**

Each year during Lent, for these few weeks as we make our way toward Easter, we pray the Lord's Prayer together in worship. We don't have a "prayer of confession" in our service as we find in the liturgies of many churches; but when we pray this prayer our Lord taught us, we do ask for forgiveness, even as we affirm our readiness to be forgiving of others.

The season of Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection that should lead to confession of sin. Easter is too important to who we are and what we believe to rush into it without some honest effort to prepare our lives to receive this incredible gift.

We will find it difficult to pray, "Thy will be done"—also part of the Lord's Prayer, of course—without recognizing the many ways that our wills tend to take over while God's will gets pushed aside in our lives. I trust the Lord helps us make discoveries concerning His will for our lives any time we gather for worship, but especially as we journey through this Lenten season of preparation and as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

Sometimes God's will is about the BIG decisions of life that may well affect the rest of our days—things like vocational choices, decisions about our life's mate, and most importantly, whether we live by faith or not, whether we follow Jesus Christ... or not.

In no way would I take away anything from the importance of these monumental choices. Seeking and finding God's will should always be our priority as followers of Christ.

For every one of these monumental decisions, however, there are hundreds—no, thousands—of smaller, everyday choices that we're called upon to make. For each one, we are either in God's will or not. None of us "bats a thousand," so to speak; but if we sincerely seek God's will, we're likely to come away with more "hits" than "misses."

As we draw closer to Holy Week, I encourage us all to be faithful in our worship, Bible study and prayer as we seek God's will in every arena of life.

Stay focused on Jesus who—because He lived so consistently in the Father's will—suffered the cross for us.

Never forget: He taught us to seek God's will and to pray for it to be done—and then He "lived this out" by dying for us all.

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



**Our Members in Action**

**March 18**

**Worship Childcare:**

Lisa Wallace

**Deacons of the Week:**

Kathy Adams, Offertory Prayer  
Skip Brown, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Jeff Neal and Jim McCombs

**March 25**

**Worship Childcare:**

Jan Page

**Deacons of the Week:**

Chad Walker, Offertory Prayer  
Leslie Walker, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Donnie Campbell and TJ Fusco

**March Collection Committee**

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

**Wednesday Lunch & Supper**

**March 21**

**Lunch and Supper**

Chicken and Broccoli Casserole,  
Orange Glazed Carrots, Green Beans,  
Corn, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

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

**March 28 and April 4**

**No Noon or Evening Meals,  
Bible Studies, or activities.**

**Please join us on March 29 at  
7:00pm for the Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00am <b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> Carolina Wren Park Followed by Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 9:30am <b>Easter Sunday Worship</b>	Spring Break - No School					7
8 9:30am <b>Worship Service</b>  11:30am Church Council Mtg.  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	9	10	11 10:00am <b>Youth Missions Day</b>  No Noon or Evening Meals or Bible Studies  5:00pm <b>Youth Movie Night</b>	12  10:00am <b>Youth Hiking</b>  Beacon Mailed	13	14
15 9:30am <b>Worship Service</b>  11:30am Deacons' Meeting  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	16  6:00pm Stewardship Mtg.	17  7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	18  Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Bible Study	19  Beacon Mailed	20-21 <b>April 20-21 KIDS D-NOW</b> Cost: \$10.00 Sign up with Amy or with <i>pushpay</i> by April 11.	
22 9:30am <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	23	24  10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	25  Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9:30am <b>Worship Service</b>  11:30am <b>Church Conference and Luncheon</b>  4:00pm <b>Youth: Bazooka Ball at Battlecat Sports</b>	30 <b>COMING SOON!</b> <b>Passport Kids Breakfast Fundraiser - May 6</b> <b>Passport Kids - July 26-29</b> New location: Lookout Mountain, GA at Covenant College students who have finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade Total Cost is \$200 <b>Registration and \$50 deposit due by April 29.</b> (Deposits can be paid using <i>pushpay</i> )					



A new way to give your tithes, offerings, and payments via computer and/or smartphone. You can give easily, quickly and securely using a bank account or credit/debit card. Instruction sheets are located in the vestibule and on the table just outside the Deacons' conference room. Contact Josh Hunt or Janice Fouts if you have any questions about using this system.