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BARACA ANNIVERSARY - APRIL 23

Was anyone in your family associated with the Baraca Radio Sunday School Class in years past? For the 83rd anniversary of the broadcast, we would like some of you to be on the air with us April 23rd and tell how the class was special to your father or another family member. Please contact Lawrence Webb at 933-7252 or webbtex@charter.net for more details.

Dear First Baptist Church,

My family and I can't begin to thank you enough for the wonderful outpouring of prayers, love, concern, support, cards, and food that was shown and given during Dick's (Richard K. Allen, Jr.) recent illness and passing. We all truly appreciate your loving kindness and generosity during this very difficult time.

With heartfelt thanks,
Debbie, Richard, Mary and Jonathan Allen

Dear FBC Family and Staff,

We would like to thank you for the many expressions of love and kindness you extended to us during Betty's surgeries and rehab. The prayers, cards, visits, calls, and food have meant the world to us and helped us navigate a difficult few months. It is comforting to have the support of a loving church family and we thank all of you most sincerely.

With love,
Ervin Lott and Cara Lott

First Baptist Church Contact Information

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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 26

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
9:30 AM Worship
10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
10:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

Monday, March 27

No School

Tuesday, March 28

7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club
10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

Wednesday, March 29

12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
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 MS & HS Discipleship
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

Saturday, April 1

9:00 AM Church Work Day

Sunday, April 2

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
9:30 AM Worship
10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
10:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM MS & HS Discipleship

Tuesday, April 4

7:07 AM Youth - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, April 5

12:00 PM "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" A lenten
Hymn Sing / Luncheon
5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
6:15 PM "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" A lenten
Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

Thursday, April 6

Beacon Mailed

Friday, April 7

No School

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Child Development Center

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Programs 2K & UP

For more information call: (864) 224-2635
or email: cdc@andersonfbc.org

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Holy Week April 9 -16

April 9 ~ 9:30am

Palm Sunday

Children Process with Palm Branches

April 13 ~ 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Communion

Scripture, Music, and "The Supper" on the evening Jesus shared it with His disciples

April 14

Good Friday

April 15 ~ 10:30am

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Field Games and Cookout

Old McCants Field

April 16 ~ 7:00am

Easter Sunrise Service

A celebration of Christ's Resurrection held at the Carolina Wren Park followed by **Easter Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall.

9:30am

Easter Sunday Service



From one Minister to Another...

If you're a follower of Jesus Christ, you are keenly aware that we are in a very holy season as we prepare to celebrate the event that changed our whole outlook on life and death and the life to come: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

What a privilege to be in worship each Lord's Day as we look deeply within our lives to determine how to be more devoted members of Christ's Body in this world. If there is a better portion of God's word to help us in this process than the one we're considering, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, I really don't know what it would be. Truly, these powerful passages are Foundational to what we believe and how we live as Christians.

This Sunday, we consider what Jesus said about the problem that so many seem to struggle with: WORRY. There is a better way to live, a more abundant way to experience life than to squander it on needless worry. Jesus wants to help us with this and, as a Pastor, I understand why our Lord included this topic in His sermon.

So many of us struggle with worry. The passage we'll look at Sunday will help us deal with our own worries and enable us to help family and friends with theirs. I encourage you to be with us as we worship. I also encourage you to continue to include the Lord's Prayer in your personal prayer time each day.

A NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Each year as we make our journey toward Easter, I look forward not only to those majestic resurrection hymns, but also to the beautiful hymns that focus on the cross of Jesus. We all have our favorites. "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "The Old Rugged Cross" are two that rank high among us.

With this love we have for these beautiful hymns of the season, we have something new planned for Wednesday, April 5. It's called "I Will Sing of My Redeemer—A Lenten Hymn-Sing." We'll do this at both the Noon Luncheon Bible Study time and also in the evening service at 6:15 PM.

We'll have a few selections prepared to sing for you, but most of our time will be devoted to your favorite hymns. You'll be asked to call out a hymn, give us the number, and then we'll sing it together—sort of like in the "old days"—remember?

I hope I'm not wrong about this, but I think this is something we will all appreciate. Some of you have a hymn that you've been wanting to sing for a long time, but either it hasn't happened recently or you were away when your favorite was sung. We're focusing on hymns related to the cross, but we'll interpret that rather loosely in case you're not sure your hymn qualifies.

As with all new things, we'll have to see how this goes. If it's as meaningful as I expect it to be, we'll look for a good time to do this again. I'll look forward to hearing from you—but first, I just want to hear you singing with us. Let's sing our faith together as we continue to prepare our hearts for Resurrection Day!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

March 26

Worship Childcare:

Lynne Eaves and Lori Miller

Deacons of the Week:

David Stoddard, Offertory Prayer
Greg Shore, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Ed Sokol and Bradley Orr

April 2

Worship Childcare:

Ginger Smith, Chad and Kara Waters

Deacons of the Week:

Joe Drennon, Offertory Prayer
John Nichols, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Chad Waters and Jim McCombs

April Collection Committee

Pat Vickery, Mathias Richardson,
Steve Madden, Alicia Neal Darby,
Charlie Ballentine, Tom Allen

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

March 29

Lunch

Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad, Asparagus,
Fruit, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Grilled Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli,
Fruit Salad, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

April 5

Lunch and Supper

Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes, Black Eyed
Peas, Slaw, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch and Supper Reservations

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

**FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK
APRIL 9 - 15**

To serve please sign up on
the board located near the
Deacons' Conference Room or
contact Shelby Clardy:
376-8698
shelby@bleckleyinn.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Work Day April 1 ~ 9:00am - 12:00pm Volunteers needed: outside grounds maintenance, planting, and repairs and inside cleaning, organizing, and repairs. If it rains all work will be done inside. To volunteer please sign your name to the sign up sheet located in the hallway outside the Deacons' Conference Room.						
2 9:30am <i>Foundations: OUR POTENTIAL</i> Matthew 7:1-12 6:00pm MS & HS Discipleship	3	4 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	5 Noon and 6:15pm "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" A Lenten Hymn Sing	6 Beacon Mailed	7	8 9:00am - 12:00pm Church Work Day
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30am <i>Foundations: OUR CHOICES</i> Matthew 7:13-23 11:30am Church Council 6:00pm MS & HS Disciple	10 10:00am Youth - Sky Zone 7:00pm Men's Ministry Meeting	11 5:00pm Youth - Dinner & Movie	12 10:00am Youth - Mission Day No Noon or Evening Meals or Activities	13 Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00pm	14 <i>Good Friday</i> Church Office Closed 6:00pm Youth - Cookout Location TBD	15 9:30am Saturday Servants 10:30am Community
Spring Break						
Family Promise Week						
16 EASTER 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service (Carolina Wren Park) followed by Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 9:30am <i>Foundations: OUR FOUNDATION</i> Matthew 7:24-29	17 No School 6:00pm Stewardship Meeting	18 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	19 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	20 Beacon Mailed	21	22
23 9:30AM YOUTH SUNDAY 6:00pm MS & HS Discipleship	24	25 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	26 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	27	28	29 Children's Dnow April 29 - 30 Sign up & pay \$10.00 with Amy or in the church office by April 19.
30 9:30AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 11:30am Church Conference/Luncheon 6:00pm MS & HS Discipleship	Passport Kids New location: Summerton, SC at Bob Cooper 4-H Center June 27-30 – for students who have finished 3 rd -5 th grade Total Cost is \$200 Registration deadline is April 23 with a \$50 deposit. <i>Breakfast fundraiser May 7</i>					