



Easter Sunday

APRIL 9

**8:30-9:45 P.M. BREAKFAST AND FLOWERING
OF THE CROSS WITH FAMILY PHOTOS**

9:45 A.M. BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Our Easter morning traditions begin with a big church-wide breakfast before Bible Study, flowering the cross and family photographs in the Courtyard, and a service of worship celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and singing of the Hallelujah Chorus! Please make your plans and invite others to join you.



FROM OUR PASTOR

GOOD MORNING

Some of us are morning persons, while others are definitely not morning persons. As the old joke goes, when the alarm clock sounds, morning persons say, “Good morning, Lord,” while others say, “Good Lord, it’s morning!” But if we are followers of the risen Lord Jesus, then—in a sense—we are all morning persons, because Easter happened in the morning. At least that’s when the empty tomb was discovered by the women: “as the first day of the week was dawning” (Mt. 28:1). They could have waited a few hours until the sun had come up. They could have gone in the afternoon or the evening of that first day of the week. Instead, they chose to go in the morning. They couldn’t wait any longer.

This Sunday morning, we will gather for worship like we do every Sunday. The sanctuary may be a little fuller and our outfits a little brighter. The sweet smells of lilies will be in the air and the ringing of

bells will remind us of the holiness and happiness of Easter morn. But truth be told, every morning of our lives is a mini-Easter. Every morning is cause for celebration. Every morning is reason to pray, “This is the day which the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

Some of us may, indeed, shout for joy as soon our feet hit the floor in the morning, while others of us require an hour or so, plus a few cups of coffee, to get to the rejoicing. But for all of us, the rising sun of every morning reminds us that the Son has risen. While there may be only one Good Friday, because of Easter, every morning can be for us a good morning.

This Easter morning, and every morning, let us rejoice and proclaim: Christ is risen from the dead! Hallelujah!

David

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SABBATICAL FOR KRISTEN

Kristen will be on sabbatical April 12-May 10. During this time, contact either Kaitlyn Cowan or Karen Foss with any questions related to the Children's Ministry. Kristen is so grateful for this time of rest and renewal!

VBS REGISTRATION

Calling all Superheroes! VBS registration opens on April 10! Our theme this year is "Hero Hotline" where we will explore our Hero Handbook - the Bible - and discover everything that we are called to do as God's heroes. VBS is June 12-15 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and kids ages 3 through fourth grade are invited to join us. Older elementary kids and youth are also welcome to come serve as volunteers and leaders!

FINAL WEDNESDAY

Our final Wednesday night is April 26, where we will share dinner together and have the opportunity to hear all three of our children's choirs sing!



Easter Egg Hunt



STUDENT NEWS

MISSION MADNESS SPRING RETREAT FBC COLUMBUS, GA - APRIL 14 - APRIL 16

There are still a few spots open for you to sign up! This will be a fruitful and transformative weekend full of fellowship, service, music, food, and worship! Please contact Nick Georgian if you are interested or would like to know more information.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

APRIL 26 - Student Gathering - Messy Game Night

APRIL 30 - Small Groups TOGETHER - Worship Night at the Hunts

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We have met (and exceeded) our goal! Our church has raised \$43,296.00. Thank you for your generosity to this special offering that supports Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries and their ministries to share the Gospel.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

The new exhibit, A Collection of Spiritual Narratives, is open. The gallery is adjacent to the elevator on the third floor of the education building.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS YEAR-END PROGRAM

All of our children's choirs will participate in a year-end program on Wednesday, April 26 in the Sanctuary. Children should go to their rehearsal rooms at 5:45 p.m. to warm up. Prayer time will begin at 6 p.m. and the children will sing starting at 6:15 p.m. The oldest choir will also sing in concert with Mary McDonald on Sunday, April 30 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

MARY MCDONALD IN CONCERT AT FBC

Internationally acclaimed composer and musician Mary McDonald will be in concert with the Sanctuary Choir (with a special appearance by our Children's Choir) on Sunday, April 30 in the morning worship service and for a full concert at 4 p.m. Some of you will remember Mary's visit with us a few years ago, and this event is not to be missed! Please put this on your calendars and invite your friends to be a part of this special day in the life of our church and the Music Ministry.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2024

What does it mean to be a Christian Pilgrim?

Join us Sunday afternoon, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear from Claudia Borchart.

Claudia lives in Migdal, Israel (Galilee region) and guides groups on pilgrimage in the Holy Land.

We will offer details of FBC Rome's pilgrimage planned for April 25-May 10, 2024. Please join us!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adrian Bowers by Gene Bowers.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, April 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Harold Smith by Helen Smith and Children.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



PLEASE WELCOME:
Harris & Fran Bagley (left)
and Matt Moon (below)



MISSIONS

HANDS OF CHRIST SERVE DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Hands of Christ Serve Day is Saturday, April 22. There will be many ways you can serve as the hands of Christ and make a kingdom impact in our community! If you are unable to participate in person you can still serve in an impactful way by making a financial contribution. We need as many hands as possible and we hope you are able to join us for this special day of service and fellowship! Please take a few minutes to sign up by scanning the QR code or you can go on the church webpage. Contact Nick Georgian with any questions.



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY: GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST-GETTIN'-BY WORLD

We launch our 5th Getting Ahead cohort on Thursday, April 13. Since inception, Bridges has positively impacted the lives of 24 people who *were* living in poverty. The success of Bridges depends on volunteers, and our congregation has stepped up to support this mission. We need volunteers to provide childcare, meals, and transportation Thursday evenings beginning April 13 through the end of September. If you are interested in supporting Bridges, please use the QR code to access the Sign Up Genius. If you have any questions please contact Nick Georgian or Keith Phillips.



seeking His heart | Being His hands

April 8 – April 21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 8

Minister on Call

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast with Flowering of the Cross,

Family Photos 8:30 am

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am

Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am

Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am

Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel

Monday, April 10

Ruble Whitworth Mission Group, D.R. 11:30 am

Finance Committee 12:00 pm

First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm

Deacons' Meeting, F.H. 5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 12

Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm

Children's Choirs 5:45 pm

Student Room Opens 5:45 pm

Prayer and Adult Seminar, F.H. 6:00 pm

Student Life 6:00 pm

Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) 6:30 pm

Student Discipleship, Student Rm. 6:30 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm

Thursday, April 13

Bridges Out of Poverty Class, Comm. Rm. 6:00 pm

Friday, April 14 – Sunday, April 16

Student Mission Madness Retreat

Saturday, April 15

Minister on Call

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, April 16

Adult Faith Formation Committee, Conf. Rm. 8:30 am

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am

Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am

Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am

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Monday, April 17

Women's Bible Study Group, Dining Rm. 10:00 am

Women of the Church Book Group, D.R. 1:00 pm

First Baptist Ringers 5:15 pm

Tuesday, April 18

Weekday Preschool Circus Day

Wednesday, April 19

Family Night Dinner 5:00 pm

Children's Choirs 5:45 pm

Student Room Opens 5:45 pm

Prayer and Church Conference, F.H. 6:00 pm

Student Life 6:00 pm

Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) 6:30 pm

Student Discipleship, Student Rm. 6:30 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm

THIS WEEK: APRIL 9

EASTER SUNDAY

SERMON: "Thine Is the Glory"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-10

ANTHEM: Amen, Amen...arr. Lloyd Larson

Risen Today...arr. Dan Forrest

Hallelujah...George Frederick Handel

SPECIAL MUSIC: First Baptist Ringers

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FAMILY NIGHT MENU

APRIL 12

Mixed Green Salad

Country Fried Steak

White Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Medley of Vegetables

Apple Cobbler

Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

MINISTER ON CALL:

Kristen Mathis 502.693.5644

NEXT WEEK: APRIL 16

SUNDAY WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERIES: Easter Promises

SERMON: "The Peace of Christ"

PREACHER: Rev. David Brooks

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

ANTHEM: My Eternal King...Jane Marshall

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FAMILY NIGHT MENU

APRIL 19

Mixed Green Salad

Pan-Fried Pork Cutlets with Hoisin-Katsu Sauce

Steamed Basmati Rice with Almonds

Honey-Ginger Glazed Carrots

Macadamia Cookies

Children's Menu

Breaded Chicken Fingers

Applesauce

Chocolate Chip Cookies

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

THE SPIRE

SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

APRIL 14-16

Students Mission Madness
Spring Retreat

APRIL 30

Mary McDonald in Concert

APRIL 22

Hands of Christ Serve Day

MAY 7

Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting

APRIL 26

Final Wednesday Family Night

JUNE 12-15

Vacation Bible School

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