

1 VIRGINIA STREET  
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201

## THE FIRST WORD

March 2018

# HOLY WEEK



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday - March 25**

FBC Sanctuary Choir presents:  
Love Took His Breath Away - 11 a.m.

\*Children invited to enter sanctuary w/palm  
leaves to help us remember this day

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 2-4 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 29**

Maundy Thursday  
Meditation and Communion 6-7 p.m.

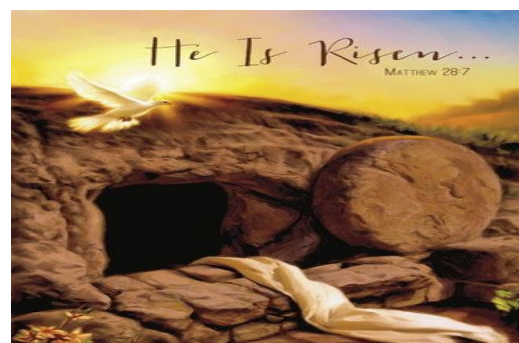
### **Easter, April 1**

Sunrise Service East Hill Cemetery

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

\*Flowering of the Cross\*

Worship - 11 a.m.





On Thursday, March 29, you are invited to come into our sanctuary any time between 6 and 7 p.m., to receive silent communion. Many people come and sit for a few moments in silence before coming to the table to receive the bread and cup.

## Flowering of the Cross . .



Please join us for our annual Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday, April 1. The cross will be located on the front steps of the church. Please bring some of your favorite spring flowers from your garden to decorate the cross which symbolizes Jesus' resurrection. Pictures will be taken during the Sunday School hour. If you forget your flowers, the church will have some available for your family.



In 2018 CBF needs your help to wage peace in a war-torn world. Your Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serve sacrificially in 30 countries around the globe to bring the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed to people who bear God's image but nevertheless remain forsaken or forgotten. They cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ, and seek transformational development. You can help wage peace by giving to the *Offering for Global Missions* or to the *Lottie Moon Offering*.

**AGAPE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** With the passing of a wonderful man, teacher, and leader, Joe Kerr will be greatly missed. It is the wish of everyone to keep the Sunday school class that Joe taught for many years going strong. With this being said, we are pleased to announce that Pam Kerr will be stepping in as the teacher for the AGAPE class. We encourage the current class members to continue their attendance and to bring a friend with them.



Congratulations to Roberta and Greg Yowell who expect to become first-time grandparents soon. Their daughter and son-in-law, Deidre and Rhys Davies of Wales, are expecting a baby in May, and the gender will be a surprise. If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift for the baby, please give your donation to Joyce Crockett, Sara Parker, or Donna Hare by April 1. Please give cash or checks made to Roberta Yowell (no gift cards). Plans are to present the gift to Roberta at a Wednesday night dessert event (t.b.a.) in April.

## First Baptist Church Notice

### Invitation to Bid No. 2018-001

In accordance with Financial Policies of First Baptist Church, all repairs and improvements of \$2,500 or greater require three competitive bids. Prior to advertising the bid to reputable contractors, notice must be provided to Church members so that they have an opportunity to either personally submit bids, if qualified to complete the project, or contact individuals they may know who may be qualified to complete the project.

The church will be accepting bids for a comprehensive overhaul to specific doors, frames, and hardware as a part of the implementation of the safety procedures to be adopted by the church. Included within the scope of the project will also be bids for a keypad access system to gain entrance in the church building.

The details of the requirements are available in the finance office.

All bids must be received no later than March 30, 2018.



Spring and a focus on Christ as he neared the completion of his ministry on earth and faced condemnation, rejection, and death on the cross are events that occur in March.

**JOHN'S STORY** by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins is a thrilling account of the life of the man who came to fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament and to save all humankind and of the disciple who was the last eyewitness to Jesus' glory. Readers will experience firsthand the creation of the Gospel of John as well as the Book of Revelation. As John recounts the miracles of the Messiah during his transformative time on earth, readers will be transported to these glorious events.

**COME SPRING** by Tim LaHaye and Gregory Dinallo is a parable of love and faith. Dylan Cooper, a young photographer from the Scottish Highlands who is beginning a new life in Boston has only one love--photography--until he meets Grace MacVicar in a Boston gallery. In Grace, also Scottish, Dylan discovers a soulmate who has unshakeable faith in his talent and is determined to help him succeed. As winter wanes, their friendship blossoms into an unexpected love, but Dylan's gift may be the means to tear them apart unless faith and hope can bring him back to the woman he swore to love forever.

# Youth News

Put these dates on your calendar! FBC Youth Yard Sale Fundraiser May 4 & 5, Youth/Adult Mission trip June 20-27, Youth Camp "Unidiversity" July 23-28.

Youth Summer Camp - "Unidiversity 2018" July 23-28 at University of Tennessee in Knoxville. To register for camp, a deposit of \$50 is due by Wednesday, February 28. After February 28 the cost of camp goes up \$35 to include a late fee.



## Children's Easter egg hunt



Sunday, March 25, 2-4 p.m.

For babies thru 5th grade

Activities include: egg hunt with prizes, games, egg decorating, crafts, music, snacks



## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 28  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Freedom Hall Civic Center  
Johnson City, TN

## Church Wide Yard Sale

**May 4 & 5**

Start your spring cleaning early! Our youth are sponsoring a church-wide yard sale in May to raise money for this year's mission trip, camp, and summer activities. You can call and arrange for pick-up on March 17 or 31. You may also drop off donations yourself any Friday in March or April between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Let's make this one the biggest sale yet!



## FIRST MONDAY

On Monday, March 5, we will visit Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant and Tanger Five Oaks Outlet Mall in Sevierville, TN. Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant is surrounded by orchards in a serene setting in the heart of Sevierville, Tennessee. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. Please call the church office to sign-up.

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

JOANN FEAZELL

CHOIR REUNION

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2018

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

BRISTOL, VA

\*ALL CRIB CHOIRS - YOUTH TOURING CHOIRS FOR 45 YEARS\*

## SAVE THE DATE Terrific Tuesdays

June 12

July 10 & July 31



The Sanctuary Choir is in full swing as we prepare music for Lent and the Easter cantata, which will be presented on Palm Sunday. It will be filled with narration, solos, duets and full choir. This Easter cantata titled "Love Took His Breath Away" is the most challenging musical presentation that we have undertaken in several years. We pray that lives will be touched with the message of Jesus Christ as we make this presentation through music.

Parents, you are encouraged to bring your children each Sunday as we prepare the Easter music for children. The Easter message, in a play type setting, will be recorded and presented on Easter Sunday as the children sing. We would like for all of our children to help with this project. See you Sunday!!

Eric



If you would like to place an Easter Hydrangea in the sanctuary during the Easter season, please fill in the information below and return it to the church office. Cost: \$15.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Our Staff*

Dr. Walter Draughon  
Rev. Ben Ondrak  
Mr. Eric D. Hicks  
Mrs. Angie Hicks  
Ms. Jackie Crum

Interim Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Music  
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Pianist

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### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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### **February 2018 Financial Report Monthly Information**

Budgeted Income	\$ 34,800.00
Actual Income	\$ 41,468.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 35,296.00
Monthly Gain/(Loss)	\$ 6,172.00

### **Year-To-Date for 2017**

Budgeted Income	\$ 71,645.00
Actual Income	\$ 74,985.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 63,877.00
YTD Gain/(Loss)	\$ 11,108.00

### **Account Balances**

General Fund	\$ 138,986.25
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### **Ushers for the Month of March**

Head Usher: Ron Guest (423) 968-9172

Joan Guest

Jamie & Karen Barger

Wally, Stephanie, & Jackson Elliott

### **Greeters:**

TBA

### **Deacon of the Week for March**

March 4 - Leroy Doran

March 11 - David Crockett, Jr.

March 18 - Nelson Gwaltney

March 25 - Gary Malcolm