

The **COME Missions Group** is pleased to partner again with the Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center to host an Easter Egg Hunt, and we could use your help! The Easter Celebration will be Saturday, April 12th from 10 am until noon. We need volunteers to hide eggs, lead crafts, supervise games, and the like. We will be meeting at the center around 9 am to get everything ready that morning. Wear your "For Haywood" shirt if you have one!! All children ages 3 to 12 are invited to attend. We would love to see FBC kiddos, CDC kids, grandkids, neighborhood kids, ALL kids that day as we share the love of Jesus through a fun community event.



REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION



News from Seth



Saturday, April 12 - 10:00am
Meet at the Ministry Activity Ctr.



Thursday, April 24 - 6:30pm
Ministry Activity Center



Send your prayer requests via email to
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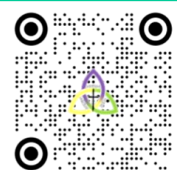


MISSION & VISION

MISSION - To make disciples, united in worship and service.
VISION - To embody Christ, loving all people and introducing them to the God we love.

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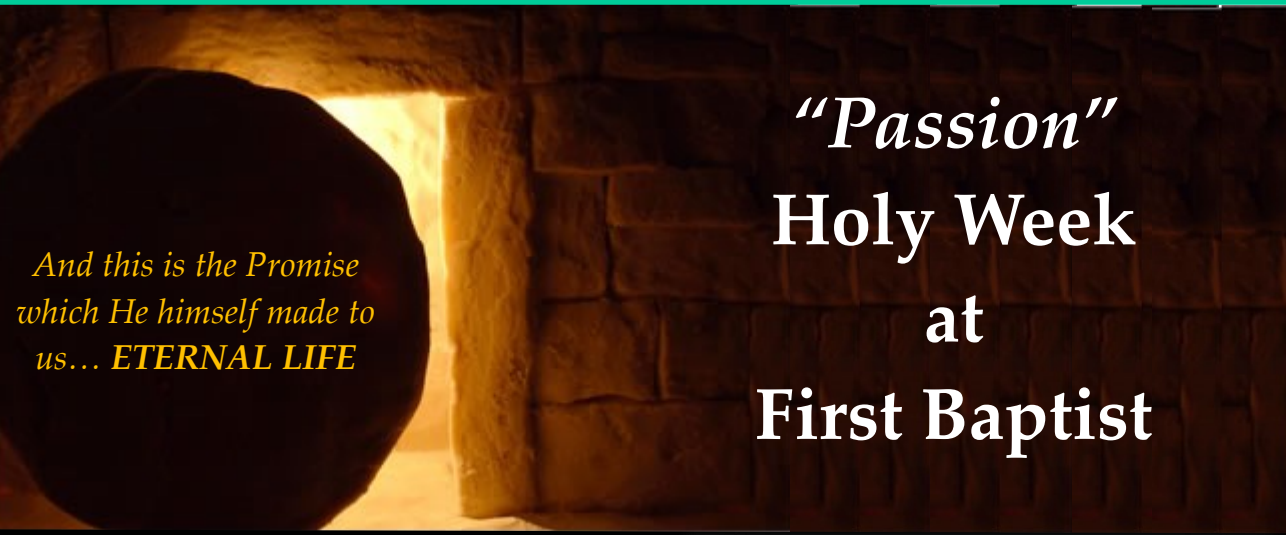
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Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays 8:30am - 12:30pm



"Passion" Holy Week at First Baptist

Tenebrae Worship Service of Shadows



April 17 @ 7:00pm in the Chapel

What exactly is Tenebrae?

The Tenebrae service is an ancient Christian tradition recalling the somber events of Jesus' last days, beginning with the Last Supper and ending with his burial. During Tenebrae, candles are extinguished one by one as scripture and music tell the story of Holy Week. The gradual descent into gloom is a representation of Jesus' increasing sorrow as the events of Passion (Holy) Week unfolded.



Community Cross Walk April 18

10:45am - Meet in the Parking
Lot of First Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY

April 20 - 10:00 a.m.
Procession with
Palm Branches



Easter Sunday Service
April 20 - 10 a. m. - Sanctuary

Come and Celebrate the Risen Christ!

(After) EASTER CANTATA →

From Dr. Prince...

Easter is the highest and most holy day on the church calendar, and our church upholds that tradition. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 30. In our worship service, we'll have a children's procession in which we'll commemorate Jesus' joyful parade into Jerusalem.

Holy Week will continue with our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m. on April 17. In this service, we'll commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and reflect on Christ's sufferings on Good Friday.

Then, on Friday, April 18, we have our Good Friday Cross Walk. In the Cross Walk, we carry a large wooden cross through downtown Waynesville, stopping at various spots along the way to reflect on Christ's sufferings on Good Friday. All our downtown churches participate in this, so it's a great interdenominational spiritual experience. We meet at 10:45 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Our procession begins there, winds its way to Bogart's, makes a right turn down to Haywood Street, and ends at First United Methodist Church. It's a great spiritual experience. Hope to see you there!

As always, we'll have a special celebration on Easter Sunday. We'll have a children's flower procession at the beginning, and a congregational singing of "The Hallelujah Chorus" at the end.

Please continue to pray for our Lead Pastor Search Team and our Interim Pastor Search Team. Related to that, our Interim Pastor Search Team will lead a listening session in our sanctuary at 11:15 on April 6. The aim of this meeting is for the search team to dialog with our church about our interim pastor process.

On a final note, we learned today of the passing of Evelyn Garner. Dr. Hugh Garner passed before I moved here, but I got to see Evelyn many times when she visited here. She was always kind, loving, and generous. She and Hugh poured out their lives here in ministry, and I know that now they both have received the crown of righteousness in Christ Jesus. Our church will be forever in their debt for their ministry among us.

See you Sunday!

Please continue to PRAY!



From "The Loft"...

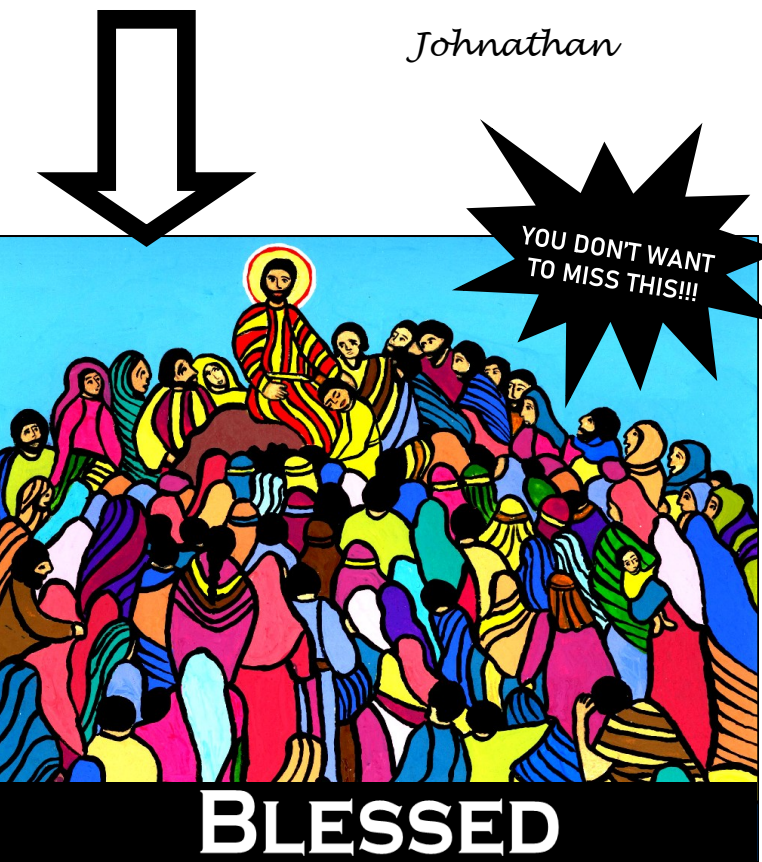
My Herald article is something I have not really done before. I am sharing a hymn text that has become near and dear to me, especially around Easter. Written by Paul Strodach, "Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds" is a song testament to the power of Christ's Resurrection and his defeat over sin and death. Allow this words to minister to you as they have to me.

1 Now all the vault of heaven resound in praise of love that still abound, "Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah"; sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here, "Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!" Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above, that we conquer through thy triumph, grant grace sufficient for life's day, that by our lives we ever say, "Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!" Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, April 27 at 10:15am in the Sanctuary, the choir will present a special program titled "Blessed." We will walk through Holy Week and the Resurrection with songs and readings. Guest musicians will join our forces for this special time of worship.



A Holy Journey Through the Beatitudes

Praying together...

OUR RECENT CONCERNS

We offer our prayers for: Those who are mourning... Terry and Christine Kelley and friends in the loss of Terry's brother, Donnie Gerri and Marshall Casse and friends in the loss of Gerri's sister, Evelyn McLain Garner.

Those who are ill or have recently been hospitalized and/or have had surgery and other medical treatment... Scott Yarbrough, David Eavenson, Linda Sandefur, Anita Painter, Brooke Atwood, Mike Gordon.

Those who have lost everything due to Hurricane Helene and for all those who are victims of the local fires and those continue to help with supplies, clean up, providing meals, and food, sheltering, etc.

Our pastors, staff, and those in leadership positions... especially our efforts with "Helping Churches Thrive" and the Lead Pastor Search Committee.

Those who are serving as missionaries locally and abroad.

Those who are poor and are oppressed, those who are unemployed and those who are destitute, those who are suffering in any way; those in prison and those who are captive, and all those who remember and care for them, an end to violence.

And our country.



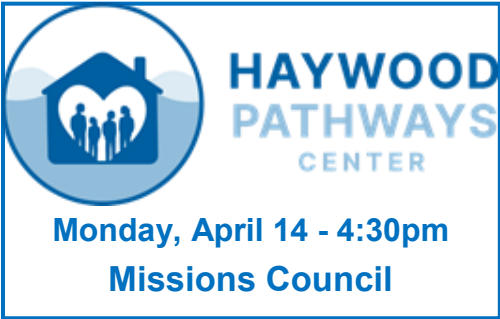
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DEACON OF THE WEEK - APRIL Financial Report - Feb. 2025

April 5: Joe Conard April 12: Lisa Fleenor April 19: Daniel Atwood April 26: Tom Smith



COUNCIL MEETING Monday, April 14 - 7:00pm Large Conference Room



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

There's still time to donate to North American Missions through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Please also pray for missionaries, their families, and their ministries. These missionaries need you to step into their stories through your prayers as they often face opposition, discouragement and battle loneliness. North American missionaries take the gospel to unreached communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. They need your prayers to open hearts and help them disciple new believers. To fuel their work, missionaries also need your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This year's national offering goal is \$78 million. Please give generously.

MINISTRY RESOURCE PLAN (MRP) MRP Receipts Needed: \$ 96,193.08 MRP Offering Received: \$ 86,187.40 Total MRP Receipts: \$ 88,102.40

Date	Worship	Sunday School
02/02	154	101
02/09	107	108
02/16	133	Thrive
02/23	131	91

~ Tom & Shirley Smith gave a gift to Lottie Moon in honor of Sandy Lovette. ~ Shannon Morton gave a gift to the budget in memory of Clark Morton. ~ Elsie Orrell gave a gift to Global Missions in memory of her sister, Ruby Koontz. ~ Nancy McKee gave a gift for facility use in honor of Mary Ann Cooper. ~ Deborah Mahaley gave a gift in honor of the Child Development.

Gifts to Heck-Jones in memory of Dot Wood:

~ Tom & Shirley Smith ~ Deborah Mahaley ~ Judy Ross ~ Kenneth & Vicki Grooms ~ David & Darnelly Forester ~ Dwain & Pat Perry ~ Mandi Teague ~ Bill & Jeanie Teague ~ Delores Phillips ~ Sharon Peddicord Missions Group ~ Judy Pettigrew



Did you know?

- there are families in our CDC (Child Development Center) who are struggling or unable to make the monthly payments to keep their children in our care?
- we have designated a CDC scholarship that is currently depleted?
- YOU CAN HELP making a donation to this fund, either one-time or on-going for this vital ministry to our CDC families?

Contact Myra Clemmons if you need more information.