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## Our Lenten Journey Ends with Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, April 17**—Worship will include a festive palm processional, led by our children.

**Maundy Thursday, April 21**—Dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall at 5:00, and the Lord's Supper will be served at a special Celtic Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

This beautiful candlelight "service of shadows" includes music by our Chapel Chorale and Celtic



*Celtic Tenebrae*  
Service

instrumentalists playing guitar, flute, violin, hammered dulcimer and bodhran (Celtic drum). As we remember the events of our Lord's last night, the lights will gradually dim, until in the final darkness, the chimes ring thirty-three times for the years of Jesus' life on earth. Invite your friends to this very moving service.

**Good Friday, April 22**—Noonday Service of the Cross, Caudill Chapel. The Chapel Chorale will sing and our pastor will have a message. The short service will conclude as we gather around the old rugged cross on our front corner



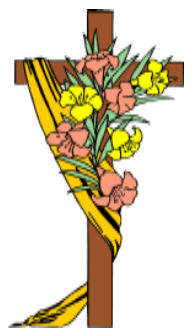
to sing "Oh, How He Loves You and Me." A light lunch will ready so that you can get back to work on time.

**Holy Saturday, April 23**—Families will enjoy a children's Easter Egg Hunt (preschool through



Grade 4), which begins on the lawn in front of the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. At the same time, **The Great American Bake Sale**, sponsored by our young adults, will offer you homemade goodies, raising money to feed hungry children.

**The Flower Cross, April 23**—At 5:30 p.m. on Easter Eve, we begin decorating the huge Flower Cross on the front lawn. Bring your whole family to help out, as we wave to passersby, and share a witness by transforming the old rugged cross into a beautiful symbol of resurrection. The Flower Cross chairperson, **Dede Rader**, reminds you to bring flowers to the church that day, even if you cannot help decorate! Enjoy the inspiring story and photos of The Flower Cross at this website: [www.thebeautifulcross.com](http://www.thebeautifulcross.com)



**Easter Sunday, April 24**—A Morning Worship Service to celebrate the Resurrection, 11:00 a.m. Invite your family and friends.

## 2 Lenten, Easter and April Activities

### Calvary Lenten Preaching Series

As the Lenten season continues, you still have opportunities to attend the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church downtown. Our own pastor, **Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge** will be the preacher on April 14.

Some of the other outstanding preachers remaining in this year's series include **Rev. Dr. Steve Montgomery** (pastor of Idlewild Presbyterian), **Rabbi Micah Greenstein** (a local favorite), **Rev. Nancy Sehested** (former pastor at Prescott Memorial Baptist), and **Rev. Dr. Eli Morris** (Pastor of Hope Presbyterian). Weekly speakers will be listed in our order of worship.

One of the added attractions of the series is the delicious lunch menu served daily in Calvary's Waffle Shop, a well-deserved Memphis institution.

### A Great Evening of Music

#### The Mississippi College Symphonic Winds Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

We're in for a special treat when this symphonic band from Mississippi College comes to First Baptist, as our Wednesday night program on April 13. The concert in our Sanctuary will follow our church supper. The band is made up of fifty students representing many different majors, directed by Dr. Craig S. Young. On this tour, they will be playing a variety of music, both sacred, classical and secular. You will hear Mississippi resident Julie Giroux's Crown of Thorns, a programmatic work depicting Christ's journey from the Last Supper to the Ascension. Other works will include Bach's Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just, as well music by Percy Aldridge Grainger and Mississippi College resident composers James Sclater and Benjamin Williams.

What a fine occasion for you to invite friends and prospects to our church! The band will be our guests for supper that night, and if you would like to help treat them to the meal, please give Ray Hatton a check for that purpose, made out to First Baptist Church.

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday April 23 we will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn and parking lot. This event has grown over the past several years so we encourage everyone to start inviting friends and family. The fun begins at 10:30 a.m. and wraps up at noon. Bring the kids (preschool-Grade 4) for the egg hunt, brief sing-a-long, various activities and games, moon bounce, and baked goods sale!

We're asking for people to help us by donating plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy. Thank you for helping to make this event a success.



### Calling all Men: Special Men's Chorus

All men are invited to fill the choir loft on Sunday morning, April 3, while the women are on retreat. We won't wear choir robes, and will sing a simple arrangement of a familiar hymn which you can learn easily that morning.

Just be in the Choir Room at 10:40, and get ready to have a great time leading worship. The First Six will also be singing in that service.



### A Lenten Prayer

#### Experience Continues

Please join us for the upcoming April dates of our Sunday evening, interactive prayer experience.

The last three dates will be April 3, 10, and 17.

### Great American Bake Sale

Connect4 SS will be hosting our 3rd annual Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale on Saturday, April 23 alongside the Easter Egg Hunt. This event is a fun and tasty way to help end childhood hunger in the U.S. We have set our goal at \$1000 this year and need your help to reach it. Please donate baked goodies and come out to shop for them as well. For more information, visit <http://shareourstrength.org/>



## Prayer Room Partners: SS Leadership

For the month of:  
April: Hannah Class

## Prayer Room Partners: During morning worship

Apr. 3	Jan Lewis
10	Margaret Jordan
17	Frances Marks
24	Lois Sandusky

## Baptist Women Group Meeting

Join us Tuesday, April 5, for the Baptist Women's Group Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee and snacks will be served in Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. **Rev. Thi Mitsamphanh**, Pastor of First International Baptist Church, will be our speaker. His presentation is titled "Reaching the World Across the Street." Come and hear all the exciting things that are happening in our church with our Laotian members and the many Internationals that are now being reached. We hope to learn ways we can help them in their ministry.

For our mission project this month, please bring any good, slightly used clothes to the meeting.



Baptist Women  
Group Meeting

## Financial Update: Blessings and Challenges

Our final 2011 pledge count was 139 pledge cards totaling \$648,152.00. Out of our projected budget for tithing income of \$812,838, the pledges turned in to date amount to 80% of our budget requirement. This is similar to our pledges turned in for 2010, so it's a blessing that we have been able to maintain our pledge amount from last year to this year. We can also rejoice in the fact that the 2011 pledge count includes 23 new pledges from members having not previously given last year and 41 pledges showing an increase in the 2011 pledge amount from their 2010 pledge amount.

The challenge comes in the fact that even with having pledged 84% of our 2010 budget at this same point last year, we ended up falling slightly short of actual dollars received for tithing income in 2010 over what was budgeted. Couple that with increased expenses, and we ended up having to dip into savings to balance our books for 2010. Our giving rate for the first quarter of 2011 is running slightly behind of this same period of time in 2010. What can you do? Regular ongoing tithing gifts throughout the year that match (or, as your income allows, exceeds!) your 2011 pledge will help the finance office to be able to continue to pay for the expenses of the ministries and programs that First Baptist Church agreed to support with our 2011 budget.

Thank you for responding to this challenge in the generous and sacrificial manner that we and members who have preceded us have done so well over these past 172 years.

## Letters

Dear Wonderful Friends,

How do I begin to say thank you? Words fail me each time I start to write. The love that you have shown our family simply cannot be described in words. For months, you have fed us, hugged us and prayed will all your heart. Bob was continually overwhelmed by the cards, visits, the weekly signed letters and the incredible love and care that surrounded us for months. You are the example of what Christ wants a church family to be. We have learned from you how to serve and care for someone who is hurting or in need.

So with a full and grateful heart, we simply say thank you. We love you all and we are so honored to call First Baptist our own.

With much love to each of you,

**Jo, Knight and Main Bracey**

## Women's Retreat

As the women of First Baptist gear up for their weekend retreat April 1-3, we ask the congregation to keep them in your prayers.

The retreat will focus on four amazing women in the Bible. It will give them time to be creative: with some wet clay, making a cross out of natural materials, and learning how to knot. There will be opportunities for walking the Stations of the Cross, getting a massage, or yoga. As well as time for personal reflection.

If you couldn't make it this year, make a note to make plans for next year's retreat!

## 4 Memorials & Honoraria, FBDS, New Members

### Memorials

<u>Given in Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Martha Hawkes .....	Mr. J. Richard Briscoe Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lander Ms. Suzanne Bugar Mr. & Mrs. Ed Myrick Ms. Margaret Wilson
Lurlene Carothers.....	Jack & Pat Stewart
Wes Linder .....	Ms. Betty Moore Ms. Helen Ruth Bourgoyne Ms. Kathleene Sims
Louise Turner.....	Dr. & Mrs. W. C. Sandusky Mr. & Mrs. Joe Powell
Bob Bracey.....	Ms. Genevive Adams Ms. Nancy Burch Mrs. Norman Blake Ms. Ruth Ervin Dr. & Mrs. W. C. Sandusky Mr. Stephen Lea Ms. Ruth Sawyer Mr. & Mrs. Milton Ray Penny & Albert Mallory Mr. & Dr. Mark Weaver Mr. & Mrs. Joe Powell Mr. & Mrs. Bob Lehr Anonymous Mr. & Mrs. Ed Myrick Mr. & Mrs. Buzz Shellabarger Nancy and Rodgers Menzies Mr. Howard Lee Mr. & Mrs. Kelton Morris Ms. Rebecca Fly
Netta Sue McKnight .....	Ms. Genevieve Adams
Troy Scott.....	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Ray
Hazel Ewing.....	Ms. Marilyn Brasher
Bill & Jean Eakin.....	Ms. Marilyn Brasher
Bill Taylor .....	Dr. & Mrs. W. C. Sandusky

### Honoraria

<u>Given in Honor of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Jim & Michelle Cronk .....	Ms. Jean Breedlove
Martha Virginia Kitchens.....	Ms. Jean Breedlove Mr. & Mrs. Milton Ray
Lydia Michelle & Margot Weslee Cronk .....	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Ray
Howard Lee.....	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Ray
Bobby Rogers.....	3rd & 4th grade Girls Basketball
Sammy Rich.....	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bynum

### FBC welcomes 2011 New Members

**Bill & Betty Wilson** joined January 2, 2011  
**Merna Hocum** joined January 30, 2011  
**Jason & Emily Callahan** joined February 6, 2011  
**Lorean Jones** joined February 20, 2011  
**Keith Hopkins** joined March 13, 2011

## FBDS celebrates Week Of the Young Child

First Baptist Day School asks parents and church members to come together for children during the Week of the Young Child (April 10-16, 2011). As part of the national Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, FBDS is honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and First Baptist has a great opportunity to do our part to help young children. WOYC is time to recognize the importance of early learning for all young children, and to bring our community together to help give all young children a great start.

First Baptist Day School will have events planned throughout the week to celebrate!

- **Monday:** Bowling Party (Threes and Fours) 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. – Hat day! - Wear your favorite hat to school.
- **Tuesday:** Parents Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. – Inside out day! – Wear your clothes inside out.
- **Wednesday:** Field Day (Twos, Threes and Fours) 11:00 a.m. to noon – Sports day! - Wear your favorite sports team shirt
- **Thursday:** Picnic 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. – Shades day! – Wear your coolest sunglasses.
- **Friday:** Movie Day (Twos, Threes and Fours) 10:30 to 12:00 a.m. – Pajama Day! – Wear your favorite pjs.

First Baptist Day School has 20 early childhood professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs.

We welcome everyone to all these events that help promote awareness of the needs of young children.

We hope to see everyone at all these fun events.

First Baptist Day School Staff



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## Offering Bearers for April

Apr. 3: Grace Ward and  
Olivia Hankins

Apr. 10: Claire Pellegrin and  
Jo Lynn Tyner

Apr. 17: Noah Sewell and  
Carson Wright

Apr. 23: Ben and  
Nathan Payson

## Youth Auction May 1

Don't miss the youth auction! The church has shown us great support the past two years and we appreciate the attendance and energy. So we are gearing back up again for May 1st following church. Come for a spaghetti meal, LIVE auction, and silent auction. All funds raised goes to help the youth follow through will various ministries.

## Youth Auction Preparation Day

Youth and youth parents! Please mark **Saturday, April 30** as an important day on your calendar as we prepare for the next day's event. We will find a time that is best for everyone so stay tuned!

## Pilates Class

Join us Wednesdays through May 25 for Pilates 7:15-8:15 p.m. in the Racquetball Court. Cost is \$10 per class and you must register for four classes. Bring your mat. Childcare is available for a small fee. Sign up sheets available at the church. For more information contact Kelley Hankins: [kelly-hankins@aol.com](mailto:kelly-hankins@aol.com)

## Youth Bible Studies in April

Here is our Bible Study Schedule for April:

- *Girls Youth Bible Study on April 3*

Fun, food, and meaningful Bible study can be expected at the monthly Girls' Bible Study at Jennie Weaver's home. Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

- *Boys Youth Bible Study on April 10*

The boys will gather at the home of Mike and Glenna Ward for their monthly Bible study. Join us for great discussion and food at 6 p.m.

- *Coed Bible Study on April 17*

Our discussions continue on topics such as life decisions, wisdom, and God's will. This monthly gathering is at the Stein home and begins at 6 p.m.

Youth Bible Study



## Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 1

It's Pandamonium at the church! Mark your calendar and tell your friends. There will be Bible stories, mission stories, crafts, snacks, recreation, and a daily visit from a familiar-looking "zookeeper." We begin each morning at 9 a.m. and end at noon. VBS is offered for preschool age to 6th grade. Look for a sign up sheet in the coming weeks.

## Help Needed! Vacation Bible School!

We are always in need of your good work with children during Vacation Bible School! If you have the week available then please notify **Tiffany** or **Richard Wright**. However, if you can only give a morning or even a couple of hours, believe it or not, there is a place for you. So come share your week with us or donate just a couple of hours in story time. We need you and the 100+ children would love to see you again! Again, VBS is from June 27 to July 1.

## Looking Ahead. . .

### Mission Serve for Youth

We are traveling to Jackson, MI from July 9 to 17. We will work on houses, worship with other youth, and sleep well on classroom floors after a hard day on the job site. It truly is a great time!

**YOUTH  
WORK**  
Mission Serve

### Passport Kids! July 23 – 26

This year we will travel to Crossville, TN. It is a wonderful location that includes great cabins, a lake, canoeing, missions education, Bible studies, worship, and crafts. Don't miss this good time together! Open to all completed 3rd through 6th graders.



## **MJMRC Library Corner**

### **Children's Books**

- *17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore* by Jenny Offill
- *Fancy Nancy Poet Extraordinaire* by Jane O'Connor
- *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert
- *My Garden* by Kevin Henkes
- *A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements
- *Father and Son* by Denize Lauture

### **Adult's Books**

- *The Thorn* by Beverly Lewis
- *Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury
- *Well Wishes* by Ann Marie Rogers
- *Daily Seeds* by Ben Moody
- *Going Places* by E. D. Hill