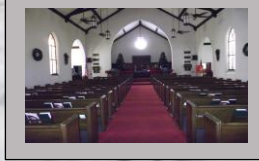


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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First Things First...

He Is Risen!

***“From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
Matthew 16:21***

And it all came down to this: *“When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem”* (Luke 9:51). This was the time for which Jesus was born, the purpose for which He came from heaven to earth. He was moving toward Jerusalem to offer Himself as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world; He was fulfilling His mission of redemption for you and me. The importance of the events occurring in the last week of Jesus’ life can be deduced from the Gospels of the New Testament. Jesus lived about thirty-three years and his public ministry lasted approximately three years. His “biography” is presented in the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These four accounts of Jesus’ life consist of 3,780 verses of which 1,216 relate to Holy Week. The final week of His life, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection, comprises 32% of the Gospel narrative. If these events are so important that relating them encompasses one-third of the first four books of the New Testament, then we should pay close attention to them.

Collectively, the Gospel writers’ reports are called the “Passion History of Christ.” As is true of many Biblical words, the “Passion” of Christ often is misunderstood in today’s culture. Modern usage of the word indicates a powerful or intense emotion. While Jesus was intensely motivated to fulfill His mission, His Passion refers to the suffering He endured in our stead. His Passion paid the price for our redemption from the wrath of God. It was necessary as ransom for fallen humanity to be released from the penalty for sin. How beautiful and appropriate that the Christ of God would be the sacrifice for sin during the Passover, the fulfillment of that Feast’s typology and symbolism. He gave repeated warnings to His disciples that He would suffer and die. What assurance this offering of the Anointed One gives as all the prophecies regarding the Messiah become reality. The Gospel writers relay the depth and height and breadth of God’s love portrayed in The Passion of Christ.

This is the vital truth of that Passion: God’s powerful and intensive love for you enabled Jesus to fulfill His mission. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He lives and intercedes for you. He is coming soon to judge the world in righteousness. He will take you to be with Him forever because:

You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of

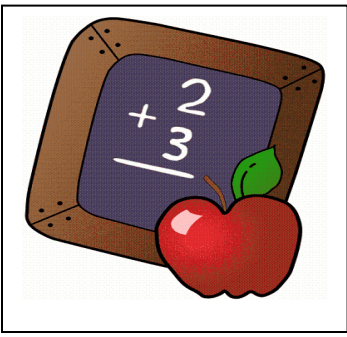
disobedience – among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind and were by nature children of wrath like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not a result of works so that no one may boast (Ephesians 2:1-9).

May the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ guide your celebration of His Passion and Resurrection!
Pastor Grier

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**BIBLE READING SCHEDULE
APRIL 2021**

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	Acts 23	16	1 Chronicles 10
2	Acts 24	17	1 Chronicles 11
3	Acts 25	18	1 Chronicles 12
4	Acts 26	19	1 Chronicles 13
5	Acts 27	20	1 Chronicles 14
6	Acts 28	21	Romans 1
7	1 Chronicles 1	22	Romans 2
8	1 Chronicles 2	23	Romans 3
9	1 Chronicles 3	24	Romans 4
10	1 Chronicles 4	25	Romans 5
11	1 Chronicles 5	26	Romans 6
12	1 Chronicles 6	27	Romans 7
13	1 Chronicles 7	28	Romans 8
14	1 Chronicles 8	29	1 Chronicles 15
15	1 Chronicles 9	30	1 Chronicles 16



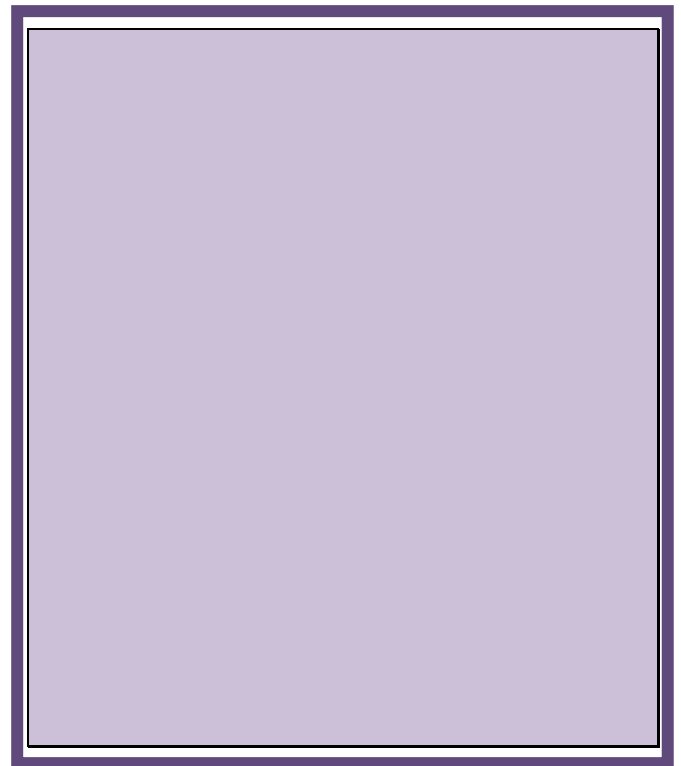
First School And Day Care

The First School has 96 children currently and children due to come off of the wait list. Spring is here and we will be planting flowers and plants as well as having our Easter egg hunt!

Also, we will be gearing up for our Prekindergarten graduation and the Preschool end of the year program!! Stay tuned for the date in May!

Thank you for all of your continued prayers and support!!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
First School Director



**First School Board Meeting -
Tuesday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m.**

APRIL READINGS

- 04/04 Psalm 32:6-11; Isaiah 53:8-12, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 20:1-19
- 04/11 Psalm 33:1-5; Genesis 32:6-12, Acts 21:15-25, Matthew 20:20-28
- 04/18 Psalm 33:6-12; Genesis 32:13-21, Acts 21:26-36, Matthew 20:29-34
- 04/25 Psalm 33:13-17; Genesis 32:22-32, Acts 21:37-22:2, Matthew 21:1-11



- 04/12 Emma Moulden
- 04/12 Ivan Rodriguez
- 04/14 Sheila Herrington
- 04/18 Angelina Tijerina
- 04/20 Calvin Borak
- 04/26 Benjamin Hernandez
- 04/28 Gabriella Tijerina



- Our FLC Family**
- Dorothy Atchetee
 - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
 - Charles Bard
 - Ron Chambles
 - Lynda Christenberry
 - James & Sheila Herrington
 - Nora Hollingsworth
 - Boogie & Marilyn Kight
 - Kim & Larry Ledwig
 - John Nelson
 - Odis Newton
 - Ruth Speckels
 - Charlotte Watson
 - Family of Larry Young

- Friends of FLC**
- Tracy Morton
 - Kim Walker
 - Dustin Chudalla



- 04/02 Helen Johnson
- 04/10 Doug Mathews
- 04/11 John Nelson
- 04/20 Cindy Mathews
- 04/22 James Stewart
- 04/28 Haley Orsak

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



**PRAY FOR OUR
LOVED ONES
IN THE MILITARY**

Jake Barosh

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



- 04/19 Calvin & Nora Borak



OR



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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 15th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

A Prayer for Easter

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

--- LBW, page 20-21



Supplemental reading for Holy Week:

Sunday, March 28	John 12:12-13:20
Monday, March 29	John 13:21-14:14
Tuesday, March 30	John 14:15-15:17
Wednesday, March 31	John 15:18-16:24
Thursday, April 1	John 16:25-17:26
Friday, April 2	John 18:1-40
Saturday, April 3	John 19:1-42
Sunday, April 4	John 20:1-29

WOMEN OF THE WORD MEETING

Monday, April 5th
5:00 p.m.

WOW Food Drive
Sunday, April 4th

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our Manna Meals Team will serve on
Thursday, April 15th.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

March 28, Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
On Course for Glory

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1, 6:30 p.m. (John 6:24-40)
He IS the Bread of Life

Good Friday Service

April 2, 12:15 p.m. (John 19:38-42)
That You May Believe

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

April 4, Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
The Power of the Resurrection



April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30PM	2 Good Friday Service 12:15PM	3
4 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	5 WOW Meeting 5PM	6	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday School Worship Service 10:45 AM	12	13 FS Board Meeting 5PM Newsletter Items Due	14	15 Church Council Meeting 6PM FLCEC Team serves @ Manna Meals	16	17
18 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	26	27	28	29	30	

April Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Kirk House
SEXTON: Jimmy Nielsen
USHERS: Kirk House, Will Joines
ALTAR GUILD: Jan Nelson & Kathleen Joines

ACOLYTES

4th
11th
18th
25th

READER

Helen Johnson
Ty Schoenfield
Kirk Marek
Ted Schoenfield

If you are unable to serve on your date,
please find someone to take your place.



APRIL FLOWER CALENDAR

4th Open
11th Open
18th Open
25th Open

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**Join us for worship
on Sunday mornings!**

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.