

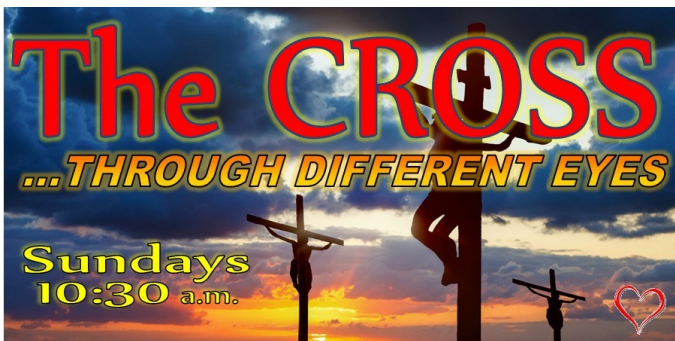
## From the Pastor ...



This month we celebrate Easter, also known as Resurrection Day. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith.

*If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. (1 Corinthians 15:14, 17-19)*

While hunting eggs left by bunnies, chocolate, jelly beans, and new Easter clothes are a fun part of Easter, Jesus is the main focus.



Imagine for a moment, though, what that terrible day was like for others who witnessed it. What was the journey to the cross like from the eyes of...

- The disciples in Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested?
- Judas as he betrayed Jesus?
- The Jewish courts involving Anna, Caiphas, and the Sanhedrin?
- The Roman politicians Pontius Pilate and Herod Antipas?
- The murderous thief, Barabbas?
- The Roman soldiers?
- The crowd?
- Simon and the two thieves on the crosses?
- Jesus Himself?
- Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them after the resurrection?
- The disciples after the resurrection?

I will preach about the cross through the eyes of Barabbas at Wesleyan Methodist Church at noon on Wednesday, April 2.

I will preach about the cross through the eyes of Simon and the thieves at our Maundy Thursday service, April 17, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel! We will celebrate communion this night.

The Sunday following Maundy Thursday is, of course, EASTER. Invite someone you know who does not attend any church regularly.

As you know by now, the last Sunday in October will be the Sunday we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let's pray not only for that day to be a high attendance day, but all the Sundays leading up to it!



## North American Missions

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions will be collected during April. One hundred percent of gifts given go to support more than 2,400 missionary families serving across the US and Canada. FBC goal is \$1,500.00. For more information, go to [Anniearmstrong.com](http://Anniearmstrong.com).



## Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

Easter is just around the corner! This is

such a special time to celebrate the hope we have in Jesus.

Our Easter service is coming up on Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 AM, and we're getting ready with some powerful music to help lead our church in worship. The choir is working on a beautiful medley, and we'd love to have some new voices join us for this season!

You don't have to be a professional singer—just someone who loves Jesus and wants to help lead others in worship. We practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, and it's a great time of fellowship, fun, and singing together.

If you've ever thought about joining the choir, now's a great time to jump in. Let's make this Easter one to remember!

In Christ,

Sterling

## How Can I Give to FBC?

- Place your offering in the offering plate
- Give on our website on the "online giving" tab
- Bring it to the Church office
- Text the word "BeCheerful" to 73-256
- Place it in the locked mailbox next to the office

## Financial Report

The giving results (financial year to date):

Actual Giving: \$262,842.78

Actual Expenses: \$317,300.40

## Church Office Information

Office hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm

(lunch 12:30-1:30pm)

Friday 8am-12noon

Phone: 843-332-6571

## April Events

### Weekly Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

9:15am Small Groups

10:30am Worship Service

#### **Tuesday:**

12:00pm Prayer for Revitalization

#### **Wednesday:**

10:00 Prayer in the Prayer Room

12:00 Lunch, Prayer, and Devotions (starting back on April 23)

6:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Kids Children's Ministry, Impact Student Ministry, Small Groups for Adults: Parents' Group in Room 201, Membership class in Room

212, New Testament topics in the Conference room

7:30pm Choir practice

8:00pm Ladies' Zoom Group (every other week)

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First Baptist will volunteer at **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, April 10. If you would like to help with this community ministry, please contact the Church office.

**Revitalization meeting** - Saturday, April 12 from 10am-12noon.

**Grateful Hearts Luncheon** will be on Thursday, April 17. We will attend the First Baptist Preschool Spring concert at 10:30, followed by lunch. Cost: \$9. *Please call by 12noon on Tuesday, April 15 to sign up.*

**Maundy Thursday** service will be on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

The **Church office** will be closed on Good Friday, April 18.

**Baby and Child Dedication** - Sunday, April 27. If you would like to dedicate your child, please talk with Pastor Greg or call the Church office.

## Community Lenten Services

Community Lenten Worship services will be held on Wednesdays through April 16 at 12noon. Each host church will have a guest preacher for the service, and the service will be followed by a light luncheon.

Schedule:

April 2—Wesley UMC, 145 E. College Ave.

April 9—West Hartsville Baptist, 1003 W. Carolina Ave.

April 16—St. Luke Methodist, 302 Dunlap Dr.

## Easter Lilies

We have ordered Easter lilies to decorate the Church sanctuary for Easter. Please call the Church office to order a lily in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The cost is \$20.00.



## *April Birthdays*

4-5 Miranda Averill  
4-6 Maxie Cantley  
4-6 Wanda Howle  
4-7 Christopher MacDonald  
4-12 Randy McPherson  
4-15 Brooke Moody Goss  
4-16 Jordan Tomlinson  
4-18 Renee Smitt  
4-22 Scott Gupton Sr.  
4-25 Chad Fink  
4-26 Lauren Wint  
4-27 Debbie Fink  
4-29 Linda Britt  
4-29 Diane DeLucia  
4-29 Brandy Johnson  
4-30 Gloria Atkinson

### ***Happy Birthday!***

If we have accidentally missed your birthday  
or have the date wrong, please let the  
Church office know.

## *With Sympathy*

Our hearts go out to:

- the family of Cindy Harrell, FBC member since 1966
- the family of Jewell Newsom, FBC member since 1970



## *FBC on Social Media*

Website: [firstbaptisthartsville.org](http://firstbaptisthartsville.org)

Facebook: First Baptist Church Hartsville

YouTube: FBC Hartsville SC

## *FBC Staff*

Dr. Greg Boyd: Pastor

[greg@firstbaptisthartsville.org](mailto:greg@firstbaptisthartsville.org)

Sterling Dyar: Worship Leader

Logan Fink: Volunteer Drummer

Crystal Hopkins: Financial Secretary

[crystal@firstbaptisthartsville.org](mailto:crystal@firstbaptisthartsville.org)

Chad Hulsey: Volunteer Sound technician

Ruth Kilgore: Administrative Secretary

[ruth@firstbaptisthartsville.org](mailto:ruth@firstbaptisthartsville.org)

Jessica Kuykendall: Preschool Director

Jackie Ponder: Volunteer Student Director

Rachel Phillips: Volunteer Media technician

Jim Privette: Volunteer Church Administrator

Vivian Robinson: Custodian

Tucker Smith: Organist and Pianist

Lauren Wint: Children's Director

## *Child and Family Resources*

Hello Church Family!

Did you know we have an organization on the FBC campus that provides connections and resources for our community's children and their families? Each month, I'll share details about the Child & Family Resource Foundation (CFRF) and ways you can help!

CFRF provides hope and healing for children and families by connecting them to critical resources. Empowering families to heal from grief, trauma, and loss is key to children's success!

One of their key programs, All Seasons Healing Hearts Camp, will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help. Please contact CFRF at 843-917-0495. In our congregation, you can reach out to Tracy Redfearn or me with questions.

Best,

Diane DeLucia



## Impact Student Ministry



Dear Church Family,

Wow! We are already one third of the way through the year. We consistently have 14-15 youth on Wednesday night. It is great to see all the activity going on in and around the Chapel. We are currently going through a series on how Jesus' life and death impacted humanity.

We have several youth whose families do not attend our services on Sunday morning. If you are looking for an opportunity to invite others to join us, you can come at 5:45 and/or 7:10 and meet these families as they drop off their youth and get to know them and invite them to join us.

Each week we feed the youth pizza and subs. If you would like to come and just help with the food, please let me know, we could use your help. Make sure you do not have phonophobia (fear of loud or unwarranted noises) or kinetophobia (fear of motion) because these youth are noisy and active. Just kidding, they are manageable but they are active! They keep this old man young! The first person to let me know they read this I will give them twenty dollars.

Thank you to all the helpers on Wednesday night. We have 6 workers; all of whom teach or help lead a small group. They all also help with activities and monitoring.

In Christ's love,  
Jackie Ponder

## 1st Kids Children's Ministry



Dear Church Family,

I have seen such an abundance of God's love and grace in this ministry recently — from Heather stepping up to helping with nursery scheduling, to new volunteers coming forward, to new children showing up this past Wednesday. We are averaging about 15-17 kids on Wednesday now which is great!

We are planning our summer camp, and I would love to have you all come alongside and see how you can help. We need people to pray, we need security, food service...all sorts of roles! Let me know if you have a desire to help.

As always, I appreciate all of your support and prayer for this ministry. I hope God will continue to bless FBC Hartsville, and that we will grow, not only our church, but the Kingdom of God at large.

In Love,  
Ms. Lauren

## First Baptist Preschool



Dear Church Family,

Spring is blooming, and our preschool is buzzing! We're thrilled to share the latest updates from our preschool ministry!

### Upcoming Special Events

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Date:** Monday, April 16

**Volunteer Opportunity:** We need help hiding eggs! **Contact:** Jessica Kuykendall at 843-878-0445  
*If you're willing to help make our egg hunt magical, please reach out to Jessica!*

#### **Spring Concert**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 17 @ 10:30

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **Good Friday:** Closed on April 18
- **Spring Break:** April 21-25 (Preschool Closed)

### Classroom Highlights

Our students have been busy exploring spring themes, learning about growth, nature, and new beginnings. From planting seeds to creating beautiful spring crafts, our classrooms are full of wonder and discovery.

We want to extend a special thank you to all our volunteers who make our preschool such a special place. Your prayers, donations, and love make a tremendous difference in the lives of our kiddos.

### Prayer Request

As we celebrate the season of renewal, we lift up our preschool family in prayer. May God continue to bless our children, teachers, and families with His love and guidance.

Blessings,

First Baptist Preschool Staff

## Let Us Know

### **Please Contact the Church Office:**

- If you are scheduling a meeting, to make sure that the date, location, and time are open on the calendar
- If your address, email, or telephone number has changed
- If you have updates for the Prayer List