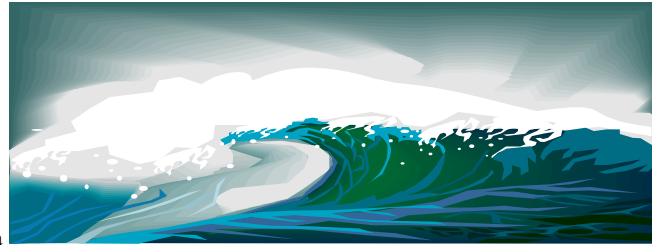




The *April 2021*  
Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



As this month's Anchor arrives, our church is in the middle of Holy Week, and Resurrection Sunday is fast approaching. For many of us, Easter Sunday will mark our official return to the church building. At this time, the State continues to have a mask mandate for public buildings. We are still adhering to those recommendations as we have done from the beginning. We do anticipate that this mandate will soon become a recommendation. When it does become a recommendation and not part of an Executive Order, the church will follow suit. In the meantime, more and more people are becoming vaccinated and that applies to many of our loved ones in our church. However, not all in our church will be vaccinated. While there is a division among the citizens of our nation about the need for a vaccine, we do not want that issue to become a divisive issue in our church. Let us all agree those decisions whether or not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as a personal decision that is best between the individual and their doctors, as we do other medical decisions in our families. We certainly want to be a loving church and not one that treats people as lepers for not getting vaccinated. I do share with you that our family made the choice to receive our vaccinations.

I want to thank the Deacons for hosting the annual Deacon Dinner a couple of weeks ago. We had a wonderful time. It was great having a nice crowd eating together in the sanctuary. Special thanks to the deacons Kevin Woods, Jon Moore, Richard Massey, Danny Dzierzanski, Ben Mize and Gary Balsler for serving up a great meal of Baked Steak. They plated all of the food to keep everyone safe. We had 20 take-out meals too, which we were excited about. Everyone agreed that we have missed being with everyone and the evening "simply felt good." During the meeting Chairman Kevin Woods commended the church for their love and support over the last year which was challenging for everyone. Kevin also recognized the Matt and Kristi King family as one of the newest families attending our church over the last year. Their son Landon will be baptized during the Easter Sunday service.

Moreover, I am pleased to announce that we are now resuming in-person Sunday School. As such, I want to thank Sandy Confer, our Sunday School superintendent for working so hard over the last few weeks getting things together for our classes to resume. If you feel uncomfortable with attending, please let Sandy know and we will see if we can arrange to have someone join the class via phone. You would simply call someone's cell phone in that class and be placed on speakerphone. You'll be on mute, but that will allow you to join from home. As far as the children, we will do our best to keep them out of each other's faces. The mask mandate does not apply to children up to age 9, however as a parent, you may want your child to wear a mask. We have resumed God's Cadets. While we won't meet Easter Sunday night, we are off to a great start and I look forward to working with these little ones the following week. Parents, you are welcome to attend with your little ones if you would like. I want you to see how we are keeping them safe. For those parents interested, you can drop your little ones (up through grade 5) with me, and then head on upstairs to the 18-35 age adult group session held on Sunday nights.

Lastly, I want to extend an invitation for everyone to join us for our first Easter Egg Coloring and Contest Night on Good Friday. This event is open to all families. You can come as an individual or family. All ages are welcome. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Friday, April 2 at 6 p.m. We will provide you with a dozen eggs and the coloring materials. All we ask is that you let us know you are planning on attending so we can have enough materials. You can bring more eggs if you want. You'll take them home at the end of the night. There will be one contest to decorate/create an egg as "The Pastor Lookalike. The winner's egg will be on display in the pulpit during our Sunday morning Easter Service.

I will end this month's article with some of my favorite Scripture regarding Resurrection Sunday. We have hope because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luke 24:6-7 says *"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"* First Peter 1:3 says, *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."* This means that you and I have a new life, when we receive Jesus as our Savior. This is further hailed by Second Corinthians 5:17 that reads *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

**He is risen!** Praise be to God, that Jesus lives. Because He lives, we live. Because of the resurrection, we will never die spiritually. These old bodies may give out, but when it does, God will give us a new one in the resurrection. This new body will be perfect in every way. Let us all strive to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Let us love Him more today than yesterday. Let us praise Him more today than yesterday, because He is so worthy. I rejoice in this season with you and I'll try to limit my Cadbury Eggs and Peeps this year. I so look forward to seeing you all back in church really soon. If you are unable to attend in person, then please join us online or on Zoom. God bless you!

In His Service,

*Pastor Toby Wagoner*

**Happy Easter!**





Greetings everyone! We are so excited to be getting back to normal! Our average attendance since last month was 13. One Wednesday we even had 18! It's great to be with the kids again.

We had 8 youth come out with their families to Meet the Deacon Dinner. Many thanks to the deacons for not just feeding us, but also for caring for us.

We are still meeting every Wednesday at Tudor's and doing our Bible studies. Soon, as the weather allows and temperatures warm up, we will be meeting on Sundays by bonfire and have more outside activities.

I'm looking forward to having things for the youth to do and we are planning some outreach projects to help those in the church. Please encourage your kids, grandkids, neighborhood kids, friends' kids and all to come out and join our group. Learning about Jesus and saving souls is what we are here for.

Thanks to all for your support of the FBC youth group.



In His service,  
*Ann*

# We Are Back!!

After more than a year, we are so excited to announce that Sunday School will resume on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:30.

Classes will be available for all ages!

- Primary Class with Miss Connie
- Middlers (Grade School) with Miss Leanne
- Junior High with Miss Dena
- Senior High with Miss Kathy
- Adults with Alan
- Women's Class with Miss Susan
- Omega with Miss Marie\* (*Omega will continue if the members are comfortable in coming*)

Be sure to bring the kiddos and stay to enjoy the exciting stories of Jesus. Some surprises are in the works for the little ones.

Are you new to the church? No problem. We can show you around to find the best place for each member of your family.


Sunday School is the greatest place to learn the deep stories of the Bible. The Word of God has suspense and mystery, excitement, battles, healing, love stories, and Salvation.

Plan today to join us on Easter Sunday at 9:30.

***We'll keep the light on!***



We are **EGG**-cited about this!



**Family Easter Egg  
Coloring and Contest**

***Fri. April 2 @ 6 PM***



**Easter Egg Hunt  
after Worship**  
***Easter Sunday, April 4***

# YOUNG ADULTS 18 - 35ish

You're Invited---Anytime!!!!  
NEW MEETING TIMES AND PLANS

Beginning March 28—Meet each Sunday evening from 6:30-7:30 for a devotional and special activity (this week we will be stuffing Easter eggs to help with the children's egg hunt)

Beginning April 4- EASTER- we will meet each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 for Bible Study and a special time together with other Young Adults. (\*We will not be meeting the evening of April 4—Enjoy Easter with your family)

Come Join Us Anytime- Invite a friend!



*We filled a total of  
365 eggs for the Easter  
Egg Hunt on Sunday!*

*Can't wait to see the  
kids having fun!*





# Praise the Lord!



Praising Jesus with palm branches on Palm Sunday.

54 men, women and children came out to send praises to God and worship on Palm Sunday.

The sun was brilliant and hearts were filled with love for the Lord.

Many thanks to Helen Johnson and Geraldine Wright for the beautifully decorated sanctuary.



*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

Zechariah 9:9

### Plans for the Future



Philip Lyons let the church know his plans for the future. He will be joining the Army National Guard this summer.

During his senior year, he will continue with the guard then join ROTC in college. Keep Philip and all our youth in prayer as they make important decisions about their future.

### Sunday School Returns!



Sandy Confer, Sunday School Superintendent, distributed a “map of Holy Week” to all who attended on Palm Sunday.

We will resume Sunday School on April 4 at 9:30 - Easter Morning.

All are invited to come.



### Answering Prayers

FBC was blessed to be able to meet Miss Evelyn ‘Evy’ Sailors on March 7.

Evy has been in First Baptist prayers since before her birth. To be able to see this beautiful toddler in her mother’s arms was a real blessing to everyone.

Her parents Kristin and Chuck gave glory and thanks to God for responding to all the prayers people sent up for Evy.



## Cheesy Time at God's Cadets!



FBC kids and Pastor Toby had a great time starting back in God's Cadets.

Cooking, eating and learning about the first Palm Sunday, everyone had a blast!

God's Cadets' next meeting will be April 11 at 6:30.

All kiddos preschool to 5th grade are welcome to come!

# Meet the Deacons



For our first gathering back after the pandemic, the congregation was treated to a scrumptious meal provided and served by the Deacons of the church.

Over 50 people were together at last to share in fellowship and meet their deacon. They also served 20 to-go meals to some who weren't comfortable or able to come in to the meal.

Thanks to Kevin Woods, Richard Massey, Ben Mize, Jon Moore and Danny Dzierzanski for their leadership and caring hearts.







**Yummy Food!**







# Love and Hugs!





# Out with the Old



Trustee Wayne Fridley works on removing the old baptistery heater to prepare for the installation of the new one.

The old one “gave up the ghost” after over 50 years of service.

The trustees are working to replace the works in time for the baptism on Easter Sunday morning.



Tell me the stories of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the stories most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,  
Writhing in anguish and pain;  
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,  
Tell how He liveth again.

- Fanny Crosby



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee has met each month since the beginning of the year and has discussed several important issues as we look at how we are managing the resources the Lord has given us at First Baptist Church. First of all, we Praise Him for the blessings of the year! As we reflected on our concerns at this time last year when COVID was beginning, the uncertainty was a bit scary. But it has been a privilege to watch the Lord work through His people and continue to see needs met. In addition, we had some major issues with the furnaces. But, God has been good as He has worked through His people to meet the needs as we face them. We continue to add to the Building Fund (roof) each month and currently have over \$42,000 in that account.

As we try to manage and spend funds wisely, **we depend on prayer and participation.** We appreciate the prayers of everyone as we try to reach a major goal at the end of this year to be fully operational in a reality budget. This means that if monies are allocated for a group, they will be available for expenditure as needed. And monies allocated for specifics (such as Memorials and programs) are intact. We also want to continue to pay our current expenses in a timely fashion. Everyone can participate in two main ways by:

Giving as the Lord leads

Spending funds in your charge wisely

The Finance Committee puts in many hours of discussion and work to do the best job they can. We often have varying viewpoints on expenditures just as many in the church do. We are grateful for an atmosphere to express viewpoints openly. We continue to be prayerful to allow the Lord to work among us and in the end we be of one accord.

Special thanks to the committee for their continual work: Connie Staats, Kevin Woods, Gary Balser, Jane Moore, John Stephenson, Phyllis Massey, Toby Wagoner and Jo Hendricks. Each Board in the church has a representative on the committee. If you have questions about your accounts or expenditures, you can talk to your rep or contact Jo. The next meeting will be our First Quarter Business meeting on Wednesday, April 14.

**Saturday, April 10**  
**Happy National Siblings Day**

**Focus on Sunday School:**



**There it is!**

**The open tomb. The stone has been moved away. The napkin is folded. But where is HE!**

**Jesus was buried in the tomb. There were Roman soldiers guarding it. Surely no one stole His body! But what happened?**

**The women went to the tomb to finish the burial preparations. But Jesus was no longer there. They were sad and concerned. What happened to Jesus? There were no soldiers to ask. They were gone too.**

**Then, something miraculous happened! There He was, but not dead and buried.**

**Thank you, Jesus, for all you have done.  
Thank you, Jesus, for dying.  
Thank you, Jesus, for defeating death and living!**

**Jesus is alive! Hallelujah! Now we believe!**

**April Birthdays**



**Xavier Donahue—4/7  
Michael Casto—4/9  
Kyle Hickman—4/10  
Debbie Legg—4/14  
Violet Donahue—4/15  
Melissa Raynes—4/17  
Brent Ritchie—4/18  
Don Raynes—4/19  
Jennie Wise—4/22  
Jesse Mize—4/24  
Aaron Bennett—4/28  
Richard Massey—4/28**

**Is your birthday name missing? Tell Susan**

**Bible Book of the Month  
April 2021**

**Zechariah**



**April Calendar**

- Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Service**
- Apr 2 Good Friday; Easter Egg Decorating**
- Apr 4 Sunday School Resumes at 9:30 am**
- Apr 4 HAPPY EASTER; Children's Easter Egg Hunt**
- Apr 6 Trustee Meeting**
- Apr 7 First Quarter Reports are due in the office**
- Apr 8 Deaconess Meeting**
- Apr 12 BOCE**
- Apr 13 Men's Fellowship**
- Apr 14 First Quarter Business Meeting**
- Apr 15 CIRCLE**
- Apr 16-17 Kites and Rockets!**
- Apr 19 Deacon's Meeting**
- Apr 20 Financial Committee**
- Apr 23 Movie night**
- Apr 26 VBS Meeting**

**CommUnity Kitchen**

- April 3 NO CK (Easter)**
- April 10 FUMC**
- April 17 Men's Fellowship**
- April 24 Kay Pursley**

## CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Wayne & Pam Legg, Joshua, Samantha, Victoria	2 Tom & Susan Lookabaugh	3 Burt & Debbie Lyons, Phillip
4 Greg & Rhonda Lyons, Libby, Cameron, Kyle	5 Peg Lyons	6 Talia Martinez	7 Richard & Phyllis Massey	8 Robert McCauley	9 Bradley & Donna McCoy	10 Fred & Robin McGoskey
11 Adam McGoskey, Taylor	12 Seth & Lauren McGoskey, Kian, Cole, Tyler, Hadleigh	13 Theresa McKown	14 Cassandra McKown	15 Carolyn Mellinger	16 Ross & April Mellinger, Katie, Logan, Peyton	17 Don & Phyllis Michael
18 Daryl & Roberta Miller	19 Sue Miller	20 Ben & Christie Mize	21 Jesse & Macie Mize	22 Joshua Mize	23 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter	24 Jon & Jane Moore
25 Eugene & Jessica Morgan, Aiden, Jazalyn	26 Rick & Cathy Murray	27 Richelle Murray, Jacob, Scout	28 Nikki Nicholson, Allana Reece	<b>29 Megan Noble, Brody</b>	30 Jesse & Holly Nowry	

