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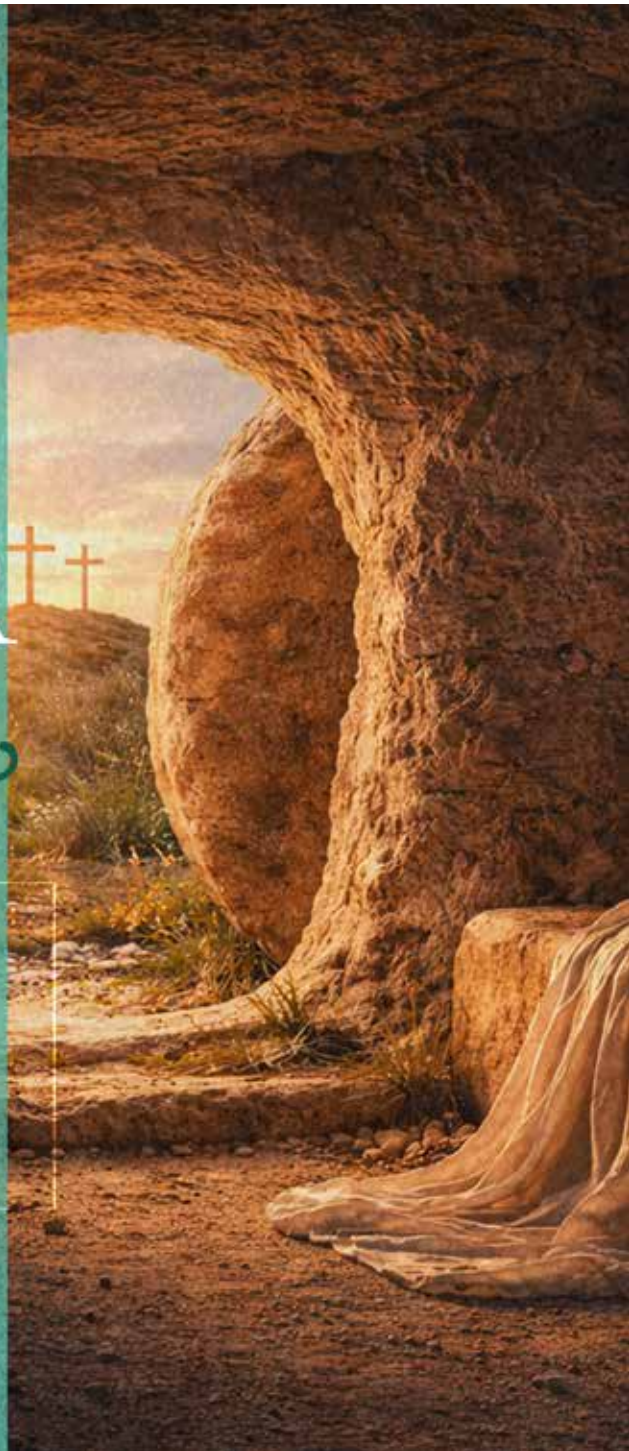
April 5, 2026



JOIN US
for
EASTER
Sunday
April 5

He is
Risen!

Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Childcare provided
for both services
***No Evening Activities**



From the Pastor's Desk

What a great weekend for our church! The Lord blessed us with many good things to celebrate as we see His hand at work in our fellowship. Let me share with you a few things for which to give thanks to the Lord this week.

First, our church was the host site for this year's county-wide DNOW Weekend. Over 200 middle school students, high school students and adult leaders gathered here on Friday and Saturday to worship, fellowship and receive instruction from God's Word. We are grateful for the leadership of Stephen Burns, our student ministry team and other youth leaders for their hard work planning and leading this weekend. We are also thankful for our kitchen staff that prepared and served lunch on Saturday for the entire group, as well as our security team, audio-visual volunteers and custodial staff who served throughout the weekend.

Second, I want to express a special thank you to Tammi Bennett and our fellowship team for providing an excellent environment for our quarterly Sunday School fellowship. The decorations were beautiful, the food was wonderful and the time of fellowship with the Nelson family was a good start to a great day.

Third, we give thanks to the Lord for our time of worship on Sunday morning. We were blessed by the large gathering of students and guests, as well as the music shared by our children's choir and adult choir. The Lord spoke to us through Bryan's message challenging us to make known Jesus's worth by growing and going. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Finally, we thank the Lord for His guidance during the executive pastor search process. What a joy to gather on Sunday evening and unanimously call Bryan Nelson to be our next executive pastor! We look forward to his family making the transition to Paris in June, and we commit to pray for them as they conclude their ministry in North Carolina. Again, a special thank you to the search committee: Ed Brazelton, Jeff Atkins, Tanner Beasley, Robyn Dossett, Frances Linsman and Roger Veazey.

I hope you are praying and planning to gather with us this Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Be sure to review the adjusted schedule included in this newsletter. Come, let us worship the King of kings and Lord of lords! See you Sunday.

In Christ,
Bro. Trent



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Submission deadline
for the next issue is
Monday, April 6, 2026

Quarterly Deacons Meeting

Sunday, April 12
4:30 p.m.
Puckett Classroom

Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, April 19
5 p.m.
Orr Fellowship Hall

Parent/Child Dedication

Dedicating a child to the Lord is a way to acknowledge God's sovereignty not only over the child, but also Mom and Dad. Parents present their child before God and His people asking for grace and wisdom in carrying out their responsibilities. Parents also come praying that their child might one day trust Jesus Christ as Savior for the forgiveness of sin.

In these most joyful moments, we as the church have the privilege of joining with Christian parents to express our full appreciation to God through the dedication of the gift of children. On Sunday, April 19, during the worship service, we will be participating in a time of Parent/Child Dedication. We are inviting parents who are members of First Baptist Church to be a part of this special time. Please contact Ms. Angela to let her know of your interest in participating and to receive specific details and information for dedication participation by Sunday, April 5.



During the month of April, the church office will begin preparing the deacon nomination list for the upcoming deacon selection process. The list will include the names of all men 25 years of age or older who have been resident members of the church for at least one year prior to June 1. Any man who does not wish for his name to appear on the nomination list may request that it be removed from consideration prior to publication by contacting the church office. A list of men who wish to remain off the deacon nomination list is not kept in the church office from year to year. You must contact the church office in order to take your name off for the current deacon selection process. **The last day to request a name be removed from the nomination list is Thursday, April 30.**



VBS Volunteers Needed!

You can be a part of Illumination Station - the brightest week of the summer - June 1-5 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. See Ms. Angela to learn how you can help kids answer the same question Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" A VBS workers meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 26.

This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, April 5 (Easter Sunday)

- 7:30 Prayer Time
- 8:30 Morning Worship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- No Evening Activities**

WEDNESDAY, April 8

- 5:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:45 Adult Equipping Centers; Children's Choirs; Youth-The LOFT
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice

SUNDAY, April 12

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship
- 1:00 Wedding Shower for Bentley Gordon/Garrison Irby
- 4:30 Quarterly Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 Adult, Student & Children's Discipleship Groups

MONDAY, April 13

- 5:30 Budget Planning/Finance Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 15

- 5:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:45 Adult Equipping Centers; Children's Choirs; Youth-The LOFT
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY, April 16

- 5:30 Biblical Counseling Ministry Team Meeting



LLL Meeting

Monday, April 20
11 a.m. • Orr Hall

Program:

Dr. Scott Shepherd &
The Bethel Bluegrass Band
***Reservations are requested
by Friday, April 17**

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313 N Poplar Street
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*One Block North
of the Court Square*

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m.



Sunday, April 5

Resurrection Day!

Luke 24:1-12

Dr. Trent Bullock



OCC Items for April
Toothbrushes

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

March 29, 2026

Worship Attendance 508
Sunday School Attendance .. 360
Budget Required \$29,206.83
Budget Received \$24,433.15
Other Designated \$1,076.67
Total \$25,509.82



FBC Goal: \$15,000

Received to Date: \$9,049.56



April 8

Parmesan Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes
Baby Carrots
Coleslaw
Roll/Dessert

Alternate Menu:

Chicken Tenders/
French Fries/Roll/Dessert

Church Volunteers for April 5

Bus Ministry

Driver

Lance Smith

Children's Ministry

Babies

Various Workers

1-year-olds

Various Workers

2 & 3-year-olds

Various Workers

Media Ministry

Sound

Will Jelks

Video

Tripp Anderson

Media Room

Dylan Poole

Philip Todd

Evan Twilbeck

Security/Usher Ministry

Security

Bryan Irby

Jamie James

Bob Moultrie

Randy Peale

Bo Sinclair

Matt Wang

Offertory Prayer

David Carroll-8:30

Brad White-11

Ushers

Cody Craig

Ryan Hamlin

Bill Jelks

Philip Massey

Doug Neeley

Tom Pillow

Jack Tarkington

Mike Williams

Phillip Wells

Welcome Team Ministry Greeters for April

Ed Brazelton, Matt Hayes, Alta Lambert, Wayne Lee

Bible Reading Plan

Week 13 (March 30-April 3)

Day 1 - Exodus 24; Luke 17; Psalm 23

Day 2 - Exodus 25; Luke 18; Psalm 24

Day 3 - Exodus 26; Luke 19; Psalm 25

Day 4 - Exodus 27; Luke 20; Psalm 26

Day 5 - Exodus 28; Luke 21; Psalm 27

Week 14 (April 6-10)

Day 1 - Exodus 29; Luke 22; Psalm 28

Day 2 - Exodus 30; Luke 23; Psalm 29

Day 3 - Exodus 31; Luke 24; Psalm 30

Day 4 - Exodus 32; John 1; Psalm 31

Day 5 - Exodus 33; John 2; Psalm 32