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The Weekly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."

1 Peter 1:3-4

From the Pastor's Desk

I hope you have been enjoying the changing of the seasons as we are in the final days of winter, and the official start of spring is fast approaching. God has given us an early taste of the warmer weather, and now we are noticing the days are getting longer with additional sunlight. All these things are preparing the way for the rebirth of our surroundings that is coming as plants and trees begin to put on new growth.

The signs of spring are also a reminder that we can look forward to our annual celebration of Christ's resurrection in a few weeks. Every day is an opportunity to celebrate His resurrection and the difference it makes in our lives. However, it is also good to set aside time each year to focus exclusively on this great truth.

As we prepare to celebrate Resurrection Day on Sunday, April 5, our sermon series in the Gospel of Luke will begin focusing on events surrounding Christ's final week and crucifixion. I look forward to sharing these messages with you. This Sunday, we will focus on "Triumph and Tears" from Luke 19:28-44.

In preparation for our Easter Sunday celebration, we want to invite our neighbors to join us for worship that day. I encourage you to read the information regarding our prayer walk, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 22. We need as many people as possible to help us pray for and invite our neighbors to join us for Easter. I hope you will consider participating with us.

Finally, I want to remind you about March 29. We are excited to have Bryan Nelson and his family visiting with us that day as he comes in view of a call to be our next executive pastor. The search committee has provided great leadership in this process, and we believe Bryan is the right person to help lead us at this time in the history of our church. I encourage you to be praying for the Nelson family as they prepare for the coming weeks.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

In Christ,
Bro. Trent

Prayer Walk

Sunday, March 22

4 p.m. • Begins in the CLC

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 4 p.m., we will gather in the CLC to organize for a prayer walk of the neighborhoods surrounding our church. During our prayer walk, we will also distribute information regarding our Easter worship services and our upcoming Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry in May. Everyone is welcome to join with us for this community outreach. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the prayer walk.



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**Submission deadline
for the next issue is
Monday, March 16, 2026**

DNOW 2026



SAVED >> CALLED >> SENT

EPHESIANS 2:10

Youth DNOW Weekend

March 27-28 • FBC Paris

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

June 11-18

Our church is planning a mission trip to Guatemala June 11-18, 2026. Those interested in participating in the mission trip should sign up by March 15. For more information, please contact Ed Brazelton.

This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, March 15

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Adult, Youth & Children's Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAY, March 18

No Activities - Spring Break

THURSDAY, March 19

- 5:30 Biblical Counseling
- Ministry Team Meeting

SUNDAY, March 22

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship
- 4:00 Neighborhood Prayer Walk
- 6:00 Adult, Youth & Children's Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAY, March 25

- 5:00 Family Night Meal
- 5:45 Adult Equipping Centers; Children's Choirs
- 6:00 Youth DNOW Kickoff at Maplewood Baptist Church
- 7:00 Adult Choir Practice

MARCH 27 & 28

Youth DNOW Weekend at FBC

March 29 at FBC Paris

Visit from Executive Pastor Candidate Bryan Nelson

Sunday School Fellowship

8-9 a.m. • CLC

**Meet the Nelson Family*

Sunday School

9 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

10:15 a.m.

**Bryan Nelson will preach*



The Nelson Family

Sunday Evening • 5 p.m.

Special-called Business Meeting

Orr Fellowship Hall

The purpose of this special-called business meeting is to consider the Executive Pastor Search Committee's formal recommendation and vote to call Bryan Nelson as our next executive pastor.

Myrtice Owens

Missions Group Meeting

Monday, March 16 • 5:30 p.m.

Old Five & Dime Event Center

Guest Speaker:

Joe Stewart

Scholarship deadlines near

Applications and a list of guidelines for the Union University and Mildred P. Robertson scholarships are currently available on the church's website at www.fbcparis.org. The **Union scholarship** is open to members who are full-time students in an undergraduate program at the school, beginning this fall. The **Robertson scholarship** is open to high school seniors who are church or Sunday School members attending any college/university or technical school. **Applications are due in the church office by April 1.**

Equipping Center Studies for Spring 2026

Grief Share Class

Staff Conference Room (Sanctuary Basement)

Women's Study - The Way of Wisdom: A Study of Proverbs

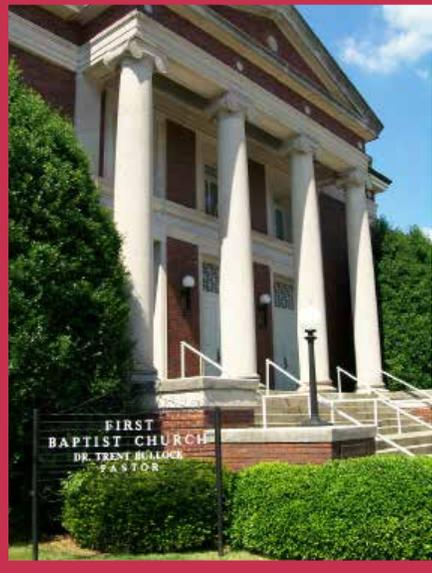
Led By Tas Smith • Schultz Classroom

A Study of Heaven

Led By Dr. Trent Bullock • Orr Fellowship Hall

**All classes begin at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday*

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

Sunday School

9 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.



Sunday, March 15

Triumph and Tears

Luke 19:28-44

Dr. Trent Bullock

GIFTS RECEIVED: Vern & Jo Ann Steedly in memory of **John Spencer**; Barbara Dougherty in memory of **Gayle Pantle** on her birthday.



OCC Items for March
Stuffed Animals - All Sizes

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

March 8, 2026

Worship Attendance 351
Sunday School Attendance .. 302
Budget Required \$29,206.83
Budget Received \$25,030.97
Other Designated \$3,081.67
Total \$28,112.64

Annie Armstrong Offering

Received to Date: \$5,718.56

February 2026 Summary

Receipts Feb. 2026: 139,829.00
Expenses Feb. 2026: 113,100.00
Over/Under Expenses: 26,729.00
Over/Under YTD: +10,137.00



March 18

No Family Night Meal

Church Volunteers for March 15

Bus Ministry

Driver

Chris Townsend

Children's Ministry

Babies

Lisa Todd

1-year-olds

Rebecca Gielis

2 & 3-year-olds

Tammy Irby, LuAnne Taylor

Media Ministry

Sound

Barry Flood

Video

Tripp Anderson

Media Room

Michael Denman

Kevin Nanney

Philip Todd

Security/Usher Ministry

Security

Wade Allman

Chuck Elizondo

Jamie James

Michael Miller

Bob Moultrie

Bo Sinclair

Offertory Prayer

James Smith

Ushers

Kerry Bell

David Crawford

Robert Head

Aaron Herman

Brian Horton

Jamie James

Parker James

Reece Veazey

Roger Veazey

Welcome Team Ministry Greeters for February

John Hudson, Dawn Scharff, Reece Veazey, Kallie Veazey

Bible Reading Plan

Week 10 (March 9-13)

Day 1 - Exodus 4; Luke 2; Psalm 8
Day 2 - Exodus 5; Luke 3; Psalm 9
Day 3 - Exodus 6; Luke 4; Psalm 10
Day 4 - Exodus 7; Luke 5; Psalm 11
Day 5 - Exodus 8; Luke 6; Psalm 12

Week 11 (March 16-20)

Day 1 - Exodus 9; Luke 7; Psalm 13
Day 2 - Exodus 10; Luke 8; Psalm 14
Day 3 - Exodus 11; Luke 9; Psalm 15
Day 4 - Exodus 12; Luke 10; Psalm 16
Day 5 - Exodus 13; Luke 11; Psalm 17