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Soundings

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At Humanity's Worst, Divinity is at Her Best

Matthew's version of the resurrection intrigues me. Peter and the Beloved Disciple come to believe Jesus is the Messiah at the sight of the empty tomb, but Mary Magdalene does not. She thinks the body is stolen.



Mary is skeptical. Her broken heart and disbelief overwhelm her to tears. Immediately, though, two angels appear and ask, "Why do you weep?" She replies, "They've taken my Lord's body!" Then, the heavens open and the angels tell her to turn and see, and Mary meets her resurrected Lord.

At the single most intense moment of Mary's doubt . . . when all else fails . . . when she completely gives in . . . when even angels themselves cannot make her believe . . . Jesus appears.

And the same is true today. The very moment we feel as if all hope is lost, Jesus appears. The very moment our hearts break, Jesus appears. The very moment we lose ourselves to despair, Jesus appears.

You could summarize this scripture like this: When humanity is at its worst, divinity is at her best. At least this is what Matthew believes. It's why he tells the story of Mary Magdalene and the empty tomb. It's why he includes her disbelief. It's why he has angels appear. It's ultimately why Jesus resurrects. When we are at our worst, God is at God's best. This is the power of Easter!

And do you know how divinity acts at her best? By defeating death. This is what makes Mary Magdalene believe. This is what makes the Beloved Disciple believe. This is what makes the angels appear. Interestingly, salvation occurs not because Jesus died, but because he defeats death! This is what makes all the characters in scripture believe, and the same is true today.

The story of Easter is when humanity is at its worst, divinity is at her best. It's what sends people like you and me to seminary, on mission trips, or to our knees praying. It's what calls us to get up on Sunday morning and worship. It's what pulls us into a more devout, more committed relationship with scripture, church, and others. For when we interact with the divine, our worldview shifts, our skepticism subsides, our fears release, and we come to believe.

We are just like Mary, but the good news of scripture (and the good news of Easter) is that when we are at our worst, divinity is at her best. When we believe this, we understand more profoundly how important it is that our king is alive; death has been defeated; divinity is at her best.

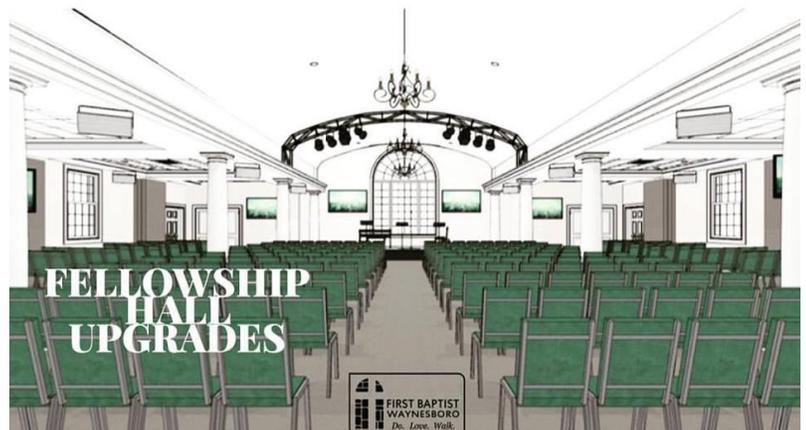
Pastor Barrett

Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 10 - 6pm

- **Nominating Committee** will present a candidate for a vacancy on Stewardship & Finance Committee
- **Diaconate** will move that the policy manual be revised: The name "Homebound Ministry Team" be changed to "Outreach Ministry Team."
- **Endowment & Scholarship Committee** will move to accept a request for Endowment Funds from Janis Rule, Preschool Director, in the amount of \$1,800 to be used for scholarships for FBW Weekday Preschool. Preschool fundraisers will match this amount.
- **Planning & Development Committee** will move to accept a recommendation to renovate the Fellowship Hall as presented this past Wednesday evening. (see rendering at right)
- **Reports From:**
 - Treasurer
 - Mission Action Committee
 - Faith Formation Team
- **Transition Committee** will present Ben Brown as the candidate for our Minister to Families with Youth

Draft of Proposed Upgrades



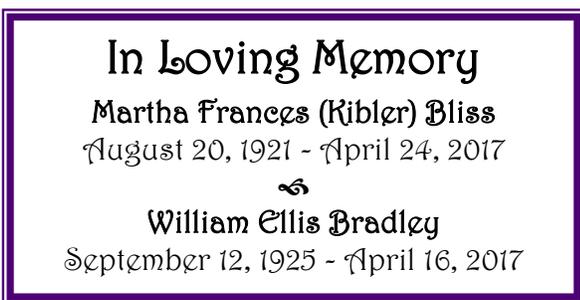
Our Church Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Katherine Bosserman (Aug Rehab)
The Eccles family upon the foster of Chryslryn
Marie Ham (Hospice)
Harriet Teachey (home)

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

- **The family of Martha Bliss** upon her death on April 24
- **The family of Bill Bradley** upon his death on April 16.
- **Irma Garber** upon the recent death of her son
- **Ed Moore** upon the recent death of his uncle, Russell McGregor
- **Lesla Osteen** upon the recent death of her mother, Virginia Higgs



SUNDAYS . . .

8:45am: Contemporary — F Hall
11am: Traditional — Sanctuary

April 30

Recognition of Fishburne Graduates

Sermon - Love: Peter's Message to the Gentiles

(Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

The early church started like this: The disciples proclaimed the good news of the resurrection and people decided to follow. The very first converts heard a straightforward pitch from Peter and by the end of the day Christianity had sprouted 3000 more believers. The message of the early church was this: "Repent and be baptized." This message is still true today.

May 7

Recognition of Mary Kathryn Wheeler,
20+ years as FBW Librarian

Sermon - Love: The Result of Peter's Message to the Gentiles

(Acts 2:42-47)

Scripture says, "awe came upon everyone" so much it caused them to give away their possessions and to live in a practicing community. It's referring to the transforming acts of the disciples as they live out their understanding of the love of Christ.

FBW Faith Formation

Adult VBS - July 24-27 - 5:30pm-7:30pm - Dinner Included! Vacation Bible School isn't just for kids. Sign-up online and join Pastor Barrett as he leads a three-day study on the same theme as the kids' VBS...but with a twist. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to First Baptist.

Summer Small Groups - Want to lead a Summer Small Group? Apply online through May.

Coffee with the Pastor: 10am, First & Third Sundays in the Canada Room

- **First Sunday:** for Guests & New Members seeking information of any kind
- **Third Sunday:** for anyone to talk about pressing issues

FBW Missions

- **Missional Identity Survey** - The Mission Action Committee will soon be organizing a vision process to help identify our missional identity. We want your input so we can better hear how God is calling our church to do, love, and walk like Jesus.
- **Habitat Build in Morganton, NC** - June 18-24. Contact Mark Hamilton for more information!
- **Kate Collins Food Drive** - Don't forget our ongoing collection of snack foods for KCMS. Juice boxes, Pop-tarts, peanut butter / cheese crackers, Goldfish, and Cheese-its are all favorites. Please have items here by May 15 so they can be distributed by the end of the school year.

FBW Weekday Preschool

Our weekday preschool children have been busy learning about God's beautiful world in many ways. We have had classes picking up litter on Earth Day, caterpillars being carefully observed, songs about our world being sung and more. We are enjoying being together for a few more weeks before summer vacation begins.

We are also offering five different summer camps for children who will be completing our 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs. If your child or grandchild is not enrolled in FBC Weekday Preschool but you are interested in learning more about our summer camps, we would love to share information with you.



-Janis Rule, Director

FBW Landscape Team

A HUGE thank you for everyone who helped with the church grounds clean-up day. We are now ready for the summer season! Thank you for your hard work!

-Lee Quillen, Landscape Chair

FBW Endowment Committee

Congratulations to the Following Students Who Have Received the 2017 Gilbert Veney and Crow Family Scholarship Awards:

First Baptist

Madison Crist
Chandler Showalter
Keri Sims
Phillip Washburn
Zach Washburn
Jackson Woodworth

Beverly Manor Baptist

Elijah Jones
Travis Rolle
Natasha Woodard

-Endowment/Scholarship Committee

FBW Youth

Small Groups this summer

- **middle and high school girls:** Galentine's Small Group at Ben and Courtney's home (930 Jefferson Ave) on Sunday evenings in June and July from 5-6pm
- **middle and high school boys:** Fella's Small Group on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm in June and July.



Confessions of a High Schooler - Rising 9th and 10th graders are invited to join us for Waynesboro Golf and Games and a conversation about the transition to high school on Tuesday, June 13 from 5:30-7:30. Meet at the church and transportation will be

provided. Please bring \$10 for golf and ice cream at Willy's to follow our event.

Transitioning Into Youth - Rising 6th and 7th grade students are invited to join Pastors Lacey and Ben for two sessions about the transition from First Baptist Kids to Youth:

- **part 1** - Wednesday, July 12, from 5:30-8pm, join Pastors Lacey and Ben for bowling in Staunton and a conversation and discussion in the Loft. Arrive at the church- transportation will be provided. Parents are invited to the discussion from 7:30-8pm in the Loft.
- **part 2** - Wednesday, August 2 from 6-7pm, Rising 6th graders are invited to join youth and volunteers for a game night and conversation in the Loft.



Habitat for Humanity - June 18-24 in Morganton, NC. This is a church-wide trip, but all youth participants must be at least 14 years of age. Youth and volunteers will serve in the Habitat Build and will participate in white water rafting on the Wautuga River in route back to Waynesboro on Saturday the 24th. Cost is \$85/participant and students must register online by April 30.

Passport Missions - We are heading to Furman University in Greenville, SC July 17-22. This event is open to all youth and the cost is \$250/student. Students must register online by May 15.

FBW Kids

Summer Family Kick-Off! - May 24, 6pm, Pool Party & Games at the Teachey's



Popcorn and Popsicles: Cheering on our softball team - Week of June 12 - 16, TBD based on softball schedule

Mission Events - June 13, July 11, and August 8 - Join us during the second Tuesday of our summer months as we gather together for a mission event.

Coffeehouse Conversation with Pastor Lacey - June 15, July 20, and August 3, 9 - 11am, The Farmhouse on Main. Pastor Lacey will be available for parents, kids, or anyone who wants to gather for coffee or a snack to discuss life, church, and everything in between.

Transitioning into Youth

- **July 12, 5:30 - 8pm**, Bowling in Staunton and then a discussion in the Loft. Arrive at the church—transportation will be provided. Parents are invited to the discussion from 7:30-8:00 p.m. in the Loft.
- **August 2, 6 - 7pm**, Game night and conversation with Pastors Ben and Lacey, youth and volunteers in the Loft.

Sometimes the transition from the Kids program to the Youth program can seem overwhelming and daunting, and Pastors Lacey and Ben want to help make this transition as smooth and informative as possible. Twice this summer, rising 6th and 7th grade students are invited to join Pastors Lacey and Ben to begin the transition from First Baptist Kids to Youth.

Preschool Pajama Party - July 14, 5pm, Dinner, snacks, and a movie at the church!

VBS - July 24 - 27, 5:30 - 7:30pm, *Maker Fun Factory*. VBS registration is open for kids 2 yrs. old - completed 5th grade! Nursery will also be available for any volunteers or adult who wants to attend adult VBS.

Family Game Night - July 30, 5pm, Game night for families with kids at the church.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship

Dinner Served: 5pm

Dinner Costs: \$5 adults, \$3 students grades 1-12, and \$1 toddlers-K.

Reservations requested by 2pm Fridays.

- **May 3** - Barbecue (Community Meal)
- **May 10** - Taco Salad (Business Meeting)
- **May 17** - Stir Fry (Last WEF of season)

Prayer/Adult Study Time: 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Children/Youth Activities: 6pm in the Children's Wing and Loft

The Visible Results

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>16-Apr</u>	<u>23-Apr</u>
Worship	541	253
Bible Study	197	163

Financial Figures:

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Mar YTD Budget</u>	<u>Mar YTD Actual</u>
Receipts	\$762,000	\$190,500	\$159,089
Expenses	\$762,000	\$190,500	\$181,409
Net Total			(\$ 22,320)

Online Giving





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Join us as we do, love, & walk together

Sunday Mornings . . .

8:45-9:35 — Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

9:45-10:45 — Bible Study (All Buildings)

Learn to do, love, and walk like Christ in small groups.

10:00-10:45 — Coffee with the Pastor (Canada Room)

- First Sunday - for visitors & new members' with questions
- Third Sunday - for anyone to talk about pressing issue(s)

11:00-12:00 — Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Youth Sunday Night Live

5:15-7:00 — Dinner & Sunday Night Live

Wednesday Evenings . . .

5:00 — Fellowship Dinner

First Wednesday of each month, the church provides a free dinner to the community

6:00 — Activities for all ages

Church Staff and Contact Information

Ben Brown Minister of Discipleship, Families & Youth
 Kimberly C. Cook Custodian
 Lacey Davis Minister to Families with Children
 Mary Alice Downs Organist
 Lynn W. Fields Ministry Assistant
 Larry Jones Minister of Music & Worship
 Kathy Melton Pianist
 Brenda K. Miller Financial Administrator
 J. Barrett Owen Senior Pastor
 Janis Rule Weekday Preschool Director

Prayer Requests:

- 24-Hour Prayer Line: 949-9429
- Submit online request: go to website Ministries page, Prayer Ministry; follow "submit" link to the request form. Requests are submitted immediately to staff.
- Access to Website Prayer List — Password: fbcpray
- Immediate Prayer — 943-2815

Sunday/Wednesday Rides:

Jerry Thomas — 540-942-2039 or 540-256-2820

Dinner Reservations:

540-932-1558
reservations@fbcwboro.org



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At a Glance . . .

APRIL

- 28 Operation INASMUCH
- 30 Fishburne Grad Recognition

MAY

- 1 Sr. Saints Mtg: 10am (Library)
Mission Action Committee: 7pm (Conf Rm)
- 4 National Day of Prayer Luncheon: 11:30am
- 8 Virginia Girl Choir Concert: 7pm
Weekday Preschool Team Mtg: 6:30pm (Conf Rm)
Women's Book Study: 7:30pm (F Hall)
- 9 Personnel Committee: 7pm (Conf Rm)
- 10 Church Business Meeting
- 14 Kids sing during 8:45 Worship
Bibles presented to First Graders
- 15 Diaconate: 7pm (Faith Classroom)
Women's Book Study: 7:30pm (F Hall)
- 16 Student Team Meeting: 7-8pm (Canada Room)
- 17 Facilities & Maintenance Mtg: 7:15pm (Conf Rm)
- 18 Preschool Spring Program: 6pm (Sanctuary)
Stewardship & Finance: 6:30pm (Conf Rm)
- 19 Fishburne Seniors & Parents Luncheon: 12:00 (F Hall)
- 21 HS Grad Recognition

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next Issue: May 12 — Articles should be submitted IN WRITING or via e-mail to ifields@fbcwboro.org by noon on MONDAY, May 8.



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