



# THE TORCH

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## The Pastor's Pen

There will be many wonderful showers of blessings that will be falling on First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill during the month of April.

**Sunday, April 1 is Easter Sunday.** We celebrate on this day the victory of Jesus Christ over death and his resurrection from the grave. There is no day in the Christian calendar that has any greater significance for people of faith. The events that we celebrate during Holy Week and Easter demonstrate the depth of God's love for us (John 3:16). With Easter being the first Sunday of the month (and April Fool's Day, which has absolutely no spiritual benefit or curse) we look forward to the full church family and friends sharing together and praising God for the life of Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, April 4 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** We will commemorate this at 6:00 p.m. The service should last about an hour.

Dr. King was a friend of FBCCH, one who preached from our pulpit and was a very good friend of my father and others who were members of our congregation. The bullet that killed Dr. King was a shot heard around the world. In this edition of "The Torch" several members of our congregation share of their experience when they first heard of his being killed. I remember it very clearly as well. It was a Thursday evening and I had been up the alley playing with some other kids from the neighborhood. When I came home my mother came into the yard and told me that Dr. King had been killed. I remember it being a scary feeling, knowing what sort of things had gone on in Nashville during the whole decade of the 60's. Additionally, we knew of the ugly, violent and brutal things done by too many in the majority community, some public officials and law enforcement officers to people who were only trying to non-violently march, sit-in, and protest against social and civic injustices. The fear I had was if they would kill Dr. King they would kill anyone of us. (Some of that fear resurfaces in today's society when there seems to be senseless murder of Blacks by police, and the White House dismisses it as a "local matter".) Our remembrance of the life of Dr. King rekindles the flame of what was fought for and accomplished that has gotten us to where we are now. It also gives a new generation some hope as they address social justice issues of today (Micah 6:8). We look to see you Wednesday evening.

**Sunday April 22 two things of significance will happen.** First, we will do a pulpit exchange with First Baptist Church, Downtown. **Dr. Frank Lewis, their pastor, will preach in our pulpit during the 10:00 a.m. morning worship service.** I will preach in their pulpit during their morning worship. The members of each congregation will worship at their own church for these services (Acts 2:47).

**Secondly, April 22 evening at 5:00 p.m. we will share in a joint concert in their building located at 108 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. South.** Our choirs have been practicing and rehearsing together in preparation for this day. A tremendous special treat for the concert will be the witness the musically gifted Joseph Joubert. He has worked with many Broadway Musicals, including serving at the musical director for "Motown the Musical" and the orchestration for "The Color Purple." He will also share at the beginning of our morning worship service that Sunday. What a blessing.

**Finally, Sunday, April 29 will be Laity Sunday.** We will celebrate the women and men of congregation who share in carrying out the ministry of the church. This will also be a time for us to fellowship with each other and to get to know each other better. Dinner will be served after the service. Bro. Bill McDaniel and Sis. Miriam Currie are giving leadership to this. Psalm 133:1 reminds us "How good and pleasant it is when God's people to live together in unity!"

Kelly M. Smith Jr.

Pastor

# SUNDAY

morning live

## April 2018 Lessons

“All Glory and Honor,” has five sessions. The sessions from the book of Luke and John deal with how Jesus’ resurrection opened the way to honor God. The visions in Revelation praise God with majestic symbolism.

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### April 1<sup>st</sup>: Easter Sunday

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Guess Who?	A Promise Kept	A Promise Kept

**Background Scripture:** Luke 24:1-35

**Key Verse:** Luke 24:34 *and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”*

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### April 8<sup>th</sup>: The Risen Lord Appears

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Taking Directions	Choosing to Follow	Following Good Directions

**Background Scripture:** John 21:1-14

**Key Verse:** John 21:12 *Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.*

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### April 15<sup>th</sup>: Follow Me

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Feeding Time	Love and Care	Following the Leader

**Background Scripture:** John 21:15-25

**Key Verse:** John 21:15 *When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”*

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### April 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Lord God The Almighty

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Together Forever	Worthy of Allegiance	What a Sight!

**Background Scripture:** Revelation 4

**Key Verse:** Revelation 4:11 *“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”*

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### April 29<sup>th</sup>: Blessing, Glory, Honor, Forever

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
A World of Joy	Let’s Celebrate	Rejoicing and Praising

**Background Scripture:** Revelation 5:6-14

**Key Verse:** Revelation 5:12 *In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”*

February 11  
 "The Greatest of These is Love"  
 Pastor Smith  
 Scriptural Text: I Corinthians 13:1-13  
 Submitted by: Beverly Brown

Pastor Smith, began by providing a historical perspective of the scripture selected as background information for his message which was Corinthians 13 chapter. Pastor Smith shared that the word love is the most abused word due to the context for which love is often referenced. Love means having passion, commitment, and endurance for the many of the issues that life presents. Commitment without passion is just dedication. Passion without commitment is just infatuation or lust. Love to some means safety, security, and confidence that one can handle tension and disagreement without division. The three take home points are as follow:

**Point 1. Love is the greatest because it is foundational.** (Corinthians 13:1-3).

This love provides spiritual wisdom, it can move mountains, it is sacrificial in marriages, and relationships. Love does not shift, it just exists.

**Point 2. Love is the greatest because of it is elastic.** (Corinthians 13:4-7).

Love always trusts, protects, hopes, preserves, and is persistent. Love is kind, patient, does not envy, does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, not self-serving, and it stretches when it is necessary. Love means humankind can pray for one's enemy. Love is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrong, and it rejoices with truth. Love has to have the capacity to stretch in places that are not expected.

**Point 3. Love is the greatest because it is eternal.** (Corinthians 13: 8-13).

Love never fails, it never ends, and it can contribute to one going higher in life. Paul comes to the conclusion of this beautiful poem stating that faith, hope, and love are most important; but, the one that is greatest is love. Finally, faith will someday become sight. Hope will become fulfillment. But, love will constantly be working because it never falters. Amen, Amen, & Amen..

February 18  
 "Thankful for the Little Things"  
 Rev. Robert Diggs  
 Scriptural Text: John 6:1-13  
 Submitted by: Kathy Harrell

We should all be thankful for the little things: everything God gives us and does for us is a blessing. All of us will experience moments of sorrow and go through painful times, but we cannot let that stop us from reaching out and helping someone else. When we help others, we tend to forget about our own pain. Jesus was grieving the loss of John the Baptist (His cousin), but He continued to perform miracle after miracle as He was 'ministering on the move' while He was healing, feeding, and walking on water.

Today's Scripture shows how Jesus was thankful for the little things and helps us to see how we can be thankful for the little things.

Jesus was thankful for:

**Point 1. The little lad.**

The lad showed up, with his Gift(s), and shared them. We first have to 'show up' where God needs us to be. Each of us have a Gift(s), however humble we may believe them to be, and when God calls us, we must be joyfully prepared to share them. God gets no glory if we are not using our Spiritual Gifts for the advancement of His Kingdom.

**Point 2. The little lad's lunch.**

Jesus had to feed over 5000 with two fish and five barley loaves. Yet Jesus was thankful for these little things. In our lives, Jesus can take the material things, minor things, measurable things, and make them into miraculous things!

**Point 3. The little lad's lunch that led to the leftovers.**

We all have a (1) relational appropriation-ship with Jesus Christ, just as each Disciple had. We should not withhold anything from God. He will take what we have and make a (2) radical application out of it (multiply) until there is more than enough 'leftover' to supply our every need. We should always show our (3) joyful appreciation to the Lord for His bountiful blessings and for what He has brought us through.

February  
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**“Balm in Gilead**  
**Scriptural Text: Jeremiah 8:18-22**  
*Submitted by: Beverly Brown*

Balm was used as a healing agent and perfume. Jeremiah desire was to heal the sin sick souls and the idolatry worshipping of his people. The same is true today that God/Christ Jesus wants humankind to be healed of their sin sick souls.

God/Christ Jesus desire is for His people to be healthy, whole, and to live fruitful lives. Whereas, institutions designed to provide healing and wholeness have become the problem in many instances. Moreover, human beings are conducting themselves and living lives that are counterproductive to the way God/Christ Jesus wants each person to live their lives. Furthermore, God/Christ Jesus confronts the people of Israel about their lack of faithfulness, just as he does today in our life and living.

**Point 1. There is a balm in Gilead because we know that God is still engaged in the**

**conversation.** God/Christ Jesus wants his people to be silent and hear what He has to say. Keep the faith in Him no matter what obstacles and blessings that life will present. God/Christ Jesus wants His children of all ages to have a conversation with Him whether it is via prayer, listening, meditating, and then responding as He directs one's path.

**Point 2. There is a balm in Gilead because we know that God grieves over the plight of the people.** The people of Israel were suffering because of their disobedience and the same happened today. God/Christ Jesus grieved over having to punish Israel for being disobedient and this is still true today. Grieving is a human emotion and suggests suffering and sensitivity to the plight of others.

**Point 3. There is a balm in Gilead because we know that God keeps hope before us.**

In the mist of life's up and down He is still present and available to His people who seek Him. God/Christ loves everybody, no matter what life presents. He is accessible. Finally, emotional or spiritual death comes when there is no hope. However, God/Christ is always there to see and get one through whatever life presents in your Balm in Gilead. Amen, Amen, & Amen.

March  
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**“Doing What You Are Supposed to Do”**  
**Pastor Smith**  
**Scriptural Text: Matthew 21:18-21**  
*Submitted by: Deborah Luter*

The church is designed to be one of the ways that God says, “I love you.” The church is designed to be different than any other institution of human origin. It is an entity established by God to carry out the principles of Jesus Christ.

This passage is a metaphor of Jesus' concern for lack of accountability for those who were the leaders of the Temple. He used this story as a way to tell of God's judgement on Israel for their rejecting what they are called to be and to do.

But it should also speak to the church today as well. There are expectations that God has called us to. Are we doing what we are supposed to do?

**Point 1-When we are doing what we are supposed to do we will be sensitive hunger.**

Jesus was heading back into the city of Jerusalem and became hungry. We should be concerned about all kinds of hunger, whether physical, social of spiritual. Too often we turn a deaf ear to the hungers because that many not be our own narrative. We live in worlds that when things are not our story then we don't really see the issue. We need to know how to walk in the shoes of others.

**Point 2- When we are doing what we are supposed to do we will bear fruit.**

Jesus comes seeking fruit from the fig tree and finds none. His response was to say that this tree will never bear fruit again. His message is that there is this institution that is designed to meet the needs of people, but yet is more concerned with customs and traditions.

**Point 3 – When we are doing what we are supposed to do we will have the power of faith.**

This power will not only let us be able to do what Jesus does, but will also help us to move obstacles out of the way.

Interesting how Matthew has Jesus phrasing this. “Have faith and do not doubt.” This might sound redundant. But Jesus was trying to help them understand that faith sometimes goes through periods of doubt. God never sends us anywhere ill-equipped to handle the task.

“The Greatest Commandment”  
Pastor Smith  
Marcy  
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Scriptural Text: Matthew 22:34-40  
*Submitted by: Susan Howard*

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In this passage of Matthew 22, it recounts the story of Jesus being challenged by the Pharisees and Sadducees on what is the greatest law (attempting to trap him into a theological or heretical debate; for they knew that all laws were considered equal).

Jesus uses his last week of life in earthly form focusing on love. His response to the religious leaders' and scholars' question was to respond with a brief yet powerful statement found in Matthew 22:37 – 40. Basically, Jesus states to love God and love others. The cross symbolizes this command with a vertical and horizontal configuration.

The key here is how we define love. Love is a passionate commitment or being passionately committed to someone.

Why did Jesus claim that this commandment is the greatest?

**Point 1. It is the greatest because it is foundational.**

Loving God and all humanity is a firm foundation for how to conduct our lives. Jesus calls us to build upon the principles of love.

**Point 2. This command is the greatest because it is comprehensive.**

It calls us to love ALL. Love God with ALL of our being and love ALL of our neighbors (humanity). To love totally and comprehensively is to often times change our ways or sacrifice out of love.

**Point 3. This command is the greatest because it is concentrated.**

This command is power packed and compacted. It is totally self-contained in terms of providing all we need to operate. Love in and of itself is pure.

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**April Deacons of the Week**

If you should need pastoral assistance, contact the Deacon of the Week for assistance.

Week of	Deacon	Phone #
1 <sup>st</sup>	Beverly Brown	(615) 885-5334
8 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Currie	(615) 832-9662
15 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Dinkins	(615) 202-5213
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ernest Dismuke	(615) 259-0623

**Blood Pressure Screenings**

The Health Care Committee will be available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays to provide blood pressure screenings in the Frankie Pierce Lounge and on the lower level.

**Help Needed!**

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is in need of people who are willing to provide homework help to our children after school. Our church will begin offering homework help in all subject matters this school year. Help will be available Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Jones at (404) 723-5384 or Miriam Currie (615) 948-6580 to sign up if you are willing to help.

**Children’s Church** convenes 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays (September through May) in The Chapel. Children ages 5 – 12 are welcome. Parents may pick children up downstairs after the worship service is over. To volunteer, or for questions, contact Felecia Johnson at fackjohnson@aol.com or (615) 209-8035.

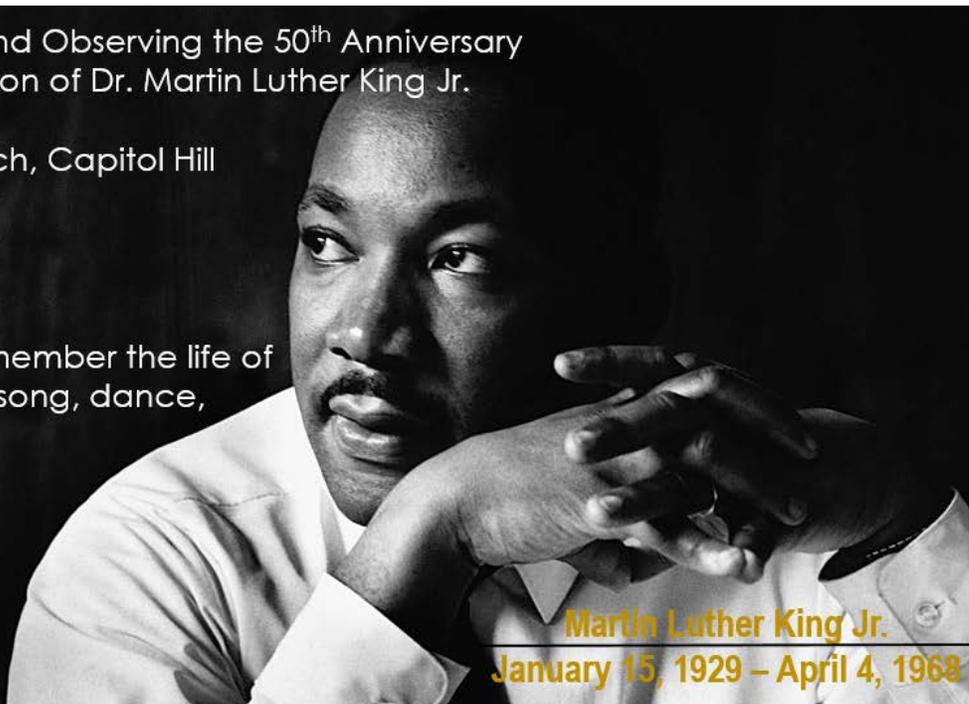


<p><b>Praise Dance Rehearsals</b>          Wednesdays 4:30 pm– 5:30 pm          (April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>)</p>	<p><b>Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals</b>          Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm          (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>)</p>
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Remembering and Observing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill  
April 4, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

Join us as we remember the life of Dr. King through song, dance, rap, and shared reflections.



**Martin Luther King Jr.**  
January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

# EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

*a night of  
spirituals*

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BAPTIST CAPITOL HILL SINGING  
TRADITIONAL SPIRITUALS  
AND GOSPEL SONGS



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**DION TREECE**  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

## The Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Reflections on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1968*

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I was at Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University. I was devastated and worried that we would have repercussions since we were in the South. ~*Una Fenderson*

I was at Tuskegee Institute (University). My thoughts were that they killed a man of God just as how they crucified Jesus Christ. ~*Constantine Fenderson*

I was walking down Centennial Boulevard from the TSU campus back to my apartment near 28<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson. Like others I was shocked. Not long afterward that night riots broke out in Nashville. The city was placed on curfew for the second April in a row – there was disturbance here in 1967. I have never forgotten that night. ~*Dwight Lewis*

Charles was on campus at TSU teaching a graduate course in philosophy of education. My thoughts were of the probability that rioting would erupt. ~*Charles and Evelyn Fancher*

I was home. I was saddened, my thoughts were on the family and the country; of our loss of a great leader. ~*Clara Elam*

I was in my college dorm room when I heard the news on my table radio. Very shocked. ~*Carol Boone*

I was driving and pulled over in Nashville to get clarity. Such a shock; unnerving. I just sat in my car so I could regroup. ~*Alice Smith Risby*

At age 12, I remember feeling as if something enormous or great was going to happen – simply due to such a great loss. I don't recall being afraid, but being emboldened. ~*Derek Howard*

I was in Lexington, Kentucky studying at the University of Kentucky. Initially it was a feeling of disbelief and sadness. His spirit will live forever. ~*George Hill*

I was at TSU. I had hateful thoughts toward the one who assassinated him. ~*Carrie M. Gentry*

I was home, there in our Lischey Avenue townhouse. I had a friend over and we were listening to music. My husband, Walt, came in excited and yelled, "Have you guys heard? King has been killed!" We were in shock and the next days changed our lives forever. My husband, being from Montgomery, AL, provided times to be in Dr. King's presence. He wrote the book, *Stride Toward Freedom* across the street from Walt's parents' home. From that day, Dr. King will always be a part of our lives. ~*Gwendolyn Vincent*

## Experiencing God as Abba (Part II)

*The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ~ Romans 8:15*

Submitted by Joe Ella Darby, *Ministry of Discipleship Chair*

As we continue our discussion on adoption, I think it is important to have a lens through which to explore. The lens I want us to use is the lens of intentional love and fellowship. I propose that God has always been inviting humankind into a space of intentional love and fellowship. If we go back to Genesis 2, we are reminded that God created male and female, in God’s own image, for fellowship. Even as Genesis 3 has been labeled as the story of the fall of man, I like to view what happened in the latter verses of Genesis 3 as God’s continued invitation to intentional love and fellowship; what we see is God’s grace in action that sets the stage for a more intimate fellowship.

Even after Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s command, in Genesis 2:16-17, God’s desire for fellowship never changed. For me, Genesis 3:21-24 shows what has been historically seen as punishment—as a continuation of that desire. If you recall from Genesis 2:9, there were two trees placed in the middle of the Garden: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, as well as the Tree of Life. Adam and Eve could have chosen to eat from the Tree of Life and lived in their state of fellowship and closeness to God forever; instead, they chose the forbidden tree. Verse 22 nods to the concern that if Adam and Eve were to eat from the Tree of Life in their “dead” and “separate from God” state then they could live like that forever, which was never God’s desire. Thus, banishing them becomes protection of God’s ultimate desire for fellowship with humankind. Banished, God later initiates a covenant with Abraham, calls Moses to deliver His people, establishes monarchy, appoints judges, and raises up prophets seeking to restore fellowship with humanity. But this does not work. Soon, God comes in the flesh, in Jesus, becoming the permanent conduit for allowing this restored fellowship to occur.

In Romans 8, Paul is using the language of adoption as a metaphor, helping Gentiles understand that even though they were not “born” into God’s family as the Jews, they too are part of God’s family because of Jesus, who is the Son of God. As believers, we too are sons, *and daughters*, by adoption. In his lecture, *Legal Metaphors in the Epistles*, Francis Lyall states, “As such sons, using the Roman implications of the idea, we are in a close relationship with our father, who has paternal rights (*patria potestas*) over us. In law all we have and are belong to him. There is no coming of age to free us from that control. Only his death or deliberate destruction of the paternal relationship would remove us from his power, authority and care. Jewish law did not have such a notion.<sup>18</sup> In the Greek law of adoption, which is known to us through the Orations of Isaeus, some four hundred years before Paul, adoption functioned as a succession device and did not subject the adoptee to the paternal powers of the adopter. Certainly, the Roman notion also had a succession purpose, but by contrast the transference from the existing familial state into the new family was immediate and complete” (*Tyndale Bulletin* 32 (1981) 81-96).

God’s invitation to humankind to be a part of the intentional love and fellowship experienced in the Godhead is immediate and complete! Once we say yes to God’s standing invitation, we have full access to God and everything that belongs to God; this includes the same experiences of intimacy, security, presence, power, etc. that Jesus experienced with God as Father. Not only that, but as adopted children, we again have access to the Tree of Life, where we can eat and fellowship, without fear, with the living God forever. Next month, we will discuss the benefits of being adopted. Until then, let’s soak in Romans 8:38-39, being fully convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Luke 10:2**

### **Open Closet**

The Ministry of Missions and Evangelism hosted Open Closet on Saturday February 17, 2018 from 11:00 AM—2:00 PM. The heavy rain kept our client base at home that day. I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers and the leadership of Sister Deborah Howse who was our coordinator. Thank you to all who made donations. We will attempt another Open Closet in the Spring Quarter.

### **Room in the Inn**

*One more Tuesday.* On Tuesday February 27, 2018 we completed our three-month schedule for hosting Room in the Inn here at FBCCH. Many of us have been impacted by mental illness at some point in our lives, either directly or indirectly. Approximately 75% of the people served by Room in the Inn have some type of mental illness. Many of our guests have fallen through the cracks of medical and social services that provide stability in their daily lives. The staff at Room in the Inn works to reconnect individuals with services and programs that can help them find more stability in their lives. Our congregation plays a critical role in supporting those who struggle to cope with their illness.

In February we were gifted with two new cots from Terry and Kendra Deas. This allowed us to increase the number of men served the last two weeks from eight to ten. Thank you to all who served in any capacity during these three months. Thank you to all who provided clothing and to Dr. and Mrs. McFarland for your special gift. We encourage you if you missed an opportunity to serve to consider being a part of this ministry next winter, December 2018 – February 2019.

The men we served have been praying for us and we are continually blessed as we serve the people of God who are in transition in various phases of their lives.

### **Benevolence**

Letter written on 2/15/18

To Whom it May Concern, Thank you so much for assisting me with my electric bill. I felt real blessed in you helping me, because you could have said no. I am very grateful for you. May God continue to bless you. Thank you. (Name omitted for confidentiality)

The Benevolence Committee received 113 requests for assistance from September 2017 to February 2018. Of these requests 32 individuals and families 28% have received assistance from FBCCH. As the letter we received this week expresses those whose lives we touch are but a small part of those we have been called to serve as agents for the King who sits high and looks low.

### **ABCOTS**

The ABCOTS Annual Session will be held in Atlanta GA, the fourth week of April. ABCOTS is the region of the American Baptist Churches USA, of which FBCCH is a charter member. This year the region will make a \$10,000 donation to Morehouse School of Religion. The plan is to make two more donations of \$10,000 in 2019 and 2020. The recipients will be ABC seminaries at Shaw University and Virginia Union.

Arrold N. Martin, Chair Ministry of Missions and Evangelism

# APRIL CALENDAR

01  	SUNDAY <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>Valerie Hayes</i>
02	MONDAY
03	TUESDAY
04  6:00	WEDNESDAY <i>Tavon McKnight</i> <b>Remembering &amp; Observing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MLK's Assassination</b>
05 	THURSDAY <i>Paul Robertson</i>
06 	FRIDAY <i>Kristopher Currie</i>
07 	SATURDAY <i>Elizabeth Backus</i>
08  8:45 10:00	SUNDAY <i>Gwendolyn Vincent</i> Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> Worship Service
09	MONDAY
10 	TUESDAY <i>Robert Boone Jr</i> <i>Jimmie Franklin.</i>
11 12:00 5:00 6:00	WEDNESDAY Noonday Bible Study Fellowship Meal Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
12 	THURSDAY <i>Myah Lipscomb</i>

13 	FRIDAY <i>Derek Howard</i> <i>Denise Moore</i>
14	SATURDAY
15  8:45 10:00	SUNDAY <i>Leonia Lawrence</i> Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> Worship Service
16 	MONDAY <i>Ida Swanson Corbett</i>
17 	TUESDAY <i>Francene Barbour</i> <i>Dorothy Vassall</i>
18  12:00 5:00 6:00	WEDNESDAY <i>Marquentas Deaderick</i> Noonday Bible Study Fellowship Meal Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
19 	THURSDAY <i>Thomas Wood</i>
20	FRIDAY
21	SATURDAY
22 8:45 10:00	SUNDAY Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> Worship Service
23 	MONDAY <i>Quinester Calloway</i> <i>Wanda Payne</i>
24	TUESDAY
25 12:00	WEDNESDAY Noonday Bible Study

5:00 6:00	Fellowship Meal Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
26 	THURSDAY <i>Tiara Boothe</i> <i>Terry Graves</i>
27	FRIDAY
28	SATURDAY
29  8:45 10:00	SUNDAY <i>Maggie Roper</i> <i>Jeffrey B. Wood Jr.</i> Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> Worship Service
30	MONDAY <i>Esther Wright</i>

01	TUESDAY
02	WEDNESDAY  <i>Cody Sims</i> <i>Charles Williams</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
03	THURSDAY  <b>National Day of Prayer</b>  <i>Kristen Daniel</i> <i>Ian Dinkins</i>
04	FRIDAY  <i>Fred Jones, Jr.</i> <i>Edith Kimbrough</i> 7:00 Morning Prayer Call
05	SATURDAY
06	SUNDAY 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
07	MONDAY
08	TUESDAY
09	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
10	THURSDAY  <i>Emmitt E. Hayes</i>
11	FRIDAY  <i>Conra Collier</i> 7:00 Morning Prayer Call!
12	SATURDAY  <i>Keyonce Shaw</i>

13	SUNDAY  <i>Kendra Speigner</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
14	MONDAY  <i>Jillian Duke</i>
15	TUESDAY  <i>Regina Morrow</i>
16	WEDNESDAY  <i>Elsie Swanson</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
17	THURSDAY
18	FRIDAY 7:00 Morning Prayer Call
19	SATURDAY
20	SUNDAY 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
21	MONDAY  <i>Sunny Owunnah</i> <i>Denzel Williams</i>
22	TUESDAY  <i>Larry Baker</i> <i>Melanie Knight</i> <i>Aerin Washington</i>
23	WEDNESDAY  <i>Suanne Padgett</i>
24	THURSDAY
25	FRIDAY

	<i>Marcia Mitchell</i> <i>Marlee Wade</i> 7:00 Morning Prayer Call
26	SATURDAY
27	SUNDAY  <i>Carlton Crutchfield</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>Live!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
28	MONDAY
29	TUESDAY  <i>Antonio Stacker</i>
30	WEDNESDAY  <i>Ta'naisha Hillman</i> <i>Allison Johnson</i> <i>Dainon Sidney</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>



## Daily Bible Readings for March

### ***(April 1-7, 2018)***

SUNDAY, April 1: "Jesus Lives Again" (Luke 24:1-12, 30-35)  
 MONDAY, April 2: "The Reasons for the Resurrection" (Luke 24:36-49)  
 TUESDAY, April 3: "Paul—Witness to the Resurrected Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)  
 WEDNESDAY, April 4: "Scriptures Equip Disciples for Good Work" (2 Timothy 3:14-17)  
 THURSDAY, April 5: "Ethiopian Eunuch Hears the Good News" (Acts 8:26-35)  
 FRIDAY, April 6: "Lead My People and Follow Me" (John 21:15-23)  
 SATURDAY, April 7: "John's Testimony to Jesus Is True" (John 20:30-31; 21:24-25)

### ***(April 8-14, 2018)***

SUNDAY, April 8: "Jesus Serves Breakfast to the Disciples" (John 21:1-14)  
 MONDAY, April 9: "Peter Denies Jesus Three Times" (John 18:15-18, 25-27)  
 TUESDAY, April 10: "Thomas Moves from Doubt to Faith" (John 20:24-28)  
 WEDNESDAY, April 11: "Go Proclaim the Good News" (Matthew 10:5-15)  
 THURSDAY, April 12: "As Laborers Go into the Harvest" (Matthew 9:35-38)  
 FRIDAY, April 13: "Other Sheep Will Listen to Me" (John 10:11-18)  
 SATURDAY, April 14: "Lose Your Life for My Sake" (Matthew 10:34-39)

### ***(April 15-21 2018)***

SUNDAY, April 15: "Follow Me and Feed My Sheep" (John 21:15-25)  
 MONDAY, April 16: "God Promises Mercy to All People" (Genesis 9:8-17)  
 TUESDAY, April 17: "Job's Pain Determined in Heavenly Court" (Job 1:6-12)  
 WEDNESDAY, April 18: "Moses Summoned by God" (Exodus 19:20-25)  
 THURSDAY, April 19: "Jesus, Our Example on the Throne" (Hebrews 12:1-6)  
 FRIDAY, April 20: "Vision of Four Living Creatures" (Ezekiel 1:5-14)  
 SATURDAY, April 21: "Elders Worship and Praise God Together" (Revelation 19:1-8)

### ***(April 22-28, 2018)***

SUNDAY, April 22: "Heavenly Worship" (Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11)  
 MONDAY, April 23: "Rejoice! Your Salvation Is in Christ" (1 Peter 1:3-9)  
 TUESDAY, April 24: "All Subject to God through Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:20-28)  
 WEDNESDAY, April 25: "Sanctified by Lambs Sacrificed Daily" (Exodus 29:38-46)  
 THURSDAY, April 26: "Christ, Our Suffering, and Salvation" (Romans 8:31-39)  
 FRIDAY, April 27: "Eat the Scroll, Speak My Words" (Ezekiel 2:8-3:11)  
 SATURDAY, April 28: "Only One Can Open the Scroll" (Revelation 5:1-5)

### ***(April 29–April 30, 2018)***

SUNDAY, April 29: "All Creatures Worship the Lamb" (Revelation 5:6-14)  
 MONDAY, April 30: "Give as Your Heart Prompts You" (Exodus 25:1-9)

**“We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer...”**



#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Sis. Quinester Calloway  
Sis. Jan Jones Carter  
Sis. Rosa Mimms  
Christopher Robinson  
(Esther Wright's nephew)

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**In order to make our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you (or someone you know) have changed address or if someone should be added to or removed from the prayer list**

## Our Church Vision Statement

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is Building, Restoring, and Revitalizing lives through Jesus Christ.

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### Looking for a Church Home?

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

**Baptism** - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

**Christian Experience** - when a person who has previously been a member of another church chooses to unite with FBCCH, believing this to be the place for one's spiritual nurturing. These people have already been baptized and have committed a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Watchcare** - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

**Associate** - when a person who has a membership in another church wishes to have a membership in FBCCH.

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**Restoration** - when a former member chooses to rejoin FBCCH.

### Scheduling Access to Church Buildings

To all groups needing entry and use of the church, sanctuary, and Ennix-Jones Center during the week, please call the church office at 615-255-8757 in advance of your event. This is to ensure personnel are available to allow entry and to have a record for security purposes. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

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