



# First Baptist Church

## TIES THAT BIND

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Without Easter, the Christian faith is a waste of time.

That's what the apostle Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (I Corinthians 15:17).

The reason for this is that the resurrection of Jesus not only gives us hope for eternal life, but it also confirms that what Jesus said in his earthly life was true. Jesus said he would rise from the dead. If he hadn't, who would have taken his teachings seriously thereafter?

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead," Paul says (I Corinthians 15:20). The resurrection was God's stamp of authenticity on Jesus, proclaiming, "Yes, Jesus is my Son. Yes, he has overcome death. Yes, what he told you is true. Trust him! Follow him!"

After Jesus' death came a great transformation. The power of God confronted the evil of this world. God transformed the shame and humiliation of the cross into the great victory of our salvation. Jesus conquered death and the grave and rose from the dead. We celebrate this great reversal, the ultimate expression of God's love, at Easter.

There are a variety of ways for you to celebrate with us this month. During our Sunday Worship Services we continue to travel down *This Lenten Road*, a sermon series focused on a number of roads in the New Testament looking at Lenten themes. On March 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Communion and think about *The Road to Jerusalem*. On March 13<sup>th</sup> the morning's theme will be *The Road Home* as we look at the parable of The Prodigal Son.

March 20<sup>th</sup> is the Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We will also celebrate the *Ordinance of Believers' Baptism* during the service. We share an evening Communion Service with our friends at the Chesterfield Baptist Church on Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be hosting our *Community Good Friday Service* from noon -3:00pm. And remember our *resurrection celebration* begins at 10:15am, Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Join us and participate in the celebration of this great transformation! We believe in Jesus' resurrection. Our faith is not futile! Worship with us as we plan for and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and His redemptive love.

Yours in service because He first loved us,

*Pastor Nevin*



## MISSION STATEMENT

**“To be a caring, Christian fellowship - - learning, living, and spreading the Word of God.”**

### DIACONATE

The Diaconate would like to thank the congregation for their communion offerings to "Local Needs". The "Local Needs" offering is used to help with monthly cooked meals to people in nearby motels; to assist individuals in our church who need financial assistance; and other assistance as needed. If you have a need or know an individual who does, please contact Rev. Werron or Amy Farina. All requests are kept confidential.

The Communion Offering for March will go to "America for Christ". This organization supports our mission work here in the United States. Due to the past generosity of our congregation, we have always surpassed our goal of \$750. Thank you again for all your support.

#### Activities for March

- ❖ **March 13-** Coffee Hour sponsored by the Diaconate at 11:15 a.m.
- ❖ **March 20** - Palm Sunday Service at 10:15 a.m.-Baptismal Service during the worship service
- ❖ **March 24-** Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Chesterfield Bapt. Church. Pastor Edward DeSilva and Pastor Nevin Werron will share the service.
- ❖ **March 25-** Good Friday Service will be held in our church from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Several clergy will be participating. Feel free to attend all or part of the service.
- ❖ **March 27** - Easter Sunday Service at 10:15 a.m. will feature an Easter hymnsing, message by Pastor Werron and beautiful

Easter music. The sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with Easter flowers.

One of the responsibilities of the Diaconate is to pray for the church membership. Each of the twelve Diaconate members prays for approximately 8 to 10 families. If you would like to know who is praying for you, please see Rev. Werron or any member of the Diaconate.

The flower chart is now posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. If you wish to place a bouquet in the church in memory of or to honor a loved one, please see Bev Alustiza. The cost of an arrangement is \$30.00 and is payable by cash or check made out to the First Baptist Church Deacon's Fund. The flowers are yours to take home after the service. However, if you do not wish to, the Diaconate will ensure they go to someone who could use a kind gesture.



### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please join us for Sunday School starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. for ages 3 and up!

The Youth Group will be attending Snow Camp March 4-6th. Please confirm meeting dates and special events by checking the bulletin board in the church foyer or by contacting Cheryl Danley or Kevin Nelson.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. for children ages 3-12. Please sign up in the church foyer. The event is BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket)!



**BD. of Ch. Ed. continued**

## Board of Christian Education

Members of the Board of Christian Education have accepted the following positions for 2016:

Helen Bosma, Chairperson  
Holly Studzinski, Vice-Chairperson  
Kristi McCormick, Treasurer  
Frank Vareha, Nominating Committee

Cheryl Danley, Superintendent  
Lauren McWhirk, Secretary  
Melanie de la Cruz, Nursery Coordinator

As a reminder, there will be no adult supervision in the Nursery on Communion Sundays, Palm Sunday, or Easter Sunday; however, the Nursery room will remain open for your use. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery, please see Melanie de la Cruz or Helen Bosma.

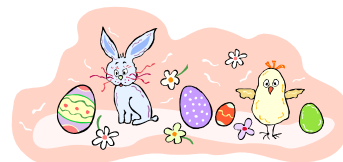
The March schedule is as follows:

March 6th	COMMUNION SUNDAY	COMMUNION SUNDAY
March 13th	Janet Strusz	Kate McWhirk
March 20th	PALM SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY
March 27	EASTER SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY



### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Board of Christian Education will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Children ages 3-12 are invited to come out for this fun event. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer so that we know how many children will be coming.



### **Women's Society**

We had some great help tearing the sheets into bandages. Again thank you to the group that tore the strips for us. It is hoped that they will be sewn into 10-foot lengths and ready to roll by the end of March.

Women's Sunday was February 21. The service, including the sermon, was by the women of our church. Thank you to all the women who participated.

The next meeting of the Women's Society is March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Betty Goad and Amy Farina are hostesses and Tracey Benton has devotions. All women are invited to attend the Christian Fellowship and interaction with other women of the church.




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Good Friday Community Service

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**March 25**  
**Noon - 3:00pm**  
 First Baptist Church of Bordentown  
 Rev. Nevin Werron, Interim Pastor  
 127 Prince Street, Bordentown

Time	Word #	Word	Scripture	Name/Church/Etc.
12:05	1	Father forgive them...	Luke 23:26-38	Rev. Elizabeth Vaneekhoven Pastor, Fieldsboro United Methodist Church, Fieldsboro
12:25	2	Today you will be with me in paradise	Luke 23:39-43	<i>To be announced</i>
12:50	3	Woman behold thy son... behold thy mother	John 19:17-27	Associate Pastor Bernice Carolina Trinity United Methodist, Roebing
1:15	4	My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me	Mark 15:21-34	Rev. Nevin Werron Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bordentown
1:40	5	I thirst	John 19:28, 29	Rev. Terry Fouse Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bordentown
2:05	6	It is finished	John 19:30-37	Rev. Tom Miller Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church, Bordentown
2:30	7	Into your hands I commit my spirit	Luke 23:44-49	Rev. Dr. Edward DeSilva Pastor Chesterfield Baptist Church, Chesterfield

### Food Pantry

Items for the Bordentown Food Pantry located at St. Mary's Catholic Church can be brought to church on any Sunday. Please place the non-perishable items on the upstairs kitchen counter. **Please check the expiration date on the items, as no outdated items will be accepted.**

### Motel Ministry

Churches in the Bordentown area continue to provide a bag of groceries to needy people in the area motels. Our church is responsible for providing **Cartons of Milk** that require no refrigeration (i.e., Parmalat or Hershey brands), **non-perishable Microwaveable Meals**, **Canned Meats with pop-up lids** and **Soup with pop-up lids**. These items continue to be needed due to the economy and the number of individuals staying in the motels. Please place these items on the upstairs kitchen counter. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Kettner at 298-9258.

## **Prayer List**

*We will list the name of an individual who is in need of our prayers in the Sunday bulletin for four consecutive weeks. A person with a long-term illness will be listed on our long-term list. If someone has gotten better and can be removed from the list, please inform Tracey Benton (790-7361).*

## **Prayer Partners**

If you have a specific concern and would like a member of the Prayer Team to pray for you, please place your request in the prayer box located in the back of the sanctuary. A Prayer Team member will pray everyday for a week for each request. **In an emergency, you can call Tracey Benton at 790-7361 or Helen Magowan at 298-1401** and she will start a prayer chain. The Prayer Team will be glad to pray for you or with you.

## **Thank you...**

Not enough can be said about the work and dedication given to both the Women's Society and the First Baptist Church by *Ruth Heitzenroeder*, President; *Mary Johnson*, Vice President; and *Sharon McCormick*, Treasurer.

Under their leadership, much has been accomplished these past six years. We thank each of them for all the time and work they have given.

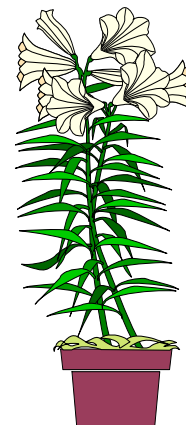


## **MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

Sherry English - 2  
Joan Asselin - -4  
Heather Moore - -5  
Chris Goodrich- -6  
Charlie Palmucci, III - -16  
Karen Socito - -17  
Barbara Blair - -19  
Donna Palmucci - -22  
Betty Goad - -24  
John Pavlovsky--26  
Marty Goodrich--31

## **LONG TERM PRAYER LIST**

Jacob Andrew  
Mike Barley  
Adam Bengis  
John Brady  
Lillian Brady  
Andrea Carson  
Ginny Corson  
Lisa Dunham  
Beatrice Furth  
Betty Goad  
Joseph Hayden  
Shirley Hauser  
Phil Heitzenroeder  
Mary Lou Hengeli  
Woody Hutson  
John Kellher  
Mike Immordino  
Rev. Bill LeConey  
Darlene Leister  
Marion Letts  
Robert Letts  
Scott Magowan  
Mike McCormick  
Katherine Miller  
B.J. Morton  
Betty Nelson  
Veronica Noel  
Dan Perro  
Rev. Erin Phillips  
Sally Radosti  
Greg Schetter  
Thomas Sedor  
Mae Smires  
Madeline Strusz  
Dorothy Wilbert  
Mary Wood  
Terry Zahorchak  
Rose Zaiss  
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**NEWS AND REMINDERS**

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| Sunday, March 13   | Daylight Saving Time Begins<br>Coffee Hour sponsored by the Diaconate       |
| Saturday, March 19 | Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt   |
| Sunday, March 20   | Palm Sunday/ Baptismal Service  |
| Monday, March 21   | Soup Kitchen  |
| Thursday, March 24 | Maundy Thursday Communion Service @7:30 p.m.<br>Chesterfield Baptist Church |
| Friday, March 25   | Good Friday Service from noon-3:00 p.m.<br>First Baptist Church             |
| Sunday, March 27   | <b><i>EASTER Sunday</i></b>   |
| Monday, March 28   | Motel Ministry  |

Items for the Food Pantry can be given on any Sunday. Items for the Motel Ministry are due on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you would like a statement of your financial giving for 2015, please contact Terry Zahorchak (291-9181).

Deadline for the April issue of **TIES THAT BIND** is March 15.





# March



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Notes:</b>		1 Bd. Chr. Ed. 7:00 p.m.	2 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	3 Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Sr. Choir 7:30 p.m.	4 <b>Youth-</b>	5 <b>Snow Camp Mar. 4-6th</b>
6 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Jr. Choir	7	8 Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 Singles Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	10 Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Sr. Choir 7:30 p.m.	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Jr. Choir 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hr. 6:00 p.m. Youth Gr.	14	15	16 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	17 Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Sr. Choir 7:30 p.m.	18	19 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m. Bring your own basket!
20 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Palm Sun. Baptismal Service 11:15 a.m. Jr. Choir	21 Soup Kitchen 9:30 a.m.	22 Women's Society 7:00 p.m.	23 Singles Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	24 Maundy Communion Service Chesterfield Bapt. @ 7:30p.m.	25 Good Friday Service @ First Bapt. Ch. 12-3 p.m.	26
27 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Easter Service	28 Motel Ministry 3:00 p.m.	29	30 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	31		