



# THE TIE THAT BINDS

March 2018 Newsletter of the  
First Baptist Church of Bordentown

**Blessed** is the  
one who comes  
in the name  
of the **LORD.**

Psalm 118.26



FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



## The Suffering Servant

*He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53:3).*

Where am I in God's world? Have you ever asked yourself that question? We live in a world of suffering. Most recently, witnessing 17 innocent children and adults gunned down in a school in Florida while the world watches and lawmakers debate. Just a few months ago an island of people were decimated by Hurricane Maria, while the world watches and many debate. And, every day we see or hear of the people on our own streets struggling to feed themselves or find a place to lay their heads. Are we becoming immune to the suffering of this world?

Searching for God in the world, while we complain about all the unspeakable evil and senseless suffering all around us. Trying to find God in "my world," we scream about our crumbling world and feel uncared for in our suffering. Enter God in the place of our suffering and enlists us to serve those who suffer.

Isaiah 53 introduces us to the Suffering Servant, God's Promised Messiah, who willingly takes our own suffering upon himself to pay for our sins: He introduces us to the One who is "despised and rejected by others" and a "man of suffering and acquainted with grief." Here is a clear reference to the sinless Son of God, nailed to a cross between two thieves. Mount Calvary is a place of suffering to save us and the world! Freed from suffering God's wrath for our sins, God's people becoming suffering servants for others as witnesses to our Savior.

In the Name of the One who heals us from our wounds,  
*Pastor Mark*

## Worship for March

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Served

*Rev. Ted Hardgrove preaching*



**It's A Matter of the Heart!**

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Scripture: Isaiah 58:6-9, Matthew 25:31-46

Message: "A Careless Heart"



**On the Way to Jerusalem**

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Scripture: Luke 18:35-43

Message: "What Did the Blind Man See?"



**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

Scripture: Luke 19:28:44

Message: "Here He Comes"



**Palm Sunday – March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday Service – March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Chesterfield Baptist – 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday – March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**First Presbyterian – 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Easter Resurrection Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>**



Won't you continue to join us for our series of Lenten Lunches each Wednesday at noon through March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our devotions for each lunch provide us with what Jesus says about certain topics of the faith, followed by homemade soup and sandwiches.

February 28<sup>th</sup> – *Death*

March 7<sup>th</sup> – *Our Lives*

March 14<sup>th</sup> – *Humility*

March 21<sup>st</sup> – *Faithfulness*

### **For March**

Wed/Thurs, February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>

*He Chose to Be One of Us*

Wed/Thurs, March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

*He Chose to Forgive Us*

Wed/Thurs, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

*He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence*

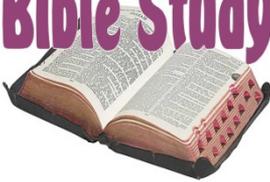
Wed/Thurs, March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

*He Chose to Love Us Forever*

Wed/Thurs, March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

*He Chose to Give Us Victory*

## **Bible Study**



Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. They were not covered with ribbons but sprinkled with the blood that Christ shed on our behalf.

In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death.

The hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God's grace. These were gifts he didn't have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So, as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."

The *He Chose the Nails Study Guide* includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions. Come join us as we travel through Lent together.

## The Board of Christian Education



We are looking forward to Trivia Night on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Come by for a potluck dinner hosted by the Women's Society at 5 p.m. and stay afterwards for a fun evening of Q&A!



POTLUCK DINNER

All youth are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., the younger children can begin their search, while the older youth can participate in a fun scavenger hunt! Afterwards, we will provide lunch for all the children.



**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth come to the church  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**All other children come at  
11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.**





## Reed All About It - Jan/Feb 2018 Update

From J.D. and Rhonda Reed  
Missionaries to Bolivia

**Rhonda:** Rhonda will be traveling back to the US in April to visit the ABC churches in Nebraska and attend their annual meetings in Lincoln. She will also have the opportunity to participate in her commencement at Cedarville University as she graduates with a Masters in Global Public Health Nursing. Pray for Rhonda as she travels this spring.

**House of Hope News:** We have turned in all of our paperwork to become a Bolivian Non-Profit foundation and we should hear something hopefully in the Spring. We are also working to set up our Non-Profit Foundation in the US so that we can broaden our base of support and recruit new ministry partners. Please be in prayer for this process and that God will bless the ministry of the House of Hope as we work toward expanding to reach more people for the Kingdom.



The House of Hope Team. J.D., Rhonda, Sarah, Carmen, and Richard work together to promote innovative integral mission opportunities in Bolivia through local churches and ministries.

**Bolivia Group Starts in One Week at Palmer Seminary:** Thirteen students will join the MTS program on 26th of February to earn their Master's in Theological Studies. This innovative, two-year program has proven to be life-changing for our current students. Please join us in praying for our new Bolivian students.

Your monthly support is vital to the work we do because, without you, it wouldn't be possible for us to be working here. We love you all.

Rhonda and J.D. Reed  
American Baptist Missionaries to Bolivia



## Women's Society

Many people have been requesting a church potluck so what better way to have a great evening of fellowship and fun than to join the Board of Christian Ed on March 18<sup>th</sup> for a Trivia Night. The potluck will be at 5:00 p.m. before testing our superior knowledge. All you have to do is provide a delicious dish of your favorite food and a good appetite. The Women's Society and BOCE will be providing the drink, rolls and bread. Dessert will be available during the games. There will be a sign up sheet on the front bulletin board so we may know approximately how many will be joining us. Of course, if you decide at the last minute to join us, you are always welcome.

Our next meeting is March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge.  
Lynn McCabe has devotions with Ruth and Sharon as hostesses.  
Think about joining us for some wonderful fellowship and dessert.



Since Christmas, there has been a small collection of bowls and containers in the both kitchens without names on them. After a month of not being claimed we will either recycle or dispose of the items left. We ask that you be sure to put your name on your dish or bring in a disposable container. If your name is on the dish, we can remind you to pick it up after church. Thank you ahead of time for your help in keeping the kitchen neat.



## Trustees

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As part of a continuation of our efforts to develop “emergency planning” policies and procedures for our church, the Trustees met with Shaun Lafferty (Bordentown City Police) and Brian Maugeri (Sr. Supervisor, Bordentown EMS). Our objective in meeting was to generally understand the scope of services provided by the municipalities in possible emergency situations associated with First Baptist.

In addition, in early February, Ken Blair, Dan Studzinski, and Pastor Mark attended a seminar, “Worship without Worry,” presented by the Stafford Twp. Police Dept. in Manahawkin, NJ. On February 27, 2018, Ed Moore of the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness gave an evening presentation at our church on the topic of emergency planning, with emphasis on our particular facilities and needs. After the Trustees have had an opportunity to summarize the information we have gathered, we anticipate drafting a plan of action for emergencies and sharing this with our congregation.

The Trustees approved the purchase of a new brass cross to be located in the sanctuary in front of the pulpit. The purchase was paid for by available funds in the Memorial Account.

The Trustees are planning “the second annual” spring church wide cleanup on Saturday, April 21, 2018, starting at 9:00 a.m. All able-bodied men, women and children are invited. The more the participation, the faster the clean-up will go!

The Trustees began some very preliminary discussion on the possibility of adding a handicapped bathroom on the first floor of the educational building in what is now the toddler Sunday school room. Part of this Sunday school room might also be used for needed storage. The Sunday school room now being used for the nursery during church services would not be touched. We thought that some of the construction work could be done by church members and friends to reduce the cost.



## Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our church will participate again this year in the City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can begin to bring in your unwanted treasures

anytime and leave them in the nursery classroom on the first floor of the education building (last classroom on the right before you go down the stairs). All proceeds from our yard sale will go to help fund future mission trips.



## From the Mission Team

The mission Team is hard at work leading our Motel Ministry. Please continue to bring in canned meats for our grocery bag distribution each month (with spring coming, we'll ease up on soup distribution). We need 140 cans of meat to fill 35 grocery bags (canned raviolis, spaghetti, etc. fit the bill).

As summer approaches, the Mission Team is discerning interest in possible mission trips. We are considering three different mission trip opportunities this year, if we feel called to go.

1. To Puerto Rico in early June, with others from ABCNJ to help clean up from Hurricane Maria.
2. To the Jersey Shore July 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> to help continue to help families recovering from Hurricane Sandy.
3. To Puebla, Mexico in the fall to join our missionaries Debbie & Keith Myers to do ministry.

Please let Lynn McCabe or Pastor Mark know of your interest.



# IRS Scam Leverages Hacked Tax Preparers, Client Bank Accounts

Identity thieves who specialize in tax refund fraud have been busy of late hacking online accounts at multiple tax preparation firms, using them to file phony refund requests. Once the **Internal Revenue Service** processes the return and deposits money into bank accounts of the hacked firms' clients, the crooks contact those clients posing as a collection agency and demand that the money be "returned."



In one version of the scam, criminals are pretending to be debt collection agency officials acting on behalf of the IRS. They'll call taxpayers who've had fraudulent tax refunds deposited into their bank accounts, claim the refund was

deposited in error, and threaten recipients with criminal charges if they fail to forward the money to the collection agency.

On Feb. 2, 2018, the IRS issued a warning to tax preparers, urging them to step up their security in light of increased attacks. On Feb. 13, the IRS warned that phony refunds through hacked tax preparation accounts are a "quickly growing scam."

"Thieves know it is more difficult to identify and halt fraudulent tax returns when they are using real client data such as income, dependents, credits and deductions," the agency noted in the Feb. 2 alert. "Generally, criminals find alternative ways to get the fraudulent refunds delivered to themselves rather than the real taxpayers."

The IRS says taxpayer who receive fraudulent transfers from the IRS should contact their financial institution, as the account may need to be closed (because the account details are clearly in the hands of cybercriminals). Taxpayers receiving erroneous refunds also should consider contacting their tax preparers immediately.

To read the entire article – use this link:  
<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2018/02/irs-scam-leverages-hacked-tax-preparers-client-bank-accounts/>

(Posted on an internet blog by former Washington Post reporter Brian Krebs – now specializing in computer security.)



# MARCH

## BIRTHDAYS

Sherry English	2	Barbara Blair	19
Heather Moore	5	Donna Palmucci	22
Charlie Palmucci, III	16	Betty Goad	24
Karen Socito	17	John Pavlovsky	26



*Dear friends in Christ,*

*I don't know where to start. Thank you all for your cards, phone calls, and especially the prayers. They do work! I am a miracle of God and believe! These past several weeks have been tough, but with God as my co-pilot, I will fight to win the battle. I'm doing better, but need some therapy on my left side yet. God bless and keep praying for me.*

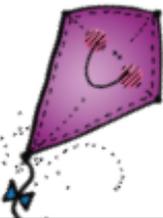
*Love,  
Rose Zaiss*

### Keep Praying For

Barry Carlson  
Phil Heitzenroeder  
Mary Lou Hengeli  
Mike Immordino  
Paige Inman  
Michael McCormick  
Truck Stop Ministry

Betty Nelson  
Madeline Strusz  
Dorothy Wilbert  
Terry Zahorchak  
Rose Zaiss





# March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Notes:</b> Saturday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> -Easter Scavenger Hunt @10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt @11:00 a.m.				<b>1</b> Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship  Youth Retreat	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Bd. Chr. Ed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> Lenten Lunch 12 Noon Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	<b>8</b> Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Crafty Ladies 1-3 p.m. Daughters of the King 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Center 6-9 p.m.
<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Youth Gr.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Bus Trip 12 Noon	<b>14</b> Lenten Lunch 12 Noon Singles Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	<b>15</b> Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Trivia Nite	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Lenten Lunch 12 Noon Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	<b>22</b> Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Daughters of the King 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Center 6-9 p.m.
<b>25</b> Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Diaconate 7:00 p.m. Youth Gr	<b>26</b> Motel Ministry 3:00 p.m.	<b>27</b> Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Women's Society 7:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> Singles Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	<b>29</b> Maundy Thursday Service @ Chesterfield Baptist 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b> Community Good Friday Service @ First Pres.Ch. 12-3:00 p.m.	<b>31</b>

Youth Retreat-Nockamixon St. Park 3/2-3/4