



THE TIE THAT BINDS

April 2018 Newsletter of the
First Baptist Church of Bordentown

He is NOT HERE,
but HAS RISEN!

REMEMBER HOW HE TOLD YOU
WHILE HE WAS STILL IN GALILEE

Luke
24:6 ESV



FROM
THE
PASTOR



Risen Indeed!& A Sending Word!

Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” Luke 24:39.

Early Christians used a powerful responsive greeting still used in our day during the Easter season: “Christ is risen!” The reply: “He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” Where is God in his world? In the physically risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ! Luke’s Gospel described Jesus appearing to his frightened disciples on Easter Sunday evening. He brings peace and suppresses their doubts by showing them his nail pierced hands and feet, inviting them to touch him. He also eats a piece of broiled fish to demonstrate conclusively that he is physically alive from the dead.

Again, Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” John 20:21.

“Peace be with you,” he says. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The assurance is this: Peace for our questioning hearts because of his saving death and victorious resurrection. The task is: Representing God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ in a questioning world. We too, are sent on a mission to tell the world that the answers to life’s many questions can only be found in Jesus.

Lord, send me out into your world to show the world that wherever we are, there you will be, and wherever you are present there will be peace. Amen.

In the Name of the Risen One,
Pastor Mark

Easter Worship



Sunday, April 1st
Easter Resurrection Sunday
Scripture: Luke 24:1-35
Message: "What If It Really Did Happen?"



Bible Study for April

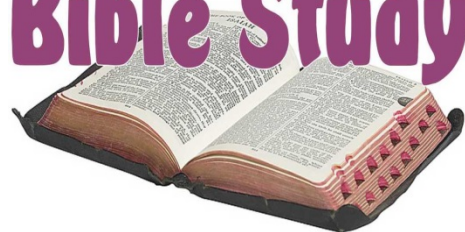
Wed/Thurs, April 4th/5th
He Chose to Love Us Forever

Wed/Thurs, April 11th/12th
He Chose to Give Us Victory

Wed/Thurs, April 18th/19th
Philippians 3:12-21
Eternal Focus

Wed/Thurs, April 25th/26th
Philippians 4:1-7
The Peace of God

Bible Study





**Annual Meeting of the
Capital Association**

**Sunday, April 29th
4:00p.m.**

First Baptist Lambertville

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Luciano Marquez



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**New Worship Series:
Who Am I?**

Sunday, April 8th

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:22

Message: "I Am in Christ!"

Sunday, April 15th

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Message: "I Am Saved!"

Sunday, April 22nd

Guest Speaker, Denise Gratzel

ABCNJ Disaster Relief Coordinator

Sunday, April 29th

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Message: "I Am Reconciled!"

Women's Society



Get ready for a delicious brunch after the May 6 church service. The Women's Society will be offering scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, muffins fruit salad and beverage and morning fellowship. Prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 5-12. Mark your calendar. Tickets go on sale April 15 after church.

The bus trip to see Jesus was a great success thanks to the organization of Rose Zaiss. It was decided to sponsor a trip to see NOAH in April of 2019. Half the bus is filled already. If you see Rose and thinking of going, let her know.



The upstairs' kitchen was cleaned and put in order. Everyone using the kitchen is asked to please clean up after your selves and take home what is left over from what you brought. If you wish to donate it to the motel meals, please let Pastor Mark know.



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Judy Price
225 Lafayette Street
Bordentown, NJ 08505

Laura and Rich Carpenter
8 Willow Rd.
Bordentown, NJ 08505



J.D. and Rhonda Reed – Health Update, March 18, 2018

Dear friends and family,

Where to start.

Well, first there are so many awesome things happening in the MTS Lain America

Program and the House of Hope, but we will send out another email soon to fill you in on that. We wanted to send a note to all of our friends and supporters and let you know about a situation that we have been dealing with for the past month or so.

As many of you know, both Rhonda and Nathan have Celiac Disease and have been maintaining a special diet for a while. In addition, Rhonda has been dealing with fluctuating Blood Pressure issues for a number of years that she has been managing with diet and medicine as needed. About a month ago, problems started getting to be more frequent and more difficult to manage and it became apparent to us and some trusted colleagues and family that she was at a point where something needed to be done. After a lot of prayers and the help of some great friends, we as a family along with leadership from International Ministries, have decided that Rhonda needed to return to the United States for an indefinite period of time to try and obtain a more definitive diagnosis and begin treatment.

She reached out and made appointments with an amazing team of doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, which is considered one of the best hospitals in the world for diagnosing obscure cases. After many tests and consultations, followed by an extensive discussion with her Blood Pressure Specialist, the team of doctors felt that she has some form of autonomic neuropathy.

What does this mean? Well, it is easier to tell you what it doesn't mean. It doesn't mean that we will be leaving our work in Bolivia. Lord

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J.D. and Rhonda Reed continued

willing, we will be here for quite a long time. It also doesn't mean that she can't receive proper treatment in Bolivia. Sometimes the diagnosis problem is better addressed in the US. It also doesn't mean that Bolivia has made her sick, or that our family is falling apart, or that we are just trying to throw you off of the scent of some other family crisis. Honestly, we simply didn't want to share anything about her visit to the states until we had something definitive to tell you.

She will be continuing on in the States for a while to make sure that the new treatment is effective and then when things start to normalize, she will be heading back here to Bolivia, our family, and the work at the House of Hope. Please understand that while she is there she will be focusing on her health, so she will not be available for speaking engagements or church visits at this time.

Thank you for your prayers for our family. Please pray for Rhonda as she continues to work with doctors to develop the right plan of attack and get her back to Bolivia soon. Pray for J.D., Abie and Nathan as they are still in Bolivia during this time, and Grace as she is in University at Marshall. Know that we love you all and thank God daily for your support and prayers for us and the ministry that we are involved in. As soon as we have more information, we will pass it on to you. Thank you for everything, and most importantly...keep praying.

Love always,
J.D. and Rhonda Reed



An Amusing Story

Author and Pastor John Ortberg shares an amusing story titled, *The Empty Tomb: How Will You Respond?*



“A friend of mine used to work as a denominational official in Minnesota. One of his jobs was to travel to little rural communities where they didn't have churches to do funerals. He would go out with an undertaker, and they would drive

together in the undertaker's hearse. One time, they were on their way back from a funeral, and my friend, John, was feeling quite tired. He decided he would take a nap. Since they were in a hearse, he thought, “Well, I'll just lie down in the back of the hearse.”

Sounds like kind of a creepy thing to do, but this is a true story. The guy who was driving the hearse pulled into a service station, because he was running low on gas. The service station attendant was filling up the tank and he was kind of freaked out, because there was a body stretched out in the back. While he was filling the tank, John woke up, opened his eyes, knocked on the window and waved at the attendant. John said he never saw anybody run so fast in his whole life.

Ortberg adds, "When people see life where they were expecting death, they start running. On the third day, everything changed! Where everybody thought they were just going to see death, there was life! And that shook things up! After the third day, as a matter of historical record, his followers, who were shattered, disillusioned, and heartsick following the Crucifixion, went out to face all kinds of difficulties and suffering and imprisonment and spread the Word, because they believed they had seen life where they were expecting death. That shakes people up!"





Spring Clean-Up Day
Saturday, April 21st
9:00 a.m.

Come One, Come All
Come Help Clean Up God's
Church

Change or More for Puerto Rico



First Baptist is assembling a team of go to Puerto Rico from May 26-June 2. Already there are 6 commitments from FBC B-town. There will be plenty for the team to do while there, and expenses for the cleanup and rebuild will be required for a long time to come. A large water jug is available in the rear of the sanctuary for your offerings of spare change or more. We hope to fill the jug before we go, so we can take it with us. Empty your pockets or write a check today.

Church-Wide Yard Sale **Saturday, June 2nd**



Our church will participate again this year in the City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2nd. 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.



Denise Gratzel, Guest Speaker, Sunday, April 22nd

Denise was born in Albany, GA and grew up attending a Southern Baptist church. Her most potent introduction to faith was her wonderful grandmother, who lived out a strong faith in the Lord and shared it with Denise.

Upon arriving in New Jersey as a child, Denise attended East Dover Baptist Church in Toms River. It was there, through the leadership of the Sunday school teachers and youth leaders, her faith grew and matured.

In 2003 Denise was part of a Medical Mission Team from ABCNJ to witness and minister to the people of Rwanda, Africa. A trip which changed her life. There her faith grew as she learned a new way to love both the Lord and people who very different from herself.

Denise wears many hats - mom, pastor's wife, and Dental assistant - but loves being a servant of the Lord more than all. During the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy, through her service in the Help Center in First Baptist Manasquan, she saw first-hand how the compassion of giving of one's self can be the greatest witness of Jesus' love to others.

Her lessons in service made Denise well-suited to take on the role of ABCNJ Disaster Response Coordinator.

Denise is married to the Rev. Joe Gratzel, and together with their seven children they serve at the First Baptist Church in Manasquan, NJ.



APRIL

T.J. McGonigal	11
Rev. Jay Rambo	14
Mary Lou Hengeli	17
Tina Lathrop	22
Joan Altman	22

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





April



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship	2	3 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m.	4 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	5 Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Daughters of the King 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Center 6-9 p.m.
8 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Youth Gr.	9	10 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m.	11 Singles Dinner 6:00p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	12 Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	13	14 Crafty Ladies 1:00 p.m.
15 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Youth Gr.	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Advisory Coun. 7:00 p.m.	18 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	19 Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Church Clean Up 9-12 p.m. Daughters of the King 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Center 6-9 p.m.
22 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Diaconate 7:00 p.m. Youth Gr.	23 Motel Ministry 3:00 p.m.	24 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Women's Society 7:00 p.m.	25 Singles Dinner 6:00p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	26 Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Annual Mtg. @FBC Lambertville 7:00 p.m. Youth Gr.	30		Notes:			

