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WARE IT IS
Todd Ware
Senior Pastor

Sunday was a great day for FBC Kids and their families. The kids blessed us with their waving palm branches and singing at our traditional service, and they and their families filled the fellowship hall for the perfect luncheon which featured chicken fingers and macaroni & cheese! The day wasn't complete until Maria Brannen, our Minister to Children, led the parade over to our 301 Hospitality House for an egg hunt.

Maria had asked the church to give 1200 eggs, but the total ended up exceeding 3000! It was quite a sight to behold. Even after every kid had a basket full of eggs, the yard remained covered with eggs. It was a beautiful picture of grace! Paul writes, "where sin increased, grace increased all the more. . ." (Romans 5:20); and John says, "(Jesus) is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Jesus is more than enough for us and the world! Remember this truth as you watch children chase those eggs this Easter. It's the message that's at the heart of our faith.

Cross a Street

Parking will be a challenge on Easter Sunday. Even with the recent addition of spaces to our lower lot, we'll need to be mindful of guests who have never visited our campus. If your family usually drives multiple vehicles, consider driving only one. The parking lots at Taylor Made Smiles (front & back), the McDaniel Tichenor House, & behind the county library are available on Sundays. Creating convenient parking for guests and those who have physical challenges is a practical way of being a welcoming church. So, if you're physically able, park in a location that requires you to cross a street this Sunday morning.

Holy Week Opportunities

Holy Thursday

We'll worship at 6:00pm this Thursday. Many traditions refer to the day as, "Maundy Thursday." Maundy means "mandate or command." Jesus commanded His disciples to wash each other's feet just as He had washed theirs. The practical implication is that He wants us to serve one another. Our worship time will offer you the opportunity to wash others feet, or to have yours washed. We will also observe The Lord's Supper with people walking down front to receive the bread & cup. The Holy Thursday service is very significant and meaningful. I encourage you to attend if at all possible.

Community Sunrise Service

There is a move among several local churches for us to find more ways to come together throughout the year. In the spirit of our Community Lenten services, we will gather at Felker Park at 7:00am Sunday morning to welcome the rising sun with singing, prayer and a brief word from Pastor Hugo Bryan-Porter. I'm looking forward to this special time together. The weather is supposed to cooperate with us this year! Bring a chair and join us if you can.

Flowering Cross

One of our favorite Easter traditions is the flowering cross. Bring blooms from your yard, your neighbors yard (just kidding), or the store to help us bring the cross on our front lawn to life. The flowering cross makes for a beautiful backdrop for family pictures as we celebrate the resurrection this Sunday.

Learning, Loving & Living Like Jesus,
Todd

COMMUNITY-WIDE

Easter Sunrise Service

FELKER PARK
7AM

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

MARCH 31: TEAM LEADER: LESLEY BOWICK

8:30 Team

- Infants: Beth Baggett
- Toddler/2's: Teri Head
- 3-5 year olds: Jennifer Richardson, John Head

11:00 Team

- Infants: Sheryl Fambrough or Cindy Lyle
- Toddler/2's: Rita Millians
- 3-5 year olds: Roger Brannen



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VBS 2024 JUNE 3-7

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



SCAN ME

Get Your Name Tag!



First Last

\$10 each
Place your order online
by clicking this box.

Mind Your Parking

Save priority spots for guests and those with accessibility needs.

Holy Thursday

The Lord's Supper & The Washing of Feet

March 28 - 6 pm in the Sanctuary

The Flowering Cross

BRING YOUR FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CROSS
ON EASTER SUNDAY

Prayer List

Doris Adams
 Norma Barnes
 Alan & Jayne Bolton
 Bobby & Judy Burrow
 Gail Carrell
 Ryleigh Christie (granddaughter of
 Chuck & Darlene Christie)
 Margaret Cooper (mother of Steve
 Akery & Rita Millians)
 Diane Davis
 Sally Deese
 Stephen Doss (brother in law of Todd &
 Teri Ware)
 Jenny Ferguson (sister of Julie Sargent)
 Diane Gove
 Joe Graham
 Mark Granger (son in law of Virginia
 Ashmore)
 Shirley Guhl
 Boyce Hall (brother in law of Todd &
 Teri Ware)
 Sherry Hanes
 Martha Harlan
 Ja.R. Harwell
 Roemelle Holloway
 Jim Jarrell (father of Ginger Whitley)
 Shirley Johnson
 Ann Jones (mother of Teri Ware)
 Kathy Kamienski
 Lois Kemper (friend of Susanne Young)
 Chuck Leathery
 Kay Legg (friend of Tim Anderson)
 Verna Lovgren
 Jayson Lowe (brother of Stacy
 McCullers)
 Barbara Malcom
 Ricky Mathis
 Ruth McClellan (friend of Suzanne
 Young)
 Paisley & Piper Mercado (newborn
 twins)
 George & Rachel Moyers
 Gloria Potter
 Juan Prado
 Chuck Pratt (father of Amy Prine)
 Richard Purcell (friend of Tim
 Anderson)
 Trisha Rackley
 Carly Redding (sister of Cynthia
 Walker)
 Marvin Reddish
 Steve Reynolds
 Bob Richards
 Lacey Richardson (granddaughter of
 Larry & Judy Richardson)
 Rosemarie Sells
 Tariq Shakoore
 Dale Shinn
 Sherlene Shiver
 Harry Simmons, Jr.
 Tappy Squires
 Joshua Stachowicz (grandson of Evelyn
 Barganier)
 Ryan Stokes (grandson of Monroe &
 Trammel Davis)
 Barry Stone (husband of Sharyn Stone)
 Dennis & Carol Story
 Shelia Young
 Drew Zarate (husband of Julia
 Workman Zarate)

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY TO:

Maria Brannen in the passing of her
 father, James Paul.

GIFTS

In Memory of Tom Harlan
 given by

Millie Hardeman
 Linda Trotter & Family
 to the General Fund

In Memory of Craig Harmon
 given by

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Fussell
 Mr. & Mrs. Troy Porterfield
 Alan Redding
 to the General Fund

In Memory of Bob Malcom
 given by

Hannah Sunday School Class
 to the Missions Fund

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Steve Leavelle - March 28 (10 years)

FLOWERS

This weeks flowers are placed in the
 sanctuary by the Floral Committee to
 the Glory of our Risen Savior.

Anyone wishing to place flowers in the
 sanctuary during the month of April,
 please contact Carolyn Harkreader at
 402-957-7336.

GREETERS FOR MARCH 31

*All hands on deck for
 all three services.*

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am Sunrise Service at Felker Park
 8:30am Early Service in Sanctuary
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:55am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
 11:11am Informal Service in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 3

No Wednesday Night Activities

Men's Bible Study will still meet

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

BIRTHDAYS

MAR 31 - APR 6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

31 Adam Keesee
31 Teri Ware
1 Nita Bakay
1 Wesley Kelly
1 Wallis Lucas
2 Barbara Brown
2 Wanda Satterwhite
3 Stephanie Mastriano
3 George Moyers
4 Ryan Millians
4 Nan O'Kelley
6 Karen Brown
6 Trevor Queen
6 Emmy Smith
6 Gracie Smith

DEACONS OF THE WEEK MAR 28 - APR 3

Buddy Leach & Steve Akery

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Gail Carrell 678-221-6714
 690 Riverbend Rd. SE
 Monroe, GA 30655

LAST WEEK

March 24, 2024

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NUMBERS

Weekly Budget Required\$32,874.44
 Weekly Budget Receipts
 Sunday Offerings\$42,689.00
 Online Giving \$7,155.00
 Stock Gifts \$0.00
 Budget Required to Date \$394,493.28
 Budget Received to Date \$325,235.80
 Designated Gifts \$1,085.00
 Give to Go Goal \$75,000.00
 Give to Go YTD \$57,910.43

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Adults 259
 Students 17
 Kids 30
 Preschool 35
 Total 341



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OFFICE HOURS

8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday
8:30am-1:00pm Friday

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AFTER-HOURS

On-Call Pastor Care Number
706-389-9804
March 29 - 31
Todd Ware

BRUCE BAGGETT Associate Pastor
ALEX BOSKOFF Early Worship Leader
MARIA BRANNEN Minister to Children
KYLE BROWN Minister to Students
CHRIS BRYAN Informal Worship Leader
DARLENE CHRISTIE Director of Weekday School
BROOKE GOUGE Family Ministry Assistant

JOE GRAHAM Church Administrator
KIM HENSEL Ministry Assistant
CARROL HOLMAN Financial Secretary
CURTIS MURDOCK Traditional Worship Leader
GLORIA NGUYEN Minister to College and Young Adults
TODD WARE Senior Pastor

You're Invited to Believe!

He is Risen!



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to adorn the Cross

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