

First Family News

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From the Pastor



I am excited about the upcoming Sports Camp and I'm not alone! We have close to 50 people who have signed up to help with the Camp. Some will be coaches, some prayer warriors, some will help with the food and refreshments and some don't yet know what they will be doing, but will find out soon.

It's a great opportunity to see children saved and to meet some families who have no church home. The benefits, however, go well beyond that because it also gives us a great opportunity to see what God can do when we work together, and pray together, and serve together for the glory of God.

If you haven't signed up yet to get involved with Sports Camp, you still have time; and we still have needs to fill and places to serve. Just contact the church office.

By the way- when you see kids out playing on your street be sure to tell them about it. The dates are April 18- 21st from 9am- 12 noon.

Blessings,

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March 12th ...remember to set your clock ahead before you go to bed by 1 hour!



Spring Break Sports Camp



We will be hosting a Sports Camp for the children of our community April 18- 21st.

A project of this size will require a lot of help and we need you to be a part. The sports we will be teaching basic skills in are baseball, soccer and basketball. We will use the facilities in Middleton Park for the camp. If you can help with any aspect of this camp, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the new building Welcome Center.

Baptist Men



We are getting the Men's Ministry back on its feet. I want to thank David Lloyd and Gary Holbrooks for volunteering to help with the Handyman / Disaster Relief ministry.

We have done a couple of jobs already and looking at two others now. Watch for information on when we will need your help to complete them.

We are doing the "Man Code" Bible Study on Thursday evenings through March.

We also have the Men's Prayer Team that meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

in the Office Annex. All men are encouraged to attend.

Any man who would be interested in fellowship with brothers in Christ, some of us meet for breakfast on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 at the Long Beach Diner (formerly Beana's Kitchen) (on SE 58th Street).

In Christ's Love,

Ken Palmeter

FBCOI Men's Ministry Director

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reaching for higher ground

3/1 6:30p **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

3/2 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p **Lent Kickoff**

3/6 5:30p Sunday Supper
6:00p Bible Study

3/9 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p Bible Study

3/13 5:30p Sunday Supper
6:00p Bible Study

3/16 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p Bible Study

3/20 5:30p Sunday Supper
6:00p Bible Study

3/23 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p Bible Study

3/27 5:30p Sunday Supper
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Our Sunday School ministry is off to a great start this this year! We are beginning to see folks returning on Sunday mornings since the pandemic has kept so many away. Thank you to all those who have invited friends and neighbors to Sunday School and I pray that we'll continue to reach out to those who need and desire Christian fellowship and learning the Word through our Sunday morning lessons.

We are still in need of volunteers to help us with the nursery and toddlers during Sunday School. Lifeway has great material for these age groups and it's so important to begin teaching them at this age about Christ. If God is calling you to assist our church in either a parttime or fulltime position, please let me know and we can begin a schedule. Our church is experiencing a great number of visitors with children and it's only a matter of time that we will begin filling these classes with children. First impressions are so important when families visit, looking for a church. How important it is to have a teacher in these rooms every Sunday morning, prepared to teach the lesson! Please prayerfully consider how you can serve in this critical position.

Our Discipleship ministry is also seeing growth! Thank you to Richard Beeson and Elizabeth Whitener for your willingness to facilitate our classes and to help grow our participants in their journey to become disciples of Christ. Unchurched people are less and less inclined to check out our church gatherings, regardless of how well we lead them. But they are open to conversations in the midst of genuine personal relationships. The biggest barrier is that most Christians are afraid to engage in these conversations because they do not know how to talk about the difficult topics. So church leaders must focus on training everyday Christians how to think about and respond to the key questions of our time. This is the reason Discipleship classes are so important to attend and participate in! Discipleship is not an option. Jesus says that if anyone would come after me, he must follow me.

“The church is not a theological classroom. It is a conversion, confession, repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sanctification center, where flawed people place their faith in Christ, gather to know and love him better, and learn to love others as he designed.” — Paul David Tripp

In Christ, Jeffery Stutts



Children's Ministry Newsletter

It's a wonderful time to be a child of God at First Baptist Church of Oak Island!

We had a wonderful time during our ice-skating trip to the Wilmington Ice House. Twenty children and their parents shared pizza and songs as we rode to Wilmington. We arrived as the Zamboni was making its first pass across the ice. Working together, we got everyone laced up and cheered each other on as we made our way around the rink. The day ended as we celebrated our not-quite-Olympic-level skating with ice cream afterwards.



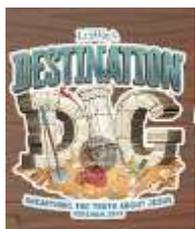
The February Fun Fest lived up to its name! I'm so grateful for the volunteers that helped serve our spaghetti dinner, worked with the children as we made Valentine's for parents and Children's Ministry volunteers, and played games. We heard our parents had a fun evening out as well.



We've also been having lots of fun in Children's Bible Study learning the big picture story of God's love for us through the lessons of The Gospel Project. We continue to learn about the fathers of our faith. We are also working diligently to write God's Word on our hearts as we memorize scriptures and learn the order of the books of the Bible. I'd like to send a huge thank you to Brian and Anna Carlson as the work with our children in TeamKID to dive ALL IN and learn about the ways examples from the Bible and missionaries around the world show their great love for God by going all in when they follow Him and how we can too. They are teaching for the next two months so I can participate in Experiencing God discipleship classes.

Looking ahead, March Missions Madness is Saturday, March 12, from 9:30 to Noon. It's a great opportunity for our youngest disciples to learn to live as Acts 1:8 Christians. We will make and deliver a healthy snack basket for local first responders, create hygiene kits to share with disaster victims in our state, tie fleece blankets for national disaster victims, and create rooster banks for our church family to use to collect the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

In April, we will reach out to our community with our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at 10:30. Brunch will be served. We will share games, the real story of Easter, and of course, eggs and candy. The following week will join others in our church and community at Spring Break Sports Camp, April 18-21, 9:00-noon each day. Children ages 5-13 can register online at www.fbcoi.org or on Facebook at First Baptist Church of Oak Island's page.



Finally, it's almost time for Vacation Bible School! Our training session for volunteers will be Sunday, May 1, immediately following worship. Lunch will be served. Destination Dig VBS will be June 19-23, 5:45-8:45 each evening. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please invite your neighbors, friends, and family and see Beth Key if you are willing to serve.

Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Ministries of FBCOI through your prayers, your time, your talents, and your gifts. Because of your love, our children follow the example set by Jesus in Luke 2:52 and grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. Thank you for your support. I appreciate you!

In His love, Beth Key



Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, April 16, at 10:30. Eggs and candy are already purchased, but our Children's Ministry is accepting monetary donations for anyone wishing to contribute.

Women's Ministry

I do believe our WMU is being relentless in our everyday walk-in life. We as a church have continued the Great Commission by giving to the Heck- Jones Offering. Our offerings provide funds for the mission and ministries of WMU NC. WMU NC give hope to all through mission education beginning with preschoolers through adults, helping them understand that God doesn't just love us, He loves the whole world.

In our own church our ladies mission groups have been very active. The Quilters have made pillows for SOARS, 6 taggies for Samara's Village, and 100 Rice Heating pads for The Bless Your Heart Celebration; they also made 28 female personal hygiene item that can be placed in the older girls Christmas Shoe Boxes. They have been busy. They also did a project with the Lena Early group. They made a quilt for Mrs. Al and the Lena Early group presented it to her.

The Mission Action Group has been collecting items for the Food Pantry at Boiling Spring Lakes. They have also been collecting come items for the kitchen at the Hospice House in Bolivia.

The Mary Green Circle did a church wide collection for Matthews Ministry which was very successful. They have also been helping several people with their Servant's Heart Program. That is a group of women who want to help and serve you by helping take you to Dr., appointments, grocery shopping, pet care, light cleaning and yard work, be a companion and child sitting. If you need any of these services these ladies can help, call Debbie Adams or Jamie Lloyd. Besides these things they also have been collecting for Hospice.

The Lena Early Circle has been busy also. They made Valentines Baskets for several elderly persons and distributed them for Valentine's Day. They have done a church wide collection of diapers for the Diaper Bank. Hospice is also on their list of projects they have done.

We must not forget the GA's who are collecting for the Food Pantry at Boiling Springs Lake.

The WMU also had a Women's Brunch on the 26th of February with Phyllis Elvington speaking. A great time was had by all. Rice Bag Heating Pads were given to each participant and door prizes were awarded. Many thanks to Lauren and the youth for cooking and serving the food for the event.

WMU and the Youth are going to put together a church cookbook. We need everyone's recipes for this. I can not wait to see this in print and try all the great recipes we receive.

We must not forget the Annie Armstrong offering that will be happening before Easter. The North American missionaries are depending on our prayers. They are taking the gospel to a region of 366 million people where spiritual and cultural divides are deep and growing. Only the love of Christ can bring true unity and transformation. Our goal is \$8000.

May 7th the WMU will have a Mad Hatter Party in the Fellowship Hall. Plans are incomplete now so stay tuned for that.

There are many things great things happening in our church. With prayers and your help, we will continue to do God's work.

Denise Justice, WMU Director



March

- 01 *Kat Adams; Doris Windham & David Justice*
- 03 *Ken Kiser*
- 04 *Ellery Davis & Janis Whitley*
- 06 *Jane Todd*
- 07 *Justin Hyer*
- 09 *Susan Heafner & Roland Weathers*
- 11 *Chris Benjamin*
- 17 *Rebekah Gibby; Ken Palmeter; Helen Robinson*
- 21 *Jessica Faircloth*
- 23 *Onie Dennis*
- 25 *Steve Clark & Tammy Johnston*
- 26 *Isabella Carlson*
- 27 *Marge Stanton*
- 29 *Sue Johnson*
- 31 *Justin Page*

April

- 01 *Marlene Lively*
- 05 *Ron Carter & Pete Key*
- 08 *Mike Goodson*
- 09 *Harold Leslie*
- 10 *Diane Ellixson*
- 11 *Brian Carlson*
- 12 *Paul Witmer*
- 15 *Lori White & Phillip Adams*
- 16 *Cindy Weaver*
- 18 *Maggie Bishop & Gray Frady*
- 20 *Mary Carter; Samantha Barker & Parker Halstead*
- 22 *Peyton McCoy & Judy Moon*
- 26 *Sue Roberts*
- 27 *Nancy Martin*



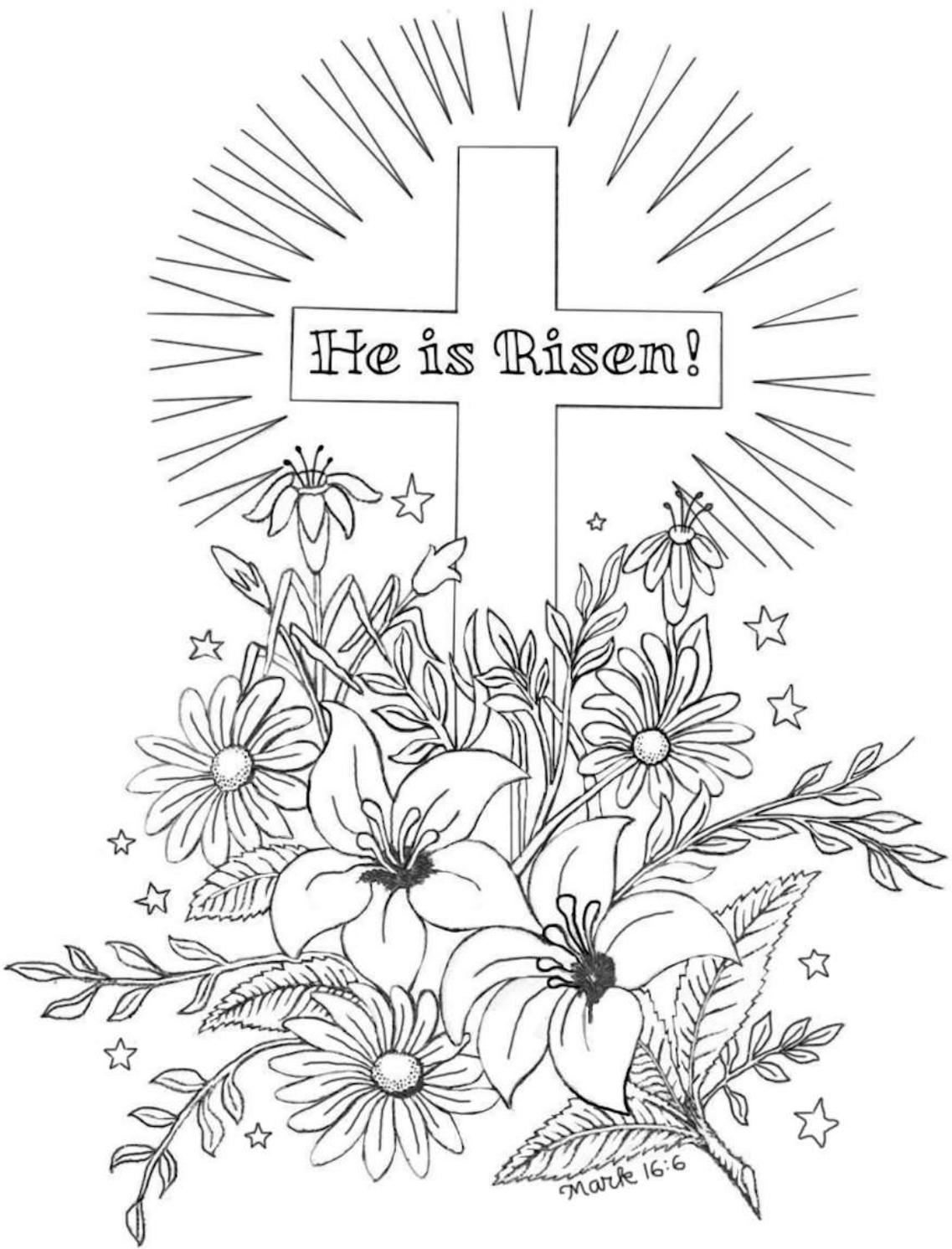
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6	7 Church Council- 7pm	8	9 Supper- 6pm Children's Bible Study-6:30pm Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study Mission Friends; RA's/ GA'; Youth- 7pm	10 Mary Greene- 6 pm The Man Code- 7pm	11	12  March Mission Madness- 9:30am
13	14 Deacons- 7pm	15	16 Mission Action- 11am Supper- 6pm Children's Bible Study-6:30pm Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study Mission Friends; RA's/ GA'; Youth- 7pm	17 Piecemakers- 10am The Man Code- 7pm	18	19
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17  Easter Sunday	18 [--Spring Church Office Closed O.W.L.S.  Senior Adults' Ministry	19 Break Stewardship- 7pm	20 Sports No Wednesday Night Supper Quarterly Church Conference Mission Friends; RA's/ GA'; Youth- 7pm	21 Camp--] Piecemakers- 10am	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Men's Prayer Group- 7pm	29	30

He is Risen!



Mark 16:6