Friendly, GUIDE

REFLECTIONS

If asked to name the greatest moment in human history, I could not separate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ from the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Together they are the event which split history in two, the moment at which sin and death were defeated and reconciliation to God was made possible. If asked to name the greatest miracle of all, however, the resurrection wins, hands down.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead confirmed His identity as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Who but the mighty God the Son could have promised, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it," and then accomplished what He said? The resurrection confirmed that God had accepted the sacrifice of Christ on the cross as payment for our sin.

The resurrection meant that God had begun the process of restoring all things to the way they should be and were intended to be from creation. Romans 8 tells us that creation is groaning, waiting for redemption, and that the resurrection and redemption of our bodies will to p the list (Romans 8:18-23). The remaking of all creation will be part of God's final deliverance from the destructive effects of sin. The raising of Christ's body marked the beginning of that deliverance.

The resurrection of Christ assures us of our living hope and of power over sin. 1 Peter 1:3 declares, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." And Ephesians 1:19-20 is just as reassuring as it describes "...His incomparable great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead..." The fact of Christ's resurrection is the assurance that God can and will make good on all His promises to us. If the resurrection is true, all the facts about our faith are true. If we can believe that, we can believe it all. And if God had the power to raise His Son, think how He can use that same power to transform us.

The important thing is not just that we believe the resurrection happened, but that it happens daily in us. We can experience a "resurrection to newness of life in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:4). Because of Christ's resurrection, we can live as people who are prepared to die, and we can die as people who are prepared to live!

Grace & Peace Pastor Prince

PRIMETIME

• Tune Share Rehearsal Monday, May 6 10:00 a.m. Lower Auditorium

Tune Share
 at FBC Sevierville, TN

Tuesday, May 7 7:45 a.m. The bus will leave FBC Clinton Parking Lot at 7:45 a.m. Breakfast will be provided at Tune Share. Lunch following Tune Share at Pizza Inn on Clinton High.

Primetime
 End of Season Picnic
 Friday, May 10

4:00 p.m. At Betty Kay's House 830 Ridgeview Drive, Clinton Chicken, Drinks, Deviled Eggs and Rolls are provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

• Save the Date Sunday, June 9 10:40 a.m. Sanctuary XYZ Singers sing in the service.

YOUTH

• Youth Refuge Grades 6 - 12 Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. FLC Youth Room

 Uno de Mayo Party Wednesday, May 1 6:30 p.m. FLC Youth Room



 Senior Recognition Sunday
 Sunday, May 12
 8:30 a.m. Senior Recognition

9:00 a.m. Breakfast for high school graduates and their families.
10:40 a.m. Senior Recognition

• Youth Trip to Atlanta Braves vs. Pirates Game Thursday, June 13 Grades - 7 - 12 Cost: \$20.00 per youth (includes ticket, meal and transportation)



• St. Louis Mission Trip

June 24 - July 1 Youth will be teaming up with and serving alongside organizations heavily involved in the following areas of ministry: Homelessness, Refugees, Senior Adults, Children, Poverty Relief. From these organizations, as well as your face-to-face experiences with those you serve, you will learn about people, the problems they face. and what can be done to alleviate their suffering. You will see new places, meet different people, and gain new experiences that positively transform your life, as well as the lives of those you serve. A focus of the trip will be how you can take what you've learned and better serve those in your community.

MISSIONS

- Annie Armstrong & Global Missions
 FBC Offering Goal: \$4,000
 Annie Armstrong: \$930.75
 Global Missions: \$1,240.75
 Received to Date: \$2,171.50
 - reNew Addiction Recovery Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Lower Auditorium
 - Crafts at the Towers Saturday, May 11 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

 Movie Night at the Towers
 Saturday, May 11
 7:00 p.m.
 Everyone is invited for movie and popcorn at the Towers!

• Angelic Ministries Saturday, May 18 8:15 a.m. Leave FBC Parking Lot 9:00 a.m. Arrive at Angelic 2:00 p.m. Return at FBC We will work in the warehouse, ride the bus to deliver snacks under the bridge, then worship with, eat with, and fellowship with people who attend. *Please* contact the church to sign up to volunteer.

- Shepherd's Table Saturday, June 22 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Family Life Center Free Community Meal! Everyone is welcome! No Shepherd's Table in May.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Family Life Center

KIDS KORNER

• FBC Kids Age 3 - 5th Grade Wednesdays 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Level 3 - Main Church Building



• End of Season Party Wednesday, May 15 6:16 p.m. Level 3 - Main Church Building

 Children's and Preschool Committee Meeting Sunday, May 5 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <u>At Betty Kay's House</u> Bring your children. Snacks will be provided.



• Vacation Bible School June 3 - 7

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Age 3 - 5th Grade

Kids will deepen their friendship with a mighty, loving, and good, good God who empowers them to boldly face life's challenges. Contact Betty Kay Pierce if you would like to volunteer at VBS. **VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED**: Light Blue rectangular plastic table cloths, Green rectangular plastic table cloths, Boxes of all colors of Ping Pong Balls. Drop off in the church office.

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, May 5, are in loving memory of, **John Cobb's** birthday, May 3, given by Beth and Connie.

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 12, are in loving memory of **Miss Reba Gentry**, given by Jack & Carol Jones.

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 19, are in loving memory of **Mrs. Mary C. Hollingsworth,** whose birthday was May 23, given by Joe, Trey, and Nicci Hollingsworth.

The flowers on Sunday, May 26, are in loving memory of Libby Marshall and her parents, Charles and Lucille Taylor; Tom Marshall's parents, Jim and Patsy Marshall; and Pat Marshall's parents, Wayne and Thelma Reynolds, given by Tom, Pat, Ginger and Robyn.

• Christian Sympathy Sympathy is extended to the family of Jo Brendle (4/21).

It's a Boy!



Congratulations to Luis and Carmen Quintana Fox on the birth of a baby boy, Asher Samuel Quintana Fox, born Tuesday, April 2.

Also, congratulations to grandmother, Jamie Fox and great grandmother, Maud Fox.

• Let's Read!

The Church Library is open from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Holy Bible (NIV) Large Print Having trouble reading your Bible? Come to the Library and read this new Large Print Bible.

Communion to Homebound Members Sunday, May 5 1:30 p.m.

• Prayer Service and Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium (Business Meeting 3rd Wed. Mthly)

• Fellowship Dinner Wednesdays

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Family Life Center, Gym Cost is \$8.00 for Adults The last Fellowship Dinner will be May 8 and they resume in the Fall.

• W.E.E. Graduation Tuesday, May 14 6:30 p.m. Family Life Center

• Business Meeting Wednesday, May 15 6:30 p.m. Lower Auditorium

• Combined Worship Service Sunday, May 19 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary (no 10:40 service on this day, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.)

• Deacons Meeting Sunday, May 19 10:40 a.m. Lower Auditorium

• Bridges Out of Poverty Mini Workshop Monday, May 20 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Sign up in the Church Office.

• Memorial Day Recognition Service Sunday, May 26 8:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. During the church services the

names of church members that have passed away since last Memorial Day will be read aloud. When your loved one or friend's name is read you may go forward and move a flower from the basket to the vase.

FRIENDLY FIGURES

March Financial Summary	
Budget Receipts	\$ 113,549
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 16,503
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 73,503
March Deficit/Income	\$ 40,046
2019 Deficit/Income	(\$ 29,731)
TOTAL March 31	\$ 10,315

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Special thanks to all those

who donated candy, stuffed

Easter Eggs and to Holly

Webb for being our event

BUSINESS MEETING

The March Minutes and Financials were approved. Blackflow Specialty Company has been hired to repair backflow device that failed inspection. The funds in Building Improvement account will be moved to Capital Expenditures and the Building Improvement account will be closed. The funds in the NOAH account will be moved to the Mission Projects-General account and the NOAH account

Easter Egg Hurt





~ May 2019 ~



Senior Recognition Day Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m.

Senior Recognition in the Family Life Center 9:15 a.m. Breakfast for Graduates and their families in the Hearth Room. 10:40 a.m. Senior Recognition in the Sanctuary

2019 High School Graduates



Congratulations College Graduates Caleb Clement Courtney Fritts Sarah Thomas

Memorial Day Closings

The Church Office, FLC, & WEE Ministry will be closed on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 27.**