

FIRST THOUGHTS

It's called March Madness.

This is the favorite time of year for college basketball fans, as 68 teams make their way into the NCAA tournament "on the road to the final four."

I'm not a basketball fan except for one or two teams, but there's something contagious about the excitement of this basketball tournament. One of the great thrills to this event is the possibility of an unknown team (aka Cinderella) defeating some higher ranked team resulting in busted tournament brackets and "madness" in the basketball world.

There's other kinds of madness going on too. Unless you've been under a rock somewhere, you've been aware that the politics of a presidential election year is heating up. On Tuesday, March 3rd, about a dozen states hold primaries in an attempt to select a nominee for their political party. The day is known as "Super Tuesday."

In addition to these sporting and political events, the church is entering its own season known as Lent. Lent is a 40 day period of prayer, fasting, and reflection on the life, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ.

Personally, I find this last event and time frame the most meaningful of all.

Many Christians utilize this time to "give up" something for Lent to identify with what Jesus endured during the 40 day period of testing he endured while in the wilderness.

Perhaps you also will give thought to giving something up during this period of time. And, some folks will use each Sunday as a "feast day" to take a break from whatever it is from which they are fasting.

By the time you receive this publication, our church will have already celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of this 40 day season.

One of the biggest takeaways from the Lenten season is the realization of our sinfulness and need of a Savior. John Pierce put it this way, "Perhaps in addition to our accountability groups we need grace groups to remind one another that we are loved and affirmed in our failures, differences, and imperfections—keeping in the forefront that none of us has it all figured out."

It's a privilege to be part of the First Baptist family of faith. It's easy to look around and notice that there's a lot of non-basketball related madness going around. However, there's also a lot of good to enjoy and part of that goodness is sharing life together.

Make sure you're part of what's going on at your church these next several weeks. God has been good to us. Let's remain faithful in our witness, prayers, giving, and service to our Lord.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Dr. Chisholm

PRIMETIME

- **Singin', Devotion & Trip to the Tennessee Theater**

Monday, March 2
10:00 a.m.

Lower Auditorium
11:00a.m.

Leave the Church for "Mighty Musical Monday" at the Tennessee Theater.

- **Singin' & Devotion at Morning Pointe**

Monday, March 9
10:00 a.m.

- **Singin' & Devotion**

Monday, March 16
10:00 a.m.

Lower Auditorium

- **No Primetime**

Monday, March 23

- **Singin' & Devotion**

Monday, March 30
10:00 a.m.

Lower Auditorium
Prepare for Holy Week Service

- **Save the Dates:**

Holy Week Service

XYZs Sing & Dr. Danny Chisholm will give the message at St. Mark's Holy Week Service.
Monday, April 6
12:00 p.m.

Dogwood Arts Festival

Friday, April 24
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tune Share

Tuesday, May 5
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wallace Memorial Baptist Church of Knoxville

YOUTH

- **Refuge**

Wednesdays (cancelled 3/25)
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Grades 6 -12
FLC Youth Room

- **Youth to Main Event**

Middle Schoolers Grades 6-8
Saturday, April 18

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per person
Sign up in the Youth Room

- **Passport**

June 21-26

Grades 6 -12 (completed)
Greensboro College
Greensboro, N.C.

\$100 Deposit due March 31
Limited Space!!

Sign up in the Youth Room

MISSIONS

- **Towers Movie Night**

Saturday, March 21

7:00 p.m.

Movie: "God's Not Dead"

- **reNew Recovery**

Tuesdays

6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

- **Shepherd's Table**

Saturday, March 28

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Family Life Center
Free Community Meal

- **C.S.C. Request**

If you have sheets (mainly full and queen) and blankets that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the Christian Service Center bin.

- **Annie Armstrong and Global Missions**

FBC Goal: \$3,500



KIDS KORNER

- **FBC Kids**

Wednesdays (cancelled 3/25)
6:15 p.m.

Main Church Building - Level 3
Bible Study, Music, and Games

- **Upward Award's Celebration**

Monday, March 9

Second Baptist Church

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 4

11:00 am. - 1:00 p.m.

Creekside Stables

Please drop off **Candy Donations** in the Garden Room, Level 2. Small size candy needed to fit in Easter Eggs. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday

June 8 - June 12

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

SPECIAL THANKS



Dear church family: Words cannot adequately express our gratitude and appreciation for the incredibly generous outpouring of love, support, and encouragement during our baby shower as well as the gifts that continue to arrive. Preparing for a first baby can seem overwhelming—in tasks, decisions, finances, and anticipated life changes, but you have helped ease the burden and calm the concerns so that our focus can remain on the joys and wonderment of this new adventure in life's journey. Our amazement at your generosity, grace, and kindness, quickly turns to awe in the realization that it is God's love reflected in your actions, and we thank Him for His love and the blessing of such a wonderful and thoughtful church family. We deeply appreciate your prayers for us in the days to come—for safe and healthy delivery, joyful endurance and discernment in parenting, and wisdom to find balance in this new phase of life. We love you. —Amanda and Jason



Youth Highschool Retreat
February 14-17

NEW MEMBERS



Hadley Webb, pictured with her family. Hadley was baptized February 9, 2020.



Carleigh Cooper
Baptism March 1, 2020



Scott Merkle, pictured with wife, Mary Haven Merkle. His baptism date is to be announced.

SPECIAL THANKS



Special Thanks to Antonio Gomez for filling in as our Music Director of our 8:30 service. Antonio's last Sunday with us was February 23.

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 1 are in loving memory of **Terry Carpenter's** birthday, March 3 and in memory of **Von and Toni Carpenter**, given by Carol Carpenter.

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar, Sunday, March 8 are in loving memory of **Frank Boggs'** birthday, March 11, given by Sue and family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, March 22 are in loving memory of **Helen Bowling's** birthday which was March 23, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, and Gabriella Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

• Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Brian Wallace** (1/29) and to Jack and Beth Green on the passing of Jack's mother, **Joyce Herrell** (2/20).

• Fellowship Dinners

Wednesdays (cancelled 3/25)
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Family Life Center
Cost is \$8.00 per person.
Please call the church office to RSVP! Kids & Youth Eat Free!

• Combined Service

Sunday, March 15
8:30 a.m.
Family Life Center

• Deacons Meeting

Sunday, March 15
10:40 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

• Prayer Service and Bible Study

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
Led by Dr. Chisholm

• Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• January Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$ 53,347
2020 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 13,337
2020 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,284
Budget Expense	\$ 72,086
Jan. Deficit/Income	(\$ 18,739)
2020 Deficit/Income	(\$ 18,739)
TOTAL January 31	(\$ 18,739)

BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting - February 19

The January Minutes and Financials were approved. Jessica Cooper resigned from Nominating Committee and was added to the Personnel Committee. The Missions Committee set the goal for Annie Armstrong and Global Missions at \$3,500. The leave of absence proposal from Personnel Committee was approved. Brogdon Roofing will be hired to replace the roof on the Sanctuary and Education buildings. A new treadmill will be purchased to replace the broken one in the FLC. Michael Smith of Gilford-Johnson Flooring will be replacing some of the flooring the main church building and some of the stairwell treads. Jessica Severs England moved her letter to Calvary Baptist, Danville, Ky, Doris Glass moved her letter to Central Baptist, Bearden. We added the following names to our church roll by baptism: Charlotte Hutchison, Hadley Webb, Adeline Queener, and Carleigh Cooper.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 18
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office, and are due to the church office by **Monday, April 20.**

Ervin and Freddie Queener Scholarship

This scholarship is available to any student from First Baptist who is enrolled in and has a chosen field of study in a 4 year college or university.

James and Imogene Cheely Memorial Seminary Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to further the seminary education of Christian students, with similar values, attending a moderate Christian seminary and called to church or missions work.

Judy Parish Turner Music Scholarship

This scholarship is for students attending a 4 year college or university enrolled in a music curriculum and/or to pay for private music lessons.

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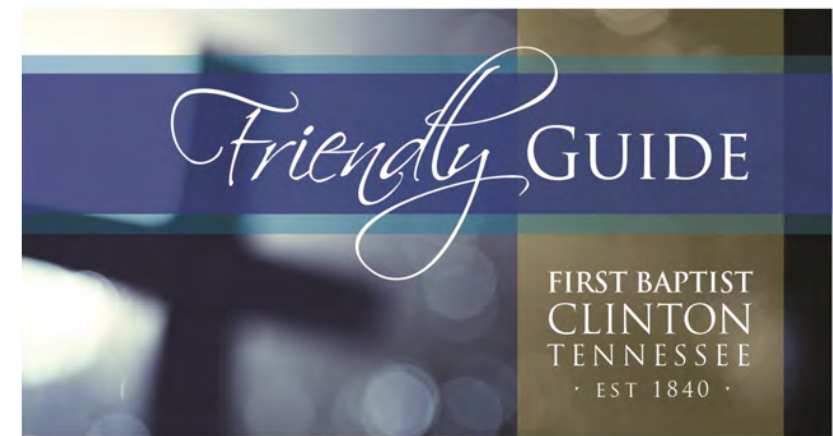


Love Offering

We are accepting Love Offerings for **Jason & Amanda Taylor** for those who wish to contribute to the expenses of **their new baby girl due in March.**

Spring Break Schedule

There will be no Dinner, Refuge, FBC Kids, or Prayer Service on March 25, due to Spring Break. The adult choir will have rehearsal.



~ MARCH 2020 ~



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SPRING BANQUET

Honoring our Widows and Widowers
Sponsored by the Deacons

Sunday, March 15

5:00 p.m.

Calhoun's in Oak Ridge

We welcome back Sonja Moore for our entertainment!
She will be singing Tennessee and Jesus songs!

Wear your Orange and White if you wish!