

THE CALENDAR

Expressing the Mission and Ministry of First Baptist Church
Chippewa Square Savannah, Georgia

HOLY WEEK AT FBC

Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 25
Congregational lunch and children's Easter egg hunt following worship

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, March 29
Dinner at 5 p.m. – service at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary

Good Friday – Friday, March 30
Sanctuary open for personal prayer, meditation, and reflection from 12 noon - 1 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 1
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m.

Upcoming Events

CLASSICS

The Classics will enjoy a guided tour of the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2170 East Victory Drive, on Tuesday, March 27. Lunch will be Dutch treat at the nearby Chiriya's Thai Cuisine following the tour.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

The Spiritual Formation Committee is concluding its series on practices of the Christian faith. Adult programming in the weeks after Easter is as follows:

- April 4 – The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus, Part 1, led by Tom McCann
- April 11 – The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus, Part 2, led by Rick Sebastian

AGO PIPE ORGAN DAY

The Savannah chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Pipe Organ Day on Saturday, April 7. This event features concerts presented each hour in various downtown Savannah churches. This will offer a wonderful opportunity to see some of the houses of worship in our city as well as hear many pipe organs and organists. Details will be available in the next issue of *The Calendar*.

CONGREGATIONS IN SERVICE

Congregations in Service is an ecumenical organization representing various Savannah congregations. CIS will host service projects on Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15.

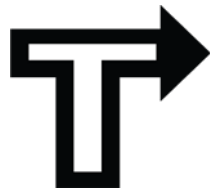
Everyone is invited to work together on projects for their community at different venues around Savannah. The Missions Committee is encouraging members and friends of FBC to participate in CIS as the April mini-mission project.

Details about the projects and sign-up sheets are available in the church office.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

The next Quarterly Conference will be held on Sunday, April 22 at 1 p.m., following worship and a congregational lunch. Committees, Task Forces, and the Transition Team will present reports relative to their work over the last months as well as upcoming plans. Childcare will be provided. Please plan to attend this event as we continue to do the important work of the church.

FIRST THOUGHTS



Notes on the Transition Process: FUTURE

The Transition Process includes five focus points for self-study: Heritage, Mission, Leadership, Connections, and Future. In previous editions of *The Calendar*, I have explained four of the focus points. Today is the last: Future.

The work of the Transition Team and participation of the congregation leads to this focus point. *Future* involves selecting a Pastor Search Committee; determining the congregation's desires in terms of personality, training, and strengths that a new pastor should possess; and conducting the actual search, itself (soliciting names, resumes, seeking promising candidates, interviewing, and developing a final recommendation). The Intentional Interim Minister trains and supports the Pastor Search Committee.

During this focus point, the Transition Team finalizes its Church and Pastoral Profiles, encourages a shared vision for the future, and brings closure to the interim period. As stated in the IIM Resource Notebook, the focus is on the future: developing "clarity and consensus on desired leadership style of the new pastor; enthusiastic preparations for the new pastor (housing, installation, start-up);" and "appreciation of the interim process and its leaders."

This is the most exciting and hopeful aspect of the Intentional Interim Process. According to the Church By-Laws, the Deacon Chair, Deacon Vice-chair, and chairs of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, Personnel Committee, and Property Task Force have the responsibility of recommending candidates to serve on a Pastor Search Committee. This group has had its initial meeting!

Remember your 40 Days of Prayer participation, and please keep the Transition Team and Pastor Search Committee selection group in your thoughts and prayers!

– Dr. Tom McCann

FBCSAV TRANSITION TEAM LEADERSHIP SURVEY

The Transition Team requests the help of the congregation in identifying characteristics of a pastor to guide the work of the Pastor Search Committee. Using the enclosed leadership survey form, prayerfully consider your responses, and return the form to the church office by Friday, March 31. Forms will be placed in various areas in the church buildings as well. Alternatively, you may easily access the form via the internet at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BPXRM2V>. The internet survey is quick, easy, and self-scoring. Many thanks for your help with this important effort.

Our Church Family

Please share any information you have about births, graduations, changes of address, hospitalizations, deaths, etc., regarding those in our congregation with the church office.

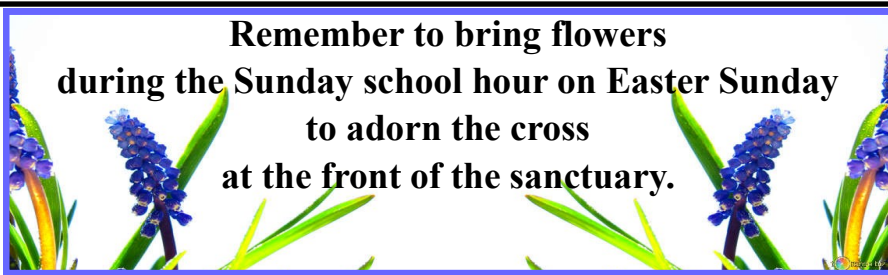
In Memoriam

Rebecca Harrison Turner
August 16, 1941 – March 9, 2018
Member for 63 years

Sympathy

to Jane Jennings and family,
in the death of her sister-in-law,
Sarah N. Pinckney,
on Saturday, March 17, 2018,
in Savannah, Georgia

News



DEACON MEETING SUMMARY

The regular monthly meeting of the Diaconate of First Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia was held Monday, March 12, 2018 in Lewis Hall.

- Finance and Stewardship - Spending continues to exceed receipts, but the financial outlook at this time is positive. The deacons were updated on the FBC Endowment and our gifts from the Wade Layton Trust.
- Personnel - Brittany Norris resigned as the Sunday morning nursery worker. The committee is looking for a replacement; if anyone knows of a qualified nursery worker, please contact a member of the Personnel Committee.
- Property - A new ice machine has been purchased and installed after the old machine stopped working.
- Transition Process - The Transition Team is almost finished with its work. The Pastor Search Committee selection group will be called together soon to begin the work of nominating members for the Pastor Search Committee.
- Fire Protection Fee - The deacons have learned that the fee assessed to First Baptist Church by the city of Savannah for the purpose of fire protection will be approximately \$7,500/year.



- April 1- James Cubbedge
Bettie Hodges
- April 5- John Thomas
- April 6- Anabelle Malcolm
- April 7- Whit Davis
Hudson Harrison
Bill Kleinpeter
- April 8- Marty Foxx
Tom Scholl
- April 11- Polly Carver
Abigail McCulley
- April 13- Noel Cooper
- April 14- Howard Pendley
- April 16- Lynne Davis
Winona Pendley
- April 17- Madeline Grace Cervino
- April 18- Kami Johnson
- April 21- Dale Willhite
- April 22- Brenda Helmly
- April 26- Charlie Waldrop
- April 28- Alan Pritchard
- April 29- Philip Campbell
Nathan Finley
Richard Lewis

Schedule of Activities March 25-March 31

SUNDAY, March 25

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 12:15 Congregational Lunch
- 12:45 Easter Egg Hunt

MONDAY, March 26

- 4:00 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Transition Team Meeting

TUESDAY, March 27

- 11:00 Classics visit Catholic Pastoral Center and Lunch at Chiriya Thai

THURSDAY, March 29

- 5:00 Dinner in Lewis Hall
- 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service
- 7:00 Adult Choir

FRIDAY, March 30

- 12:00 Sanctuary open for personal prayer, meditation, and reflection

Family Night Menu Thursday, March 29

- Mediterranean fish stew
- Crusty French bread
- Caesar salad
- Dessert

Hospitality Host Betsy Rabun

Family Night Menu Wednesday, April 4

- Enchiladas with red chili braised chicken
- Black beans and rice
- Southwest salad
- Dessert

Vegetarian Option Vegetable Enchiladas

Hospitality Host Faye Redding

Schedule of Activities April 1-7

SUNDAY, April 1

- Easter Sunday
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, April 2

- 4:00 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Transition Team Meeting
- Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, April 4

- 5:00 Family Night Activities
- 7:00 Adult Choir

SATURDAY, April 7

- AGO Pipe Organ Day

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Calendar

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**Sunday, March 25
Palm Sunday**

Greeters
Doug and Tricia Craig

Children's Time
Christopher Hendricks

Lay Reader
George Shriver

Nursery Volunteer
Phil and Teresa Campbell

Music
Joyful Voices Choir
Bell Choir
Adult Choir

Sanctuary Flowers
If you would like to dedicate the
sanctuary flowers in honor or in
memory of a loved one, contact
Karen Jerald in the church office.

Deacons Serving in April

Doug Craig, Captain
Fran Arnsdorff
Phil Campbell
Sarah Davis
Emily Garrard
Will Hodges
Ashley Williams

Ushers Serving in April

Reed Creaser, captain
Charles Davis
Joe McNellage
Bill Plunkett
Harrell Roberts

April Responsibilities

Audio: Bill Wright
Greeters: Bettie Hodges
Ordinances: Emily Garrard
and Faye Redding
Sanctuary: Reed Creaser

**Sunday, April 1
Easter Sunday**

Greeter
Bettie Hodges

Communion Sunday

Lay Reader
Joe McNellage

Nursery Volunteer
Tricia Craig

Music
Adult Choir

Sanctuary Flowers
Given to the glory of God
and in memory and honor of
loved ones by members and friends
of First Baptist Church.

Flowering of the Cross