

THE LIGHT

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Gower || 4/6
Mary Hensley || 4/12
Karen Joyner || 4/13
Sara Kitts || 4/15

Zachary Chapman || 4/17
Bobby Butler || 4/19
Max Napier || 4/28
Brooke Adams || 4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Karen Joyner || 4/2
Darlene & Jimmy Thompson || 4/10
John & Joanne Hensley || 4/12
Bonnie & Bill Nethers || 4/22

ATTENDANCE

February 25: 60
March 3: 58
March 10: 44
March 17: 63

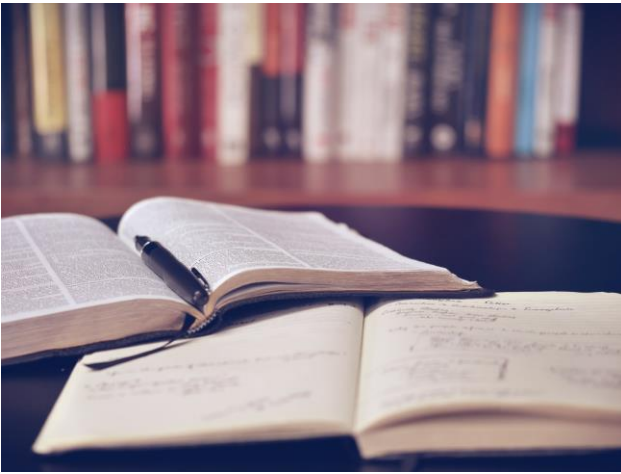
Average Facebook Live Views: 19
YouTube Subscribers: 67

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 28
10:00 AM
SANCTUARY

PASTOR CHRISTY'S CORNER



During the Easter season (from March 31-May 12), we will be looking at passages from the Book of Acts. Our sermon series is called **“Responding to the Resurrection”** where we examine how we should live our lives knowing that Jesus has been raised from the dead. We will look at how the resurrection impacted those in the Early Church. We will see how they responded to the resurrection by being witnesses through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. I hope you will join us! – Christy

Easter is almost here. Easter is the holiest day in Christianity. Without Easter, we most likely would not know anything about Jesus. If his story had ended with his crucifixion, he probably would have been forgotten. He would have just been another Jew crucified by the cruel Roman Empire in a bloody century that witnessed thousands of such executions.

However, there are many who have a hard time believing that Jesus was raised from the dead. I once had a friend who had great difficulty believing in Jesus’ resurrection. We had many conversations about his disbelief. I told him that for me, while the resurrection is central to my faith, I probably would still be a follower of Jesus without the resurrection. The way Jesus lived his life, the way he loved with abandon, and the way he offered grace, mercy, and forgiveness all point to the veracity that he is the Son of God. I encouraged my friend to spend time reading the Gospel of Mark (the shortest Gospel) and examine how Jesus interacted with others.

While we worship a God who has conquered death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we also worship a God who came to earth to show us how very much God loves us. Thanks be to God!

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNER

Congratulations to Kathy G Napier, who’s winning entry “Learning to Use my InstaPot Chili” was picked by attendees as the best chili of the cook-off! Pictured below is Kathy, wearing her prize.



We were able to raise \$500 for Anna & LaCount Anderson, our CBF Field Personnel! Congrats again, Kathy, and thanks to all who participated!

MOVING FORWARD GROUP

The Moving Forward Group's next meeting is April 16th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone who has lost a loved one would like to join, please contact Kathy P. Napier at 540-622-3758 or Ron Napier at 540-622-0159. Feel free to bring a friend if you like!

CBF ENCOURAGER CHURCH UPDATE



Anna & LaCount's upcoming schedule:

April 14 - McGill Baptist Church, Concord, NC
Food Distributions in Conetoe, NC

If you would like to assist us in a short-term mission project we would love to talk with you about it.

- Garden work in Conetoe, NC
- Join the faculty of Conetoe Family Life Center's Camp this summer.
- Upcoming in 2024 remodeling of a home in Mount Olive, NC. (*just beginning, no information at this time*)

Woody & Beverly Baker, CBF partner missionaries, are busy in Ahoskie, NC working with their new ministry - Christian Men's Job Corps., and school tutoring in an elementary school. We ask for you to include them in your prayer list as they work with children and men who need guidance.

D&I COMMITTEE CORNER

Special meal with a Muslim neighbor
on April 14



Mohammed Sarwari and his family will offer our congregation a traditional Halal meal, in the FBC Fellowship Hall after our Sunday Service (about 12:30 pm) on April 14. Mohammed is excited about the opportunity to speak to our congregation about the Islamic observance of Ramadan, The Eid Al-Fitr feast and celebration, and his family's escape from Afghanistan to the US. Mohammed is, also, excited about breaking bread with us, and bringing his wife and children (one of whom is a fourth grade student at E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School).

We will eat buffet style, with the Sarwari family going first in line. Our FBC Youth will sit with the Sarawari children to enjoy fellowship and understanding. After the meal, Mohammed will explain the season of Ramadan and fasting, which they will have just completed, the Eid al-Fitre (feast) - which they will have been a week removed from - and their personal story of escape from Afghanistan to the United States. After, there will be a time for questions, we will all sing together "Let The Be Peace on Earth", then continue fellowship and depart as desired.

We ask that if you are planning to attend to please RSVP to the church office by April 7, to allow for headcount for food purchasing purposes.

APRIL MISSION OFFERING SPOTLIGHT



In the month of April, we will be collecting monetary donations for Dinner Together!

“Dinner Together is a low-barrier, community meal served four evenings each week by more than a dozen churches and civic organizations in Front Royal, Virginia. Led by First Baptist Church (FBC), Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (GSELC), Calvary Episcopal Church (CEC), and Front Royal Presbyterian Church (FRPC), we serve more than 300 hot meals each week to our neighbors in Warren County. Carryout meals are served each Monday-Thursday from First Baptist Church’s commercial kitchen and fellowship hall. In addition, each Thursday, more than 60 meals are delivered to home-bound neighbors who live within a 3-mile radius of downtown Front Royal. Our mission is to work together as a united community of faith and civic organizations to reduce hunger and improve community healthcare outcomes in Warren County by providing fresh, hot meals to our neighbors.”

Every Wednesday FBC Volunteers and Staff cook and serve meals to our food insecure neighbors as part of our missions.

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Month of January 2024

\$11,914

Designated: \$4,730

Kids Corner

There will be Children’s Sunday School on all Sundays in April at 10 AM in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday, 14 April, the youth of FBC (to include our Latino congregation) will be invited to sit with the children of our guest speaker, Mohammed Sarwari, at lunch in the Fellowship Hall for a Halal meal, provided by the Sarwari family.



On Sunday, 21 April, we will go Roller Skating at Mac's Roller Rink from 2-4 pm. The church will cover the cost of all FBC and Iglesia Baptista Youth.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



We launched Preserving Our Future in October 2021. We are on our last year of this Campaign.

Pledges: \$222,540

Money Received as of 3/21: \$204,266

Thank you to everyone who has given!

APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

OPENING/CLOSING

John Hensley / Robert Gavin

SCRIPTURE READERS

April 7

Sue Rinker

April 21

Brad Rinker

April 14

Karen Joyner

April 28

Michael Williams

OFFERTORY PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

John Hensley

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

<http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistFrontRoyal>

OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSNMnR4Ewl_CA4MVP4q9UQ

STAFF AND LAY LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Christy McMillin-Goodwin, Pastor

Rev. Dennis Griffin, Associated Pastor

Rev. Michael Williams, Associated Pastor

Rev. Al Woods, Associated Pastor

John Hensley, Deacon Chairperson

Karen Joyner, Lay Chaplain Leader

Sue Rinker, Music Director/Pianist

Brad Rinker, Worship Leader

Heather Hughes, Administrative Assistant

Shelley Scott, Daycare Director

Revs. Anna & LaCount Anderson, CBF Field Personnel

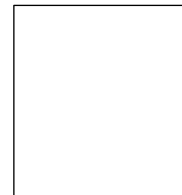
LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE



This is the 2 year old class and the Wobbler class finding the pot of gold with their Leprechaun finding glasses on for St. Patrick's Day!



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 CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



FBC CHURCH EVENTS

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1. OFFICE CLOSED	2.	3. FBC Dinner Together 5 P Wed. Dinner 530 P Choir Practice 6:15 P	4.	5.	6.
7. Sunday School 10A Worship 11 A	8.	9. New Lay Chaplain Training 5 P	10. FBC Dinner Together 5 P Wed. Dinner 530 P Choir Practice 6:15 P	11.	12.	13.
14. Sunday School 10A Worship 11 A Halal Lunch – 12 P	15.	16. Moving Forward 10 A Leadership Council 6 P Ministry Council 7 P	17. FBC Dinner Together 5 P Wed. Dinner 530 P Choir Practice 6:15 P	18.	19.	20.
21. Sunday School 10 A Worship 11 A Board of Deacons 12 P Youth Bowling 1 P	22.	23.	24. FBC Dinner Together 5 P Wed. Dinner 530 P Choir Practice 6:15 P	25.	26.	27.
28. Business Meeting 10 A Worship 11 A	29.	30.				