



# The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

APRIL 2023

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## April 2 - Palm Sunday

10 am Worship

Procession of Palms and the "Turning the Tables" story from Mark 11

## April 4 - Holy Tuesday

5:30 pm - Dinner & Movie, "Steel Magnolias" (Social Hall)

Everyone is invited for a simple supper as we view the movie. Food provided; no cost;

Folks can just show up and enjoy the meal, movie, and discussion.

(Did you know that the story line of Steel Magnolias begins and ends during Holy Week?)

## April 6 - Maundy Thursday Passover Seder

6 pm - We'll honor the tradition of Jesus, led by those among us who continue to celebrate Passover with their families. (details on separate sheet)

## April 7 - Good Friday - Tenebrae service

7 pm - A shared service at First Presbyterian Church

## April 8 - Holy Saturday

9 am-12n - Church Clean up Day

Join us as we prepare for Easter by cleaning up our church building and grounds.

Bring garden gloves, your favorite pruners, and a 'fun' spirit. (details on page 3)



## April 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

10 am Worship



Hallelujah! Worship with Music & a Message from John 20

11 am - **EASTER BRUNCH**, in the Gathering Room

Your Favorite after church event is back! Platters of devil eggs, fruit salad, mini muffins, apricot cream cheese and fresh Hot Cross buns, and other goodies. Punch and hot drinks will be offered.

There may be a surprise treat for you from the Easter Bunny.

Brought to you by the wonderful FBC Social Team and your church family.

## Memorial EASTER LILIES - an FBC tradition, in loving memory of those no longer with us.

"The beautiful white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, hope, and life, the spiritual essence of Easter"

Kindly bring your potted Lilies (or other flowering plants) to the church office  
Wednesday or Thursday, April 5-6 between 9a-12n.

They'll be beautifully displayed in the sanctuary for EASTER Sunday Worship.

After worship, pick up your Memorial Lily or leave it for volunteers to deliver them to those needing some Tender Loving Care this Easter!



YTD	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$49,976	88.5%
Total Income:	\$60,360	89.5%
Total Expenses:	\$66,924	99.2%
Net Income:	- \$ 6,564	- Deficit

**FBC's Fellowship Fund** welcomes donations during these time of ever increasing needs in our community.

The fund is administered by the senior pastor and office administrator.

It provides funds for utilities, avoiding service shut offs, lodging respites, rental assistance, food, and other needs.

**Your donations are so appreciated.**

**Thanking you in advance!**

## Financial Update:

Note: An increasing in giving would remove the deficit. If you have signed up for Realm (FBC's Church Software Database) you may view a secure page that lists all your financial contributions to First Baptist Church. If you have questions, please contact Assistant Treasurer, Don Watson ([donjw@comcast.net](mailto:donjw@comcast.net)) or Treasurer, Barbara Burr ([barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)).

**FBC's Finance Team:** Barbara Burr, Judee Kunze, Don Watson, Roger Dell, and Jane Apel

## Church Board Notes, March 8th

The Church Board met as scheduled on March 8th over Zoom. We are taking this decision one month at a time and we will decide at the end of each Board meeting which format is preferred.

Cherie Walker shared the devotion, an excerpt from a piece by Howard Thurman. I wrote down one of the memorable lines: *"I seek your will so I may be whole."* The goal is to have no conflict between one's inner and outer self.

The Board reviewed the committee reports. Jim Kilinski reported that the Climate Action Group is working to eliminate disposable plastics from our after-worship gatherings. Cherie Walker shared the report from Building and Grounds. She said a broken window is estimated to cost \$900 to repair. Discussions continue regarding the future of the play structure. Mary Dressel shared that they planned to hold a volunteer training on March 12th. Tim Duerfeldt reminded everyone of the upcoming time change and shared some details of Holy Week:

- 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday we will view the movie "Steel Magnolias" which occurs, in part, at Easter time.
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday will be the Passover Seder.
- 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday we will have a joint worship at 1st Presbyterian
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday will be a church work day.

Heidi Toth shared that the Worship and Community Engagement team is looking to add another member. Some details were worked out about Erika's return and her plans to attend her PhD graduation ceremony in May. We will hold a welcome back reception for Erika on Sunday, May 7th.

Barbara Burr gave the treasurer's report. There was a balance due to Camp Arrah Wana from the 2022 church retreat. Some concerns were brought up about tech issues during worship. Sean is working on them. Jim asked if there were any grants available for upgrading equipment. We also voted to increase the Realm processing fee request to 3%, to match the percentage we are charged when folks pay by credit card online.

Under New Business, the Board reviewed the decision to not allow Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's anti-gun lobby to speak during worship. We support their work, but there are some topics that cross the boundaries into politics, and these are best avoided during service.

In other news, some concerns were discussed about the volume of coffee being used at the church. We have lots of groups making coffee during the week, and we need multiple batches on Sundays. The budget for this line item is looking okay, so no action was taken at this time. Groups hosting the after-worship fellowship time should monitor coffee use and make more as necessary. Virginia shared that she will attend the American Baptist Churches gathering in Puerto Rico.

Finally, our next Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 12th on Zoom. Guests are always welcome at Church Board meetings, so please email me at [gbdlinor@gmail.com](mailto:gbdlinor@gmail.com) if you would like to attend online.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Larmouth, FBC Moderator



# Sunday Worship Highlights

APRIL 2023

*FBC is a Matthew 25 church, inspired by the words of Jesus,  
"Whatever you do unto the least of my sisters & brothers, you do unto me."*

## Adult Sunday Classes: (details on page 11)

8:30 am - **CONNECTIONS Class** - via Zoom / Contact - [barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

8:45 am - **FAITH & JAVA** - 1st Sundays only - in person, Fireplace Room / Contact - [schulmanrob@yahoo.com](mailto:schulmanrob@yahoo.com)

8:45 am - **CHAPEL Class** - in person, Chapel Room, also via Zoom / Contact - [gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com](mailto:gary@portlandconsultinggroup.com)

8:45 am - **BEREAN Class** - in person, Berean Room / Contact - [janet@janetlangenwalter.com](mailto:janet@janetlangenwalter.com)

10:00 am - **WORSHIP** in person, in the sanctuary - or -  
streaming live: [www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistmac/)

## From Hosanna to Hallelujah.

Holy Week is the ultimate twist of the Lenten season. From the "Hosannas" of Palm Sunday with multitudes crying out for liberation, through the Passover dinner in the upper room and the devastating loss of Good Friday, the story of Jesus is turned upside down by the "Hallelujah" of Easter. It's difficult to get the whole picture without making the complete journey. So, please join us for the events of this week and look for the clues of everyday resurrections that can change your life.

### April 2 - Palm Sunday - Communion Sunday

Sermon from Mark 11:1-10. "Turning the Tables"

Rev. Tim Phillips preaching / Music led by Nancy McCann & Ukulele Ukestra

After Worship Fellowship: Come to the Gathering Room hosted by the FBC Mission's Nicaragua Team.

### April 9 - EASTER Sunday - "Hallelujah!"

Sermon from John 20:11-16, "Everyday Resurrections"

Rev. Tim Phillips preaching / Music led by Marilyn, our EASTER Choir & Bells

Come to the Gathering Room for an EASTER BRUNCH! (page 1 for details)

### April 16 - Eastertide, Celebrating everyday Resurrections

*Do you have a resurrection story? Relay it to Pastor Tim, for sharing during worship.*

Sermon from John 20:19-23, "A Different Kind of Resurrection"

Guest preacher Rev. Jenn Williams, Prof. Religious Studies, Linfield University.

Music led by Tegan and the Worship Team

After Worship Fellowship. The Membership Team will host a Realm Workshop, navigating FBC's database in the Gathering Room.

### April 23

Sermon from Romans 8:18-25, "Experiencing Resurrection in Creation"

Rev. Tim Phillips preaching / Music led by Marilyn and the Choir

After Worship Fellowship: Come to the Gathering Room to celebrate EARTH Day, hosted by the Climate Action group.

### April 30

Sermon from John 20:24-29, "Experiencing Resurrection in the Things that Make for Peace"

Rev. Tim Phillips preaching / Music led by Tegan and the Worship Team

After Worship Fellowship: A fond farewell to Tim & Patrick.

## Holy Saturday CHURCH CLEAN UP - April 8, 9 am

All are invited to assist our Building & Grounds Team with this Service Projects that includes outdoor & indoor chores, depending on weather and participation. A "Thank You" lunch will be served at 11:45 am. To help us plan, please register with the church office or by contacting Don Watson, [donjw@comcast.net](mailto:donjw@comcast.net) or text to 503-510-2816.

## REALM SUNDAY

Join us on  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
following worship,  
in the Gathering Room  
to be immersed in  
all things REALM,  
our church database!

Meet with a member of our Membership Team to access and update your account, check/change your privacy settings, explore giving features, and more!



## - Highlighting Small Groups -

### FBC SINGLES Group

**Saturday April 1, 2023 at 5 pm for Game**

**Night** in the Fireplace Room at FBC.

Bring a favorite game if you have one and we will pick some to play. Bring finger food snacks for a light meal. It's April Fool's Day, just saying! Questions: contact Lynn Crowell [herbalynn@comcast.net](mailto:herbalynn@comcast.net)

March Gathering: there were 14 of us, including Bernie, who met at Bierly's for food and then went to see *"Into the Woods"* at the Mac Gallery Theater.

The group saw two movies in January, "A Man Called Otto" & "The Fabelmans."

As it warms up we're looking forward to meeting outside. Our Singles email list is at 21 and growing. Want to Join, just join us!

### FBC Climate Action Team

joining Presbyterian Team & Zero Waste for:

\\\\\\ **EARTH DAY PARTY AND  
SIDEWALK PARADE** \\\\\\

**Saturday, April 22, 11am to 1pm**

at First Presbyterian Church,  
390 NE Second Street, McMinnville

**Gather to celebrate Earth Day**

with speakers, music, vendors,  
organization information tables, give-  
aways, and a Sidewalk Parade.

**Sign-making Party - Saturday, April 15,  
at 3pm, McMinnville Library's Carnegie Room.**

## An Inspiration . . .

Timothy Craig and Jonathan Davis are happy to announce the creation of



**"The Bernie Turner LGBTQ+  
Scholarship Fund of the  
Oregon Community Foundation."**

Rev. Bernie Turner, McMinnville First Baptist Church Senior Pastor Emeritus, is being honored with an endowed, perpetual scholarship fund to contribute to the higher education of

financially challenged LGBTQ+ students from Yamhill County. This is a needs-based scholarship intended for at least half-time enrollment in a community college, trade school, or four-year institution located anywhere in the United States. It's administered through an Oregon staple:

The Oregon Community Foundation.

The FBC congregation that thrives today traces its welcoming and affirming beliefs and actions to Bernie. In April 2013, the Church Board of First Baptist voted unanimously to allow the current pastor and all future pastors to perform weddings of same-gender couples on church grounds.

It was precisely this caring that allowed Jonathan and Timothy Craig-Davis to have their wedding at the church in 2017. Bernie and Roz were in attendance. Timothy grew up in the church, and Bernie became his pastor in 1972 when Timothy was still in high school. And though Timothy had long moved away and attended other churches, it was a life-affirming homecoming to have his marriage acknowledged as equally as his sister's wedding, more than thirty years earlier, in the same sanctuary.

Timothy says, "Most people can take marriage for granted. For Bernie to have recognized this most basic need for LGBTQ+ people, we're forever grateful. It's been our privilege to help create this scholarship to remind future generations what Bernie has done for us."

### Contributing to honor Bernie is easy and tax deductible:

By check made out to Oregon Community Foundation with "Bernie Turner Scholarship" in the memo line and send to OCF's Portland office, 1221 SW Yamhill St. Suite #100 Portland, OR 97205 -or-

By online link, enter [www.oregoncf.org/bernie-turner-scholarship](http://www.oregoncf.org/bernie-turner-scholarship) into your computer's browser to be taken directly to OCF's donation page for Bernie's scholarship. OCF automatically sends a letter that confirms your donation and that serves for any tax purposes.

For more information, please contact Timothy at [tim@timcraigstudio.com](mailto:tim@timcraigstudio.com).





## Farewell to Pastor Tim & Patrick

The Sabbatical Interim Group (SIG) invites you to set your calendars!

Sunday, April 30th is Rev. Tim Phillips last day with us.

We wish to say 'Thank You' and Farewell to both Tim and Patrick.

This will be immediately after church, in the Gathering Room.

These four months have flown by and we are so appreciative of Tim and Patrick joining our church family for this short time.

'See you there!'

Bring yourself and a card from you and your family to fill our *"Basket of Thanks!"*  
You can also leave your card in the office.

CARDS OF APPRECIATION  
for Pastor Tim &  
WELCOME BACK CARDS  
for Pastor Erika's return  
will be so appreciative!

## Welcome Back Erika!

We'll celebrate Erika's return & FBC's 156<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
with a Luncheon and a Cake!

It's time to welcome back  
Rev. Erika Marksbury to First Baptist Church.  
from her four month sabbatical.

This occasion will also mark  
FBC's 156<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Imagine, a double fun celebration!

When: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am  
(immediately after worship)

Where: FBC Social Hall (downstairs)

What: A catered sit-down Luncheon

Featuring some of Erika's favorite foods: Citrus & beet salad, Broccoli  
Quiche, Spring vegetables, Three Cheese Pasta, and an

**FBC Birthday cake for desert.**

Cost: No charge!

Just Come and Celebrate! Join the Party!  
Welcome Erika back to FBC with smiles and cheer!



We look forward to  
Pastor Erika's return from  
her sabbatical in May.  
She will be leading us again  
in worship on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
followed by a Welcome Back  
Luncheon AND a  
156<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for FBC.

She will share with us her  
experience with doula  
training and her dissertation  
completion. We are also  
excited to share that she will  
be attending her graduation  
for her PhD from the  
University of Missouri in  
Kansas City on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

We know that Erika is  
doing well and grateful  
for this time away.

- SIG Team: JoAnn Sims,  
Michael Burr, Georgine  
Benner & Dave King.

SAVE the DATE . . .



Beach Bound Baptists! **FBC Annual Campout returns to South Beach  
State Park** - July 21-23, 2023 - \$78.00 per site buys a weekend of  
Fun! Fellowship! Food! Contact Dave King - 503-472-9666 (text or talk)  
OR email [kavedina@earthlink.net](mailto:kavedina@earthlink.net) Thanks!

## Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family

**Get to know the Toths!** Barbara Kathleen Toth is a true Oregonian, born in Forest Grove. Her dad was a professor, teaching Music and History at Pacific University. Her mom was a homemaker. She was the baby in the family, having two older siblings, a boy and a girl. When Kathleen was 6 years old, the family moved to Riverside, CA. where her father joined his brothers in the family business there, Harris Fence Co. Kathleen's early education was in Riverside, and after H.S., she attended Riverside College for two years. She worked in a bank, got married and had two children, a boy and a girl.

In 1975, Kathleen and her young family moved to McMinnville, where she had an older cousin living, Dr. Don Eastman, a local Dentist. She was subsequently divorced, and working at U.S. Bank in the Loan Dept., when on 1/29/77, everything changed! Kathleen went on a blind date, and met Les Toth, marrying him five months later.

Les Toth was born at home two weeks before Pearl Harbor in McKeesport, PA. He had three siblings, and the family struggled financially. His early education was in a small Catholic Grade School and he graduated High School in 1959. He worked for two years in a hospital, before spending four years in the Air Force. Back in PA, he worked nights in a Steel Mill, and attended college at Point Park University in Pittsburgh during the day. After graduating college, Les worked for five years as a CPA, in Pittsburgh.

Les had an opportunity to move to the Pacific NW when he was hired to work as a Financial Controller for Rex Homes in McMinnville, OR, where he stayed for five years. When the Company came up for sale in 1978, he and a partner bought the Company and changed the name to McMinnville Factory Homes. Les bought out his partner in 1985 and eventually he had five dealerships, four in Oregon and one in WA.

Kathleen and Les had two children of their own, Heidi and David, and Les adopted Kathleen's two older children. Les was raised Catholic, but Kathleen was not and had been attending FBC for a while and loved it. Eventually, Les joined her there, so the family could worship together. Kathleen is active in the Music Ministry, singing in the choir and playing the Handbells. Les has been on the Church Board and hosts the men's monthly breakfast in the Toy Barn. The couple also hosts youth activities there throughout the year and also the summer church picnic. They are always generous and welcoming.



Les loves sports and is a huge Beavers fan! In the Summer, he enjoys mowing his fields below the house and maintaining the Toy Barn. They both love to travel together. Les' favorite destination is Italy and Kathleen loves cruises. They take an annual family vacation with Les' three siblings. They have eleven grandchildren (two heavenly grandchildren), which keep them active and busy. They are also both avid readers.

We are so grateful to have this talented, generous couple as part of our church family.

## Getting to Know your First Baptist Church Family



**Jace Early** was born in Missouri, the oldest of 5 children. Because of his father's rising career with the railroad, the family moved around--to California for a few years, then Tucson, AZ where Jace graduated from high school and finally to Eugene, OR. After a couple of years at Lane Community College, Jace attended Eastern Oregon College of Education (now Eastern Oregon University), but gave up before graduating, having been recruited by the Navy to play basketball, where he remained for the next 10 years. After that he went back to Arizona for two years of nursing school to become a neonatal nurse, a field he stayed in for the next 28 years in Arizona, Eugene and Portland. During these years, Jace married, had two daughters, and got divorced.

**Jan Whipp** was born in Silverton, OR but moved with her family to southern California where she graduated from high school. She married her high school sweetheart at age 17, had four children and moved back to this area. She worked for Oregon Mutual in McMinnville for 30 years. After a 20-year marriage she got divorced.

Jace had a severe motorcycle accident in 2008 and was in and out of the hospital with various surgeries for over a year in Portland, with a badly damaged femur. He had already met Jan. When Jace was able to leave the hospital, he wanted to move out of Portland and needed someone to live with; Jan answered the call, pretty much taking care of Jace for the first year after his accident. Their friendship evolved into a wonderful relationship and they married in 2015.

Jan began attending FBC about five years before meeting Jace. Myrtle Fricke and Don Hutchinson were instrumental in her feeling welcome. Jan used to sing in the choir and worked with Lucita Duke in the Sew and So's. Jace began attending FBC after moving in with Jan and both became members in 2009. Having grown up Catholic, Kent was very significant in Jace's decision to join the church, stimulating his faith exploration. Jace has served on the Church Board, the Building and Grounds team, and substituted for our office manager, Donna, in the office. Both say that it is the people, the FBC family, that keeps them here.

In her spare time Jan likes to read crime and mystery novels and growing flowers. Jace enjoys fabric crafts and vegetable gardening. Jace began playing the violin in the fourth grade and picked up the viola a few years ago, which he says he still occasionally plays. Between them, besides their 6 grown children, they have 8 grandchildren and several great grands.

FBC is fortunate to have this interesting and devoted couple as part of our fellowship. Thank you Jan and Jace.



## ***Emerging from the Pandemic: AMOS Health and Hope of Nicaragua Persists!***

### ***FBC Invited to Send Delegation***

Like many of us, the staff of AMOS used the quieter times of the COVID pandemic to complete projects, freshen strategies, and review goals and mission. In February, a group of FBC folks Zoomed with Christy Lafferty, AMOS' Director of Mission Partnerships. She informed us of the updated census conducted with each community's health volunteers, the final analysis of their 10-year program assessment, and what they have learned about the current status of the most vulnerable families. They learned that:

- 87% of the households in the rural villages served are still unable to meet their basic needs, including health care and clean water- on their own.
- In the past year, there have been zero maternal deaths where they serve.

**The WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) program continues to thrive.** Local WASH promoters are trained in conducting accurate water analysis and educating community members on care of their filters and effective hygiene. So far, the water analysis has shown:

- All water sources are within standards of arsenic. (If a water source has above normal limits of arsenic, it would have to be shut down and there would be a community assembly to explain the risks of drinking that water.)
- Over half of them are contaminated with E. Coli.

The three-year goal is that 750 families with pregnant moms and/or children under 5 years old will receive new water filters.

And what is happening in the communities we know best, La Pimienta and El Calderon?

Christy shared that La Pimienta has a new health promoter, Luis Gómez. Sometimes the local health promoter may move or otherwise not be able to continue in that role and so now when AMOS trains health promoters, they include more than one candidate. Because Luis trained with the last health promoter, who did need to move, his current training has been more fluid and in depth than would be expected of a brand-new candidate. He has had one-on-one training with Socorro Acuña and will travel to AMOS in Managua with other health promoters for training later this month.

In El Calderon, health promoter Silvina Lainez completed 567 consultations and 358 home visits in 2022. With her health committee, they conducted the community census, learning that 64% of families drink filtered water and the rest treat the water with chlorine, and they hosted two trainings for WASH promoters. Some of you are aware that Silvina has been providing extra care for her daughter, Heisel, who is being treated for cancer. Despite this great personal challenge, Silvina and the health committee have cared well for the people of El Calderon, resulting in no home births, no maternal deaths, and no neonatal or child deaths last year.

>> Visit with members of the "Nica Team" during fellowship time, after the service on April 2nd. You can talk with the team about the possibility of traveling to Nicaragua to see the good work of AMOS and the health promoters in person, perhaps in 2024.



"Luis Gómez, new health promoter for La Pimienta, practicing suture techniques."

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"  
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" -Isaiah 6:8



## McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity

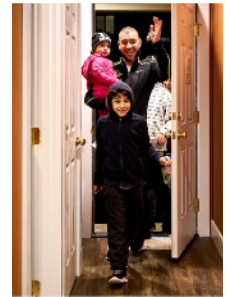
The local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is forever intertwined with First Baptist Church of McMinnville as a result of Bernie Turner, upon retirement from FBC, and his founding of the local organization. Bernie was inspired by Jimmy Carter's dedication to Habitat for Humanity and recognized the impact that homeownership could have on the lives of people. Bernie had the ability to inspire folks in his local orbit that an affiliate in McMinnville would enhance the lives of members of our own community, either through partnership in homeownership or volunteering in some capacity with Mac Habitat.

In 1991, the local affiliate completed the first home in partnership with the selected family. As of now, Mac Habitat has completed sixty-six homes! With the mission of bringing people together to build homes, community and hope, Habitat creates homeownership opportunities to low-income families through the construction of safe, decent, affordable homes in the McMinnville area. That area includes Amity, Carlton, Grand Ronde, Lafayette, Sheridan, Willamina, and Yamhill as well as McMinnville. Partner families earn between 40-65% of the area median income. Homes are sold on a no-profit, zero interest basis to families who meet the basic criteria: Need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner. Currently, Mac Habitat is building in the 34-lot Aspire Community in McMinnville across from the American Legion Hall. This development was made possible by a gift from a major donor to purchase the land and a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust and other sources for infrastructure development. The Aspire Development provides for a community that integrates the building and design standards required for Habitat homes while ensuring a neighborhood environment that meets the varied needs of its residents, including a community park. When completed, the subdivision will be home to approximately 95 children and 50 adults.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of volunteers and donors. This is where First Baptist has long played a role in Mac Habitat. Financial support has come from the church Missions budget as well as the many individual donors who have supported the organization's mission by donating land, resources, and time through the past 30 plus years. FBC also housed the Habitat office for many, many years, as well as provided space for all meetings.

As with the nature of all organizations, the years have brought about changes in organizational structure, the addition of more employees, establishing the ReStore which has a goal of providing a consistent source of financial support for the organization, moving from looking for property upon which one or two homes could be built to the purchase of a piece of land upon which 34 homes are being constructed, to the nature of partnerships within the community expanding.

Members of First Baptist have been integral, though the years, in the ability of Mac Habitat to continually strive to achieve its mission and impact the lives of people in our community. Currently, a number of folks are involved in different ways from providing snacks to the construction crew, (thank you, Emily Duerfeldt for coordinating), working at the ReStore or on the construction crew, to serving as Board Members (Lara O' Brady and Marianne Mills), to helping raise funds (Bernie Turner). If you would like to know more about getting involved in some way as a volunteer, please contact Lara or Marianne and you will be guided to the right person. And, thank you FBC for your longtime support of Mac Habitat.



**Kathy & Wayne Beckwith** are teaching at Kodaikanal International School, a unique school with an extraordinary history and tradition spanning well over a hundred years!

A note for their FBC family ... Hello to our good friends at FBC! We are about to journey during our Spring Break to Bagdal, the home of our Peace Corps village, of 1969. The weather has been cold and we hope Bagdal will be warmer. We are also hoping to meet up with friends and family we met during our Peace Corps days. We are doing well. We did enjoy popcorn and apples last Sunday night. It is funny what you miss from "back home." We are getting a bit weary of white rice, but love papaya for breakfast.





## Youth Group

April 2, 16, 23, 30

(NO Youth Group on April 9 for Easter Sunday!)

at First Presbyterian Church  
Middle School from 5-6 pm  
Dinner for ALL from 6-6:30 pm  
High School from 6:30-7:30 pm

## Youth Dinner

Wednesday, April 26 at 6 pm

at Tacos El Gordo

Drop off & pick up there,  
bring money for dinner, and friends!



## Children's Chapel continues

on Sunday mornings following  
the Children's Time during worship.  
Children of any/all ages are invited to join  
us in the chapel, for songs, a story,  
reflection, and snack.

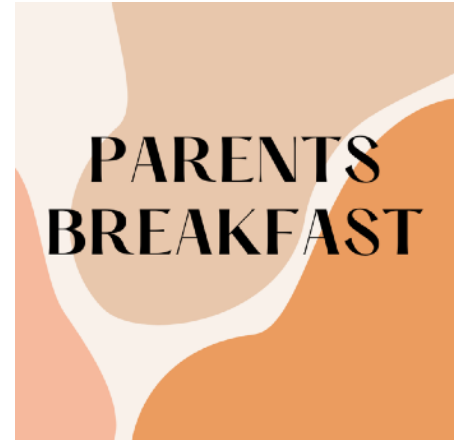
*Our nursery is also open on Sunday  
mornings, for infants through preschool  
children, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.*

## Kidventure is our program just for kids

on Monday nights from 5:15-6:30pm

at First Presbyterian Church  
for children Pre-K thru 5th Grade.

We meet for dinner, games, music, a story  
and activities, and our focus for this year is  
on stories of the Old Testament.



## Parents Breakfast & Kids Connection continues April 2, May 7, and June 4!

On these Sundays, parents meet at 9am  
at Laughing Bean for coffee/breakfast  
and children/youth meet at the church  
to learn about and prepare to lead part  
of the service that morning.

In April our focus will be on waving &  
sharing palms for Palm Sunday!

At 10am, parents are invited to come to  
the service and support the children  
and youth as they help lead the  
congregation in worship.

## SUMMER 2023!

Save the dates for these exciting plans for the summer,  
and stayed tuned for more details and even more fun coming soon!



## Vacation Bible School 2023!

VBS is back June 26-30  
and we're partnering with First Pres  
for Changemakers Lab,  
an interactive VBS where children  
learn that everyone can make a  
difference in the world!

Registration will open in May  
for children K through 6th grade  
(youth & adult volunteers needed!).

**JOIN US!**



## Summer Camp at Camp Arrah Wanna is back in July 2023!

**There will be ONE WEEK of camp for  
ALL children and youth,  
rising 2nd grade through graduates.**

Here's the schedule for the week:

July 10: ALL campers arrive

July 14: rising 2nd - 9th grade depart

July 15: rising 10th grade - grads depart

rising 2nd - 9th grade = \$300  
rising 10th grade - grads = \$350

Registration now open!  
[www.camparrahwanna.org/programs](http://www.camparrahwanna.org/programs)



## MYC Service Learning Trip 2023

This summer we are excited to be  
partnering with S.L.A.M.  
(Students Learning About Missions)  
Trips for a cross-cultural service &  
learning trip in an indigenous  
paradigm.

The trip is July 23-28 for current  
5th-12th grade youth.  
And registration is now open!

You can find our more details,  
register here:  
[fbcmac.org/myc-service-learning-trip-2023/](http://fbcmac.org/myc-service-learning-trip-2023/)

## Stay connected with your church family!

There are many FBC Committees, Classes, and Small Group Opportunities that meet, both in-person or via Zoom, to help our community stay connected. Join one!

## Spring Classes & Small Groups

### Bible Study - Tuesday, 12 noon

This group meets on Tuesdays with Pastor Tim.

All are welcome to join in!

In-person in Staff Conference Room OR via Zoom.

All are welcome to this discussion-based Bible study and the opportunity to delve deeper into the highlighted scripture for the week. It's a great forum for asking difficult faith-based questions and/or sharing life's ups and downs, and requesting prayer, too.

### Sunday Faith & Java Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ONLY - in-person, Fireplace Room.

A different topic each gathering, join for a thoughtful and lively discussion with friends.

Contact: Rob Schulman, [schulmanrob@yahoo.com](mailto:schulmanrob@yahoo.com)

### Sunday Connections - Sunday, 8:30 am, via Zoom

Connections class is ever evolving thanks to technology.

Each week we share a 10 minute video that has a spiritual message about being human, followed by discussion. Our format gives us the ability to connect with one another and with others beyond our local area. Join Us!

Contact: Barbara Burr, [barbaracoleburr@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoleburr@gmail.com)

### Sunday Chapel Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

In-person in the Chapel OR via Zoom.

Reading and discussing "Born of a Woman: A Bishop Rethinks the Virgin Birth and the Treatment of Women by a Male Dominated Church," by John Shelby Spong. People can join any time; each week stands on its own.

A discussion on the Gospel of Thomas on Palm Sunday!

Contact: Gary Langenwalter, [gary@langenwalterwellness.com](mailto:gary@langenwalterwellness.com)

### Sunday Berean Class - Sunday, 8:45 am

Meeting on Sunday mornings at FBC on the 2nd floor.

Starting a new series on Science and Religion, will watch and discuss videos together each week.

Contact: Janet Langenwalter, [janet@janetlangenwalter.com](mailto:janet@janetlangenwalter.com)

### Sunday Rainbow Class - All is Well!

The ladies are looking forward to Easter Sunday and being a part of the service April 16th. Kristy will be reading the Gathering Prayer and the Communal Prayer, and Cindy playing the piano.

## Ongoing Small Groups

Climate Action Group - April 23, host after church fellowship  
All are welcome to join.

This group meets periodically and works on projects.

Contact: Lara O'Brady, [lara\\_obrady@yahoo.com](mailto:lara_obrady@yahoo.com)

Dying Well - April 3 & 17, at 11:30 am, in-person

1st & 3rd Mondays - Fireplace Room

Contact: Lynn Crowell, [herbalynn@comcast.net](mailto:herbalynn@comcast.net)

Together Works - April 10 & 24, at 7:00 pm, in-person

Fireplace Room at FBC - 2nd & 4th Mondays

Contact: Dee Moore, 971-241-8256, [deerocksmoore@gmail.com](mailto:deerocksmoore@gmail.com)

Dad's Group - April 10 at 8 pm, in-person

2nd Mondays each month at McMenamins

Contact: John Linder, [john.linder93@gmail.com](mailto:john.linder93@gmail.com)

Meditation Practice - every Tuesday, in-person

Meditation Room at 10:30 am for centering prayer

Contact: Lindsay Wagner, 619-993-8402

Senior Breakfast - April 5 at 8:00 am, in-person

1st Wednesday each month at American Legion Post 21

126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville (near Highway 18)

RSVP: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

Sister Circle - every Wednesday, on Zoom

Reading the book *The Scalpel and the Silver Bear*.

Contact: Sherill Roberts, [shrobert@linfield.edu](mailto:shrobert@linfield.edu)

Sew & Soss - in-person

Weekly opportunities for individuals and/or small groups

to sew together at FBC (2nd floor sewing room).

Contact: Susan Chambers, [susanlanechambers@gmail.com](mailto:susanlanechambers@gmail.com)

Knit Wits - Knitting hats, hand/neck warmers & prayer shawls!

**PM Group** - 7:00 pm, in-person - Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

April 4 & 18, at Gina's

Contact: Gina Foster, 971-237-2789

**AM Group** - 9:45 am, in-person - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays

April 13 & 27, at Linda's

Contact: Linda Watson, 971-237-2793

FBC Singles - April 1 at 5 pm (FBC Fireplace Room)

Game Night - Bring a favorite game and we'll pick a few to play.

Bring finger food snacks for a lite meal. It's April Fool's Day!

Contact: Lynn Crowell, [herbalynn@comcast.net](mailto:herbalynn@comcast.net)

New Moms' Group - April 23 - Tulip Festival!

Contact Heidi Toth, [tothfive@gmail.com](mailto:tothfive@gmail.com)

Hiking Group - April 15, meet at FBC at 9am to carpool.

Hiking Breazill Memorial Forest, bring water & a lunch

Contact: Gloria LaFata, [glowml1@gmail.com](mailto:glowml1@gmail.com)

Men's Breakfast - April 29 at 9:00 am

Les Toth's Toy Barn, 2700 NW Pinehurst Drive

The speaker for this breakfast will be Scott Gibson on

"How Should We Talk About Contentious Issues"

Contact: Neil Kunze, [kunze@sou.edu](mailto:kunze@sou.edu)



# APRIL at FBC

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Interim Pastor Tim's Schedule:</b> <b>Preaching Sundays, APRIL 2, 9, 23, 30</b> <b>In Office: Mo-Tu-We</b>						<b>1</b> 5p - FBC Singles Game Night
<b>2</b> 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45 - Faith & Java, in person 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>10 am - WORSHIP</b> in person & Live Stream 11:15p - Worship Team 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	<b>3</b> 9-15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 12n - Personnel Committee 4p - Mission Team 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Worship Planning	<b>4</b> 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 5:30p - Dinner & Movie 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	<b>5</b> 8a - Senior Breakfast at American Legion Post Evening Sister Circle	<b>6</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary <b>6P - Passover Seder</b>	<b>7</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Worship at 1st Presbyterian Church 7:30p - Friday Shelter	<b>8</b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Church Clean-up Day 9a-12n
<b>9</b> 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>10 am - WORSHIP</b> in person & Live Stream EASTER Brunch	<b>10</b> 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Together Works 8p - Dad's Group	<b>11</b> 9a - Building & Grounds 10:30a - Meditation, in-person No Bible Study 7p - Matthew 25, via Zoom	<b>12</b> 6:30p - Church Board Evening Sister Circle	<b>13</b> 9:45a - KnitWits@Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary	<b>14</b> Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	<b>15</b> HIKING Group 9a meet at FBC
<b>16</b> 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) <b>10 am - WORSHIP</b> in person & Live Stream 11:15p - Worship Team 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	<b>17</b> 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 11:30a - Dying Well 5:15p - KidVenture 7p - Care & Concern	<b>18</b> 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 7p - KnitWits, Gina's	<b>19</b> 1p - Membership via Zoom 2:15p - Faith Formation in person, conference room Evening Sister Circle	<b>20</b> Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary	<b>21</b> Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	<b>22</b> <b>EARTH DAY!</b> Party & Parade (details page 4)
<b>23</b> 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) <b>10 am - WORSHIP</b> in person & Live Stream 11:15p - Worship Team 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC	<b>24</b> 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7p - Together Works	<b>25</b> 10:30a - Meditation, in-person 12n - Bible Study in person & via Zoom 4p - Pastoral Relations	<b>26</b> Evening Sister Circle 6p - Youth Dinner	<b>27</b> 9:45a - KnitWits@Linda's Music Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells, Music room 6:30 Choir, Sanctuary	<b>28</b> Friday Office Closed 9:15a - STARS Breakfast 7:30p - Friday Shelter	<b>29</b> 9a - Men's Breakfast at Toth's Toy Barn 7 pm - McMinnville Women's Choir Concert

<b>30</b> 8:30a - Connections, Zoom 8:45a - Bereans (in person) & Chapel (in person & Zoom) <b>10 am - WORSHIP</b> in person & Live Stream 11a - Reception for Pastor Tim, in the Gathering Room 5-7:30p - MYC at FPC
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## APRIL Birthdays

Jim James 1  
 Don Christensen 5  
 Joel Kiff 6  
 BJ Larmouth 6  
 Steven Smith 7  
 Sam Ross 10  
 Jennifer Scott 11  
 Cheryl Hockaday 11  
 Gordon Dromgoole 11

Jack Mandeville 11  
 Wayne Beckwith 15  
 Howie Harkema 15  
 Erica Jensen 16  
 Jennifer Cleveland 19  
 Dayna Gilbert 19  
 Holden Leach 20  
 Shelly Sanderlin 20  
 Laurie Kiff 20  
 Matt Young 20

David Jacob 20  
 Lisa Ovando-Arreola 25  
 Naomi Rosen 25  
 Cameryn Rowe 25  
 Felix Bierly 27  
 Jack Linder 27  
 Kelton Curry 27  
 Alyssa Dressel 27

## Missionary Birthday:

Elijah Williams 23

## APRIL Anniversaries

Holly & Lloyd Galer 12  
 John & Jen Linder 12  
 Cherie & Matt Young 18  
 Sunshine & Teresa Fugit 20  
 Michael & Lynne Vincent

