

The GUIDE

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CHILDREN ON PALM SUNDAY AND FAMILIES ON EASTER



The GUIDE
to the ministry of Columbus'
First Baptist Church Family

APRIL 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

MESSAGE

In Common
1 John 1:1-2:2
Dr. Jimmy Elder

SANCTUARY FLOWERS APRIL 14

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Sims Vickers, and in honor of the 17th birthday of Maudie Lee Vickers.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS APRIL 21

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doug Pullen by his family.

FAMILY DEDICATION APRIL 21 11 A.M. SERVICE SANCTUARY

Jameson Michael Miller
Rebecca and Chris Miller

View the 11:00 A.M. service live on WTVM News Leader 9 or on the Internet by clicking the "Watch Live Streaming" link on the church website (www.firstbaptistcolumbusga.com).

EASTER EGG HUNT AND COOKOUT AT THE HOME OF THE BECKS



MENU

APRIL 10
MEXICAN FIESTA
Tacos
and
All the Trimmings
Dessert

Call 706.322.4468
for reservations by noon
Tuesday, April 9.

APRIL EVENTS

- 1-4 Youth Girls' Beach Trip
- Youth Boys' Lamar Beck Memorial Fishing Trip
- 1 Mission Action Meeting and Lunch
11 A.M. in Fellowship Hall
- 3 No Wednesday Evening Activities
- 9 Bible Study for Children in Grades 1-5
5:30 - 7:30 P.M. at the Home of the Elders
- 11 Young in Heart Lunch and Meeting
12:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall
- 17 Church in Conference
6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall
- 18 Women's Ministry Dinner and Bunco
6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall
- 21 Communion Sunday
8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Services
- 28 Dinner on the Grounds
12:15 P.M. on the Loggia and in Fellowship Hall

Renderings

Jimmy Elder, Pastor
(jelder@firstbaptistcolumbusga.com)



I am not given to writing an article rehashing the previous week or weekend; yet I find myself reflecting on last week. The services at Easter are among my favorite of the year. I was blessed for our Church Family to have the privilege of hosting the Community Holy Week Services. Rev. Thad Haygood, Rev. Danny Deith, and Dr. Timothy Graham brought splendid, insightful, and touching words that guided our thinking and worship on those days. The attendance was amazing, and our community was blessed. This required extra effort on our team at First Baptist, and the other churches were gracious in their gratitude. I add mine to theirs.

I am always moved by the depth of Maundy Thursday, and I am grateful to all who made that service so special. The Spirit of God was present, and our hearts were deeply touched. Easter Sunday was filled with joy and hope. The thing about Easter is that there are so many moving parts to what we do in worship. I am blessed and amazed by the willing spirit of our volunteers and our church staff. To conduct three Easter services, with one in the middle of Broadway, is quite the accomplishment. The Lord rewarded the effort by offering His powerful blessing to our lives. We saw families come together, many of whom were from out of town. The fellowship was rich. Worship was empowering as the Holy Spirit prepared us to go into the world with a renewed spirit of hope and a focus upon the gift of Christ's Resurrection. In a very real way, this reminds us why we are a Church Family and why we are Christians. We are led to become better stewards of our lives and relationships. The hope and purpose of the services are not to attend an event or hear beautiful music. We are to meet Jesus in the moment, commune with Him, and go forth knowing of His indwelling Spirit constantly accompanying our lives. What a wonderful Savior we know!

One of the most moving times in the services is always the times of prayer. I often talk about all the other elements but neglect to mention the impactful words spoken as we are led before the throne of God through the words of those who lead us in prayer. The prayers shared at the three services were offered by two of our young laypeople, who crafted the words to express the moving of the Spirit of God in their hearts. I want to remind you of them as you, hopefully, reflect upon your own experience and renewed commitments from Easter. The Spirit of God clearly moved in their hearts, giving them consistent words God wanted us to hear. The first prayer was offered by Ryan Chitwood at the Easter on Broad service. The second is the prayer of Sara Strozier in the sanctuary services. Both of these young leaders are deep in their faith and spoke from their hearts. Experience the spirit of the services again as you read these words.

Risen Savior, morning has broken like the first morning, but this one is special. We gather here today for the biggest party of the year. Our hearts are full because Your tomb lay empty. We can let go of anxiety. We have peace in your sovereignty. We can let go of selfish anger. We have joy in Your abundant love. We can let go of despair. We have hope in Your resurrection. Most of all, Lord, we can let go of death. We have everlasting life in You. Jesus, in our darkest nights and in our brightest mornings, help us to remember these truths. We are so grateful. Amen. (Ryan Chitwood)

Lord, on this joyous Easter day, we come together again as a church family to give thanks and praise for the incredible gift of your Son. As we celebrate His resurrection, we are reminded of the triumph of light over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death. May the message of Easter and your Son's resurrection daily continue to transform us into vessels of grace and love for the broken world around us. Lord, make us to be Easter people, always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Sara Strozier)

Your Pastor, Jimmy

FAMILY MATTERS CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

The family of Mrs. Susan Buck.

IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Liz Barton
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Latham
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sparks

Mr. Lamar Beck
Mrs. Doris Black
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sparks

Mrs. Judy King
Sherida Brannan and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McCrory
Ms. Jan White

Mr. Matthew Powell
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith

Representative Richard Smith
Mrs. Doris Black

Mrs. Glynn Tomblin
Mrs. Doris Black
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sparks
Mr. and Mrs. James Timberlake

IN HONOR OF

Mr. and Mrs Charles Tate
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith

MISSION TRIP TO SPAIN SEPTEMBER 18-29, 2024

Join us as we partner with First Baptist Church, Sabadell in Barcelona, Spain. We will engage in the PIVOT missions experience, with missionaries Matt and Michelle Norman. Space is limited to 8 team members. The cost will be \$700 per person plus international airfare (\$1500-\$1800 per person). For more information, call Howie at 706.322.4468.

**CHURCH IN CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
6 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Weeks at a Glance

April 7-12, 2024
SUNDAY

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
9:15 AM Victory Mission Sunday School
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

9:30 AM Food Closet
5:00 PM Finance Committee (FH)
6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting (FH)

TUESDAY

10:00 AM In His Presence Prayer Group (111)
12:00 PM Pickleball (YAB)
5:00 PM Victory Mission
5:30 PM Bible Study for Children in Grades 1-5 at the Elders' Home

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Dan Ross Study Group (Panera BP)
5:15 PM Fellowship Supper (FH)
6:00 PM Prayer/Pastor's Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM Preschool Choir (110)
6:00 PM Children's Choir (206)
6:00 PM Mom Co. for Ladies (113)
6:00 PM Coed Study of Grief Share (117)
6:00 PM Men's Study of the Gospel According to Ted Lasso (253)
6:00 PM Coed Study of The Screwtape Letters (Library)
6:30 PM Youth Wednesday Night Live! (YAB)
6:30 PM Adult Choir (Music Suite)
6:45 PM Preschool Mission Friends (109)
6:45 PM GAs for Girls in Grades 1-5 (213)
6:45 PM RAs for Boys in Grades 1-5 (209)

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SafeHouse)
7:00 AM Middle School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Midland)
7:45 AM High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Midland)
9:30 AM Food Closet
12:00 PM Young in Heart (FH)

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Middle School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Manchester Expressway)
7:45 AM High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A Manchester Expressway)

April 14, 2024

SUNDAY

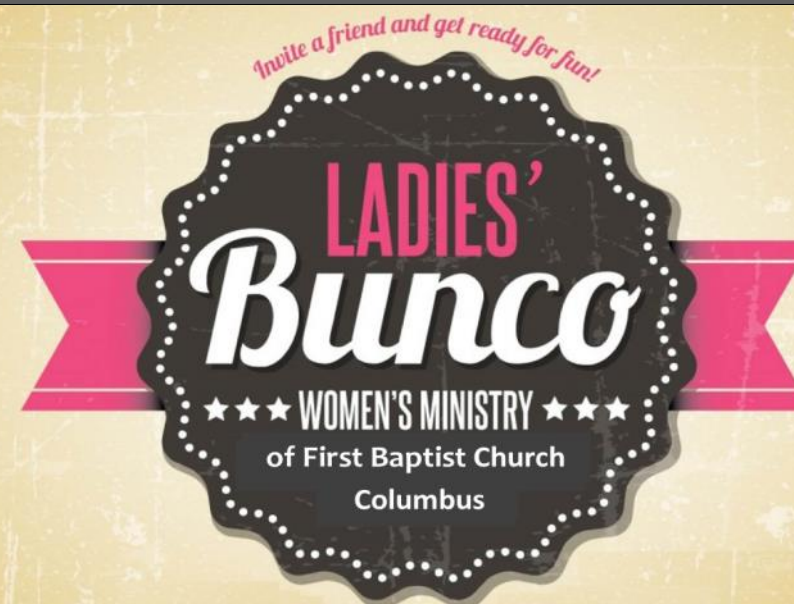
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BIBLE STUDY FOR CHILDREN
IN GRADES 1 - 5
WILL MEET AT THE
HOME OF THE ELDERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 9,
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Parents, please call Phaedra Childers
(706.322.4468)

by April 7 to let her know
if your child(ren) will attend.

This will be the last Children's Bible Study
of the current school year.



All First Baptist women and friends,
from upcoming high schoolers to age 100+,
are encouraged to join us for a night of
dinner, bunco, prizes, fellowship and fun!

Thursday, April 18

6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

Cost for dinner is \$15 per person.

Deadline for calling the church office (706.322.4468)

for reservations is Monday, April 15.

If you need childcare,
please let us know when you call.

Give online.

