Go in peace to LOVE & SERVE the Lord...

Calling all children and all those young at heart! FBC is partnering with the Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center (PCMDC) for our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration. This event will be held at the Pigeon Center (450 Pigeon Street, Waynesville) on Saturday, March 30, from 10 am to noon. We will have an Easter egg hunt, the Easter story, crafts, and lots of fun! Please bring your children, grandchildren, neighborhood kids, etc.! Also, please consider volunteering to supervise and to hide eggs. Contact Faith if you have any questions and/or if you can volunteer.



...with all the fixings... Fried Whiting Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, and Dessert

ONLY \$12 PER PLATE

Friday, March 22 - 11:00am at the Pigeon Center 450 Pigeon Street, Waynesville

***All proceeds benefit the essential work of the Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center. ***



Send your prayer requests via email to joyce@fbcwaynesville.org

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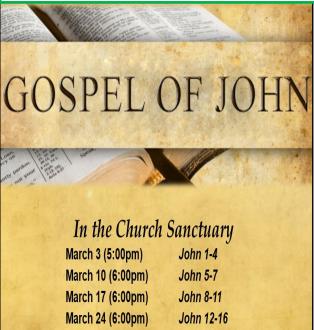
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John 17-19

John 20-21

March 28 (6:00pm)

March 31 (10:00am)

ARMSTRONG

2024 ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING ---**MAKE JESUS KNOWN IN NORTH AMERICA**

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of: United States, Canada and U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa. Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed and lives are being transformed by the gospel because you give. Thank you for giving!

Holy Week and Easter Services



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

March 24 - 10:00am - Sanctuary Special Music & Children Process in with Palm Branches

TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Thursday, March 28 7:00pm - Chapel

CROSS WALK

Good Friday, March 29 10:45am Meet in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

March 31 - 10:00am - Sanctuary Special Music & Children Process in with flowers

From Dr. Prince...

Easter is early this year, but we're getting ready for it in worship!

Our preparation for Easter began on Ash Wednesday. We appreciate so much the great group that came for this service! It was one of the best ever!

We continue in March on Sunday evenings with a series of dramatic recitations from the Gospel of John. Toby Atwood will be the lead in each of these, but several of our other members will be featured as well. The first will be on March 3 at 5:00 p.m. Then, because of the time change, our presentations will shift to 6:00 p.m. on March 10, 17, and 24.

The recitations will continue at our Tenebrae Service on March 28 at 7:00 p.m. and will wrap up on Easter Sunday morning.

This year, our Easter cantata will be in our worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24.

Easter Sunday is shaping up to be one of our best, so you won't want to miss that!

This year has gotten off to a great start in member additions. We've received 12 new members in the months of January and February!

On the other hand, this year has gotten off to a slow start in giving, as it often does in January and February. If you're behind on your giving this year, please catch up as soon as possible!

We're receiving good gifts into our New Chiller Fund. Please give generously to this over and above your regular giving so we won't deplete our reserve funds!

Can't wait to see you Sunday!

Robert



The South Dakota Mission Trip group needs your help. First, we need your prayers. Second, we need to know if you need anything done that we could do for you for a donation to our trip.

And if you would like to help us by just giving a donation we would appreciate that as well, just put South Dakota on the memo line of your check. Faith has an account set up for us. We are also planning a fundraising meal and maybe a couple of other things that we hope you will attend and enjoy. *Contact Bill Teague at 828-508-0397 or me at 828-508-0395.* Thank you, Jeanie

From "The Loft"...

I'm not sure how it happened, but we managed to fly right through February and have landed in March. That means just five weeks until Easter. Some exciting events though have been planned that I pray will become meaningful parts of our Lenten Journey.

First, we have series of Sunday evening services where our own Toby Atwood and others from FBC will present the Gospel of John. While this may feel like a novel idea, it is actually linked to the historic tradition of presenting the entirety of a Gospel during the season of Lent. One of the greatest examples of this is JS Bach's St. Matthew Passion. Considered one of classical music's greatest works, Bach's Passion used music to bring the words of the Gospels to life. In many ways, these Sunday evenings will do the same, bringing to life the beauty of John's Gospel.

A second musical event is this year's cantata "From Silence to Song." This is a beautiful work that looks at the life, death, and resurrection of Christ as the song that enters our hearts and minds. Our Sanctuary Choir is working hard on this musical offering and it will be accompanied by an orchestra of musicians from FBC, Haywood County, WCU, and Appalachian State. We are excited to present this work in worship on Sunday, March 24.

The final worship event for the season is our Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday. This service will be a conclusion of the Lenten Season and Toby's Gospel of John Recitations. This service, often called the service of shadows, has a long tradition in the church. In many churches it is the day that all of the items on the altar are removed and the sanctuary is left barren and dark, reminding us, that while hope is secured in Christ, the cost of salvation was so great that the light of the world was snuffed out. Only on Easter Sunday, does the church return to celebrating the truth that Christ has died, Christ has risen, and that Christ will come again.

I pray this season of music and reflection will be spiritually enriching.

In His Service.

Johnathan

Note of thanks...

"Thank you one and all for every single can of soup you donated for Haywood Christian Ministry. The Young Adults' Sunday Small Group donated **180 cans** just from their class, but who's counting, right? Next year, the 'competition' will include more groups from FBC."

~ Joyce Brooks

Praying together...

OUR RECENT CONCERNS

We offer prayers for:

Those who are grieving...

Pat Perry in the loss of brother;

Bob Boessel, loss of cousin, Lori;

Family and friends of

Mary Jane Matthews.

Those who have recently been hospitalized and/or had surgery...

Kenny Ball, Mike Edwards,
Char Avrunin, Bill Nolte,
Polly McDowell, Kirk Kirkpatrick,
Kaye Atwood, Anita Painter,
David Eavenson.

Those who are now pregnant...

Catryn Painter Miller,

Madison Caldwell, Delores

Phillips' daughter, Megan.

Our pastors, staff, and those in leadership positions...

Those who are poor and are oppressed, those who are unemployed and those who are destitute, those in prison and those who are captive, and all those who remember and care for them...

Peace in our lives and the world...

THERE'S A BLOOD CRISIS!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 13 1:00pm - 6:00pm Ministry Activity Center

Call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

March 2024

Deacon of the Week - Mar. Financial Report - JAN. 2024

March 3: Mike Gordon March 10: Daniel Atwood March 17: Nina Atwood March 24: Emily Fleenor

March 31:

Butch Franklin

NEW! This year, we will be placing a "prayer cross" during the season of Lent in front of the Sanctuary. This will be a dedicated place where you can attach your ANONYMOUS prayer concerns. Pens and slips of paper will be readily available for you to record your heartfelt concerns as well as thumb tacks so that you may pin the slips of paper to the 'prayer cross'. Your prayer concerns will remain CONFIDENTIAL; however, throughout the season someone will be praying over your concerns which have been pinned to the 'prayer cross'. Our prayerful desire is that by participating in the physical act of writing and pinning prayer concerns on the 'prayer cross', we will be reminded of the spiritual significance of all of us laying our deepest concerns 'at the feet of Jesus'.

MINISTRY RESOURCE PLAN (MRP)

MRP Receipts Needed (YTD):	\$ 49,323.69
MRP Offering Received (YTD):	\$ 31,256.00
Total MRP Receipts (YTD):	\$ 32,749.24

<u>Worship</u>	Sunday School
	106
131	108
129	96
128	108
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HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSAR



March 15
Kenny Ball - 7 years
March 18
Faith Woods - 5 years



March 30 - Nina Atwood



When Dot Wood was 4 yrs. old (in 1932), her family moved from Florida to Waynesville. She grew up in our church on the corner of Main and Academy. Due to the need of many expensive repairs in the sanctuary, it was decided to build a new one facing Main Street in 1952. When the old sanctuary was removed several years later, Dot asked if she could have a remembrance of the old church. She always admired the beautiful marble landing and asked if she could have it. She used it as a

bench in her yard until last year when she told Bill Teague, Bicentennial Team Leader, that she wanted it to be relocated to the church grounds. Thanks to Butch Franklin and Bill, it was moved back to the church days before our bicentennial celebration last August. It was placed in front of the chapel under the window facing Main St. When you are walking on South Main step up and take a look at this beautiful bench from the 1905 sanctuary.

Thank you Dot for saving it all these years!

~ Judy Pettigrew

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