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Easter is a fantastic time of year for the follower of Jesus. It reminds us of the life of Jesus. When we come on Easter, it is an intentional worship of this particular, and crucial, element of our Faith – Jesus Lives! It is this truth that we celebrate with great intention on Easter Sunday morning. I like to think that Easter is like a ‘family reunion’ for the church; there will be people who are sporadic attenders, and those who attend regularly mixed in with family from out of town, and even visitors from the community will come as we celebrate this Life on Easter.

However, Easter is not just a family reunion – it certainly is more than just fellowship. Easter should be a time of renewal and commitment for the follower of Jesus. As we are reminded of His life, we should be drawn to commit more of our lives to Him. This recommitment is something that should happen for us often, but especially in times of celebration like Easter. I think we should offer a warning to those who come to celebrate Jesus on Easter. The warning is reminiscent of the activities of Holy Week, particularly Palm Sunday.

As the crowds gathered on Palm Sunday, they did so to celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Savior. But as the week moved forward, we would see that their hearts were slowly turned from worship to denial. If we are not careful, Easter can become like Palm Sunday for us – an appearance of worship, celebrating the Savior. But soon, our hearts are turned right back to where they were, in a sense of denial of the King that we were celebrating earlier.

Easter should be more than a one-time celebration of the Risen Savior. It should be a time of renewal and commitment for the follower of Jesus. It doesn't really matter if you are a regular worshiper of Jesus or a sporadic part of the church fellowship, because Easter should turn your heart to commitment. As we celebrate and are reminded of the Life of Christ, we should be pressed to live in Him and for Him.

So, my prayer for our church Sunday, is not that we will celebrate in a forgetful way, but that we will celebrate and it will be a catalyst of our Faith! Will you join me in praying for the same?

Jon



**The work of the Kingdom
 is the work of the Church**

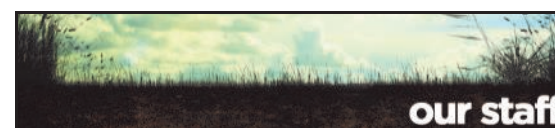
The Church at Work:

Tithes & Offerings:

March 2018

* March Financial Statement will be provided at April 8th Business Meeting.

Regular Tithes & Offerings	46,698.21
Children's Ministry.....	450.00
Youth Ministry	1,488.00
Social Committee	592.00
Building Repair & Maint.....	25.00
Building Fund	1,785.00
Annie Armstrong	4,655.00
Jeannine Leach	105.00
Haiti Missions	7,343.00
Backpack Ministry	140.00
Total Deposit	63,281.21



our staff

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Church Hostess: Karen Adkins	Associate Secretary: Margaret Rush

nurseryworkers

SUNDAY MORNINGS
11:00 AM

April 1st

Margaret Germany, Carole Germany,
Kristen & Jay Le

April 8th

Dianne Bufkin, Sharman Malone,
Tammara Kennedy

April 15th

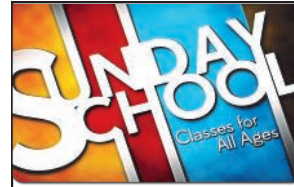
Renee Johns, Loren Robinson

April 22nd

Jodie Burroughs, Jan Strickland,
Nancy Franklin

April 29th

Jennifer McElhenney & Cherie McElhenney



ATTENDANCE

March 4th

204

March 11th

150

March 18th

183

March 25th

212

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TEACHERS:

April 1st

Angie Griffing

April 8th

Madonna Capps

April 15th

Tammara Kennedy

April 22nd

Sandy Robinson

April 29th

Renee' Adkins



MOTHER/SON
BASEBALL GAME
Saturday, April 7th

We will leave FBC Union at 4:00, and we will eat at the game.



APRIL 15 at 6:00pm
in the Family Life Center



April 8th

Hugh Rush

April 15th

James Cockerham

April 22nd

Jamie Feasel

April 29th

Jason McElhenney

STUDENT MINISTRY

DATES:

JULY 1-5 FUGE \$279

* Please pay \$50.00 deposit ASAP

Share God's love with our special Home Bound members through cards, visiting, and prayer.

Elnora Rigdon
Maurice Cooksey
Elawease Boler
Jackie Richardson
Bonnie Ferguson
Floyd & Mary
Stafford Smith
Molly Parks
Shirlen Thomas

Ruby Jean Chaney
Rosemary Langley
Sewanna Dewease
Shirley & Chester
Estes
Lois Griffis
Chloe Luke
Pauline Gomillion
Bill Edwards

APRIL 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Regular Morning Schedule No Evening Services	2	3	4 Stewardship Comm. Meet. Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship	5 12	6 13	7 Mother/Son Braves Baseball Game *Leave FBC at 4:00pm 14 Fellowship Hall Reserved
8 8:30am Deacons Meeting Regular Sunday Schedule Associational Bible Drills 2:00pm Nursing Home Ministry	9 16	10 17	11 18 Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship	19	20	21
15 Regular Morning Schedule 6:00pm Wild Game Supper	23	24 FLC Reserved	25 25 Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship	26	27	28
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- 6:30 Elevate Student Worship
- 6:30 Refresh Worship