

FirstNews

March/April 2020

Newsletter of First Baptist Church - Elkton

From Pastor's desk...

"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'"

Isaiah 46:8-10 ESV

On Sunday mornings, we have been in the midst of a series called **Rooted**. Hopefully, this series has taught us who we are as Christians. Much of the focal point of the series answers the question, "Why do things happen when they do?" We wonder what God is doing. We question the timing.

Now, when we are faced with uncertainty, the first thing we must do is go to God in prayer. Isn't it funny, many times, prayer is the last thing we do. Still, when are we going to get it through our head that God wants to be first in our lives and therefore, should be the first place we go. Maybe it's because this intensive prayer must be accompanied by genuine self-inspection and honest openness before Him to lay our own sinfulness bare in front of Him. We don't do this because we are afraid of what we will discover about ourselves. We must truly ask the question, "What have I done that led to this, what do I need to learn, how He is growing me, and what needs to change?"

And then we must come back to where we started: He is God, He is in control, He knows all from the beginning, He is for us, and He will accomplish His purposes. This is where we need to be in our relationship with Him.

Pastor Arlen

**SPRING FORWARD
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR WHEN YOU
GO TO BED SATURDAY, MARCH 7.**

FBC Happenings...

- 3.3 Ladies Bible Study: 6:30 PM
- 3.5 Seasoned Citizens: noon
- 3.6 Ladies Small group: 10 AM
- 3.10 Ladies Night Out @
Board & Brush
- 3.13 Ladies Small group: 10 AM
- 3.17 Preschool Board mtg.: 4:30 PM
- 3.20 Ladies Small group: 10 AM
- 3.24 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 3.27 Preschool closed
Ladies Small group: 10 AM
- 3.31 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 4.2 Seasoned Citizens: noon
- 4.3 Prayer & Blessing min.: 10 AM
- 4.5 Business meeting: 11:30 AM
- 4.7 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
Deacon meeting: 6:30 PM
- 4.9 - 13 Preschool closed
- 4.10 Office closed
- 4.11 Men's Ministry Break.: 8:30 AM
- 4.14 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 4.15 no choir practice
- 4.17 Ladies Small group: 10 AM
- 4.21 Preschool Board mtg.: 4:30 PM
Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 4.24 Ladies Small group: 10 AM
- 4.24 - 25 Youth Lock-In
- 4.27 - 28 Preschool closed
- 4.28 Ladies Bible study: 6:30 PM
- 4.29 Cookies due for
Raceway ministry



Our preschoolers are busy learning new things and socializing with one another.

We have begun registering students for the next school year and encourage you to register early if you have a child who is planning to attend in 2020-2021.

We covet your prayers as we work to teach these children about God's great love for us.

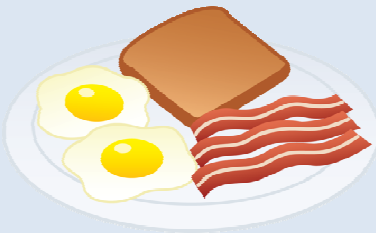
Susan Musser
Preschool Director

Friday Morning Ladies Small Group

All Ladies are invited to the Friday Morning Ladies Small Group. We will be continuing to study women in the Bible using the Fisherman Bible Study, ***Women Who Achieved for God*** by: Winnie Christensen. The first meeting of March will be on **Friday, March 6 at 10 AM**. For more information, please contact Merri-Jo Godfrey.



Men's Ministry Breakfast



All men are invited to join Pastor Arlen for a delicious breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, April 11 @ 8:30 AM**.

Hope to see you there!

Prayer & Blessing Ministry

The Prayer and Blessing Ministry will meet on **Friday, April 3, at 10 AM** at the church. You are invited to join us as we pray for and send cards to members of our congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Merri-Jo Godfrey.



FBC Business Meeting

The next business meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 5** after the Worship Service.

Please plan to attend.



Birthdays

- 3.2 Arthur Abrams, Derek Thuresson
3.5 Kurt Thuresson
3.6 Roxanne King
3.14 Destiny Hendrickson
3.17 Michelle Conway, Ryan Conway
3.21 Marcia Roark
3.24 Gail Anderson, Debbie Dutton,
Jake Walkup
3/31 George Whisner
- 4.3 Tina Walkup
4.6 Elise Cherwaty
4.10 Peggy Hamilton
4.12 Hailey Hill, Pastor Arlen
4.13 Davis Landry
4.16 Michael Wilczewski
4.17 Laurie Smith, Phyllis Sweetman,
Dan Thomas
4.19 Vince Lloyd, Andrew Scott
4.26 Zachary Ayers
4.27 Taiwo Sapara, Bobby Thomas
4.28 Carol Plasky

Anniversaries

- 3.16 John & Debbie Dutton
Wayne & Justine Johnson
3.20 Lloyd & Margaret Ward

4.20 David & Charo Buckland

Nursery Schedule

- 3.1 Vera Whisner, Pat Nickle
3.8 Linda Snyder, Danielle Scott
3.15 Charo Buckland, Sue Musser
3.22 Peggy Holter, Cindy Weigel
3.29 Sarah Lambert, Marsha Bowen
- 4.5 Phyllis Sweetman, Debbie Dutton
4.12 Justine Johnson, Marsha Bowen
4.19 Belinda Porter, Jenn Thompson,
Lauribeth Smith
4.26 June Estock, Robin Barclay

FBC Library

The church Library would like to highlight a few books for the Easter season (these books are located on the top of the white bookcase):

For the children:

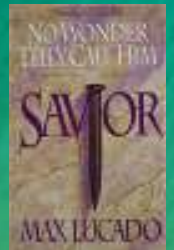
***Mr. Washington's Traveling Music:
A Joyous Story for Eastertime***
by James H. Nelesen



Mr. Washington's death before Easter makes Claire sad. But at the Easter sunrise service, the choir sings Mr. Washington's 'traveling music' (*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*), and Claire realizes he is in heaven.

No wonder They Call Him the Savior
by Max Lucado

In this compelling quest for the Messiah, best-selling author Max Lucado invites readers to meet the blue-collar Jew whose claim altered a world and whose promise has never been equaled. ...



He Chose the Nails
by Max Lucado



Linger on the hill of Calvary.
Rub a finger on the timber and
press the nail into your hand.
Taste the tinge of cheap wine
and feel the scrape of a thorn
on your brow.

Touch the velvet dirt,
moist with the blood of God.
Allow the tools of torture to tell their story.
Listen as they tell you what God did
to win your heart.

THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING

The United States Census Bureau conducts a nationwide census every 10 years to count the people living in each state, county and town. Census forms should be arriving by mail at each home. There are nine questions about each person living in the home. All responses are kept strictly confidential. They are not allowed to give information about anyone and any private or government agency. This year, the Census Bureau will also be offering to respond online or by toll free telephone number. Responding to the Census is very important. The population statistics determine the amount of federal and state funding that comes to Cecil County. This has a direct effect on schools, libraries, and many federal program that help our families such as Medicaid, WIC, SNAP and CHP. The number of residents helps to ensure that Cecil County has adequate services such as public health, public safety and emergency planning. In 2010, more than one-fourth of Cecil County residents did not participate in the Census. As a result, Cecil County lost \$1,800 for each person who was not counted. Please help our community by ensuring that your family is counted in the 2020 Census. Please call the Cecil County Council for more information at 410.996.5201 or email at: council@ccgov.org



Join the Family

Treatment Foster Care

Consider opening your heart and home to a child in need.




The Arc.
Northern Chesapeake Region

Scan the QR code with the camera of your Apple or Android phone to visit our website or give us a call at: 443-412-5466

He is not here, for He
has risen, as He said.
Come, see the place
where He lay.

– Matthew 28:6