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THE DOOR IS OPEN

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt a door was shut to you? You felt if the one, or ones, on the other side would just open the door and talk, then things would improve. Perhaps they could just open it a little, right? If you could just meet face to face, even through a crack, and share, things would be better.

This might look like an angry spouse, a frustrating relationship at work, a client prospect or a disgruntled neighbor. It might be how you feel about your relationships with God right now. The good news is God opened a big door to connect with Him. We celebrate it on April 9th, the biggest most important day on the Christian calendar. And what a day we celebrate! It is the day hope was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Lord knows we still need this hope today and everyday. We need it and folks around you need it. There are always situations and conditions that scream a need for hope. War and rumors of war, economic conditions, political conflicts... you name it!

So, pay attention to the church calendar. Plan to attend and bring a friend or a neighbor. Bring some one who needs hope. Who doesn't?

Just prior to Easter Sunday, we have Maundy Thursday on April 6th at 7:00 pm. In this service we focus on our need for the hope God gives. We will gather around the communion table where we remember our brokenness and that Jesus was broken for us.

Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 am will celebrate the pivotal event, the resurrection. It was the moment that has leveraged some many skeptics to believe. There will be a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Yum!

Then during the Easter Sunday 9:30 am service, FBCC will be celebrating the new life to which Christ calls us. God swings the door wide open through Jesus and we can now commune with God, we can experience abundant life, we can live in Christ

The door is open. Come on in.



Dr. Royal
Dr. Charles Royal
Intentional Interim Pastor

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**Last Days of Jesus
PRAYER WALK**

Monday, April 3 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 4 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 5 - 9:30-11:30 AM,
5:00 - 6:30 PM
and following Wednesday night activities

FBC3M

A ministry of coming to know Christ through loving, serving, learning and growing.

April in FBC3M

- 4/2 - Palm Sunday and 5th on Second Fifth Graders Lunch
- 4/5 - NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES (Joco Spring Break)
- 4/21-22 - RA Derby and Lock-In
- 4/23 - Baptism Sunday
- 4/30 - Children's Sunday

Peace,

Rev. Stephanie Parker

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Pastor of Children and Families

Friends, Inc. Retreat

What a weekend! A group of our 3rd-5th graders and amazing volunteers retreated with 8 other churches to Mundo Vista for a weekend together. We considered the parable of the banquet from Luke 14 and through storytelling, worship, games, and fun, we learned about how to welcome all to the table. As we shared communion in worship today, we were reminded of Christ, the one who told this parable, and the one whose body was broken and blood was poured for all who are invited, for all who belong, for all of us. We are so thankful for a meaningful weekend of laughs, tears, and memories to carry with us for a lifetime!

Mundo Vista 2023



SAVE THE DATE!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
APRIL 30 @ 9:30

JOYFUL

IN

LOVING, SERVING, LEARNING, & GROWING.

Children's Sunday is Coming!!!

Please join us for a special Sunday on April 30th as we celebrate our youngest churchgoers. Our Children will lead us in worship and challenge us all to be joyful. Please know your presence is valued and noticed by our children!! Be there and affirm the ways they are coming to know Christ through loving, serving, learning and growing in FBC3M!

Peace,

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Welcome New Member
March 5, 2023



By Baptism
Emmett Collins
Parents: Casey & Jessica
217 Ridge Court
Clayton, NC 27520



WMU EVENTS

WMU
missions for life

The 2023 Missions Extravaganza General Worship Sessions will be Livestream at First Baptist on Friday, April 28th, and Saturday April 29th.
More information to come.

Rejoice In Hope Ladies Spring Conference will be held April 22 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at Pine Level Baptist Church. Register online at www.triangleeast.org or email tonya@triangleeast.org. Please register by April 17th.

NC Baptist Children's Home Food/Supply Roundup will be held at Johnston Community College on May 1-2, 2023 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm in the main parking lot.

Jennifer Blackley & Lynn Matthews
Co-Chairpersons

Baptist Men's Update

Proverbs 27:17 says as "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Over the past month the men of Clayton First Baptist Church have been "sharpening" one another as we have engaged in events to grow us spiritually as well as doing local community mission work.

Our guest speaker at the March Baptist Men's meeting was Mike Sandlin, Director of Cape Fear Men's Ministry Coalition. Mike's message challenged us to support one another in our spiritual growth. He emphasized the need of men to continually disciple one another as we grow in our Christian faith.

Just like in Mark 2:1-12, we need to do whatever we can to support one another in our needs and get people to Jesus. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, it tells us "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall one will lift his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up?". Mike's challenge to us is to have those guys who can lift us up when we fall, who can get us back focused on Jesus, and who are willing to do whatever it takes.

We also had the opportunity to serve and show the love of Christ to a local veteran in our community. This individual was not able to care for his property because of certain physical limitations. Ricky Blackmon found out about this situation when he volunteered to build a wheelchair ramp. Ricky brought this need back to the men at church and FBC men rallied together to help. On a Saturday morning, church members pressure washed his house, cut trees down, cut limbs from his house, cleaned the rotten leaves and pine straw from his roof, tarped his roof to prevent leaks, and mowed his yard. This individual was truly appreciative of the work provided by the members of our church.



On March 18, a group of twelve men attended the Iron Sharpen Iron Conference in Wilmington, NC. This is a one-day conference designed to equip men with resources and speakers who address the many challenges we face as men. Each session offered topics that help men to become better fathers, husbands, leaders, and men within our church and community.



Another need arose for one of our church members and our men stepped up to build a handicap ramp. This ramp was built for Hugh McCullen. Our church has been praying for Hugh and for the Lord's hand to be with him and his family. The McCullen family was very thankful for this service provided by the Baptist Men's Ministry.

Baptist Men's Dinner

Thursday, April 13th
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

MEN.... We hope you will join us for **Baptist Men's Dinner** on Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 pm in FBCC's Fellowship Hall for a Home Cooked Country Breakfast.

**Join us for Food,
Faith and
Fellowship!!**



Youth Ministry

Elevation Success! Our youth were influenced by and are influencers of God's word. They are willing to do the hard stuff to make a difference for Christ! We would like to thank all those that participated in Elevation. Whether you were a youth, a volunteer, or a supporter you are the reason the weekend was a success. We are so proud of all our youth!

April activities are as follows:

Acteens/Challengers

- MS Acteens - Sunday, April 16th – lunch brought in and then taking flowers to local shut-ins
- Challengers – Sunday, April 16th – TBD
- HS Acteens - TBD

Wednesday Nights – 5:45 – 6:30 pm Dinner and Game in the Upper Room; 6:30 – 7:30 pm Youth and Small Groups in the Youth Room

- NO Youth activities April 5th due to JOCO Spring Break

We will continue to work through small group lessons. Come learn and share.

Mission Trip Information:

- 2nd payment of \$100 is due Wednesday, April 12th
- Final payment of \$150 is due Wednesday, May 3rd
- Youth/Parent meeting Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm
 - Collect final payment
 - Complete all forms needed
 - Information on free day activities
 - Schedule and expectations

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Meal and Games – Sunday, April 30th 5:00 – 6:30
- Acteen Recognition – Sunday, May 7th
- Youth Meal and Games – Sunday, May 21st 5:00 – 6:30
- LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY – May 31st 5:45 – 7:30
- Graduate Sunday – June 4th 9:30am worship with lunch to follow
- Mission Trip – June 11th – June 17th Gatlinburg, TN
- Help with VBS – July 16th – July 19th

How to stay connected?

Join Youth Activities REMIND for messages

Send a text to 81010

Text this message @fbccyoutha

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Youth Council.

Can't wait to see you at our next event!



PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Update...

The Pastor Search Committee is actively engaged with the search process. The process at a high level involves roughly 5 stages.

Stage 1: Getting Organized
 Stage 2: Gathering Information
 Stage 3: Reviewing Candidates
 Stage 4: Contacting and Interviewing Candidates
 Stage 5: Presenting the Candidate

During the month of March, we began working through Stage 1 tasks of identifying roles, taking time to get to know each other more in depth and working to understand each of our FBC Clayton experiences. During each meeting we have set aside time to pray as a committee for God's Will, Nothing More, Nothing Less and Nothing Else. This prayer is considered the Prayer of Holy Indifference. We would ask each of you to consider praying this prayer for the committee during your prayer time. Throughout the search process we will inform the church of any upcoming specific prayer requests.

Regarding committee roles, Melissa Long and Keith Blackley agreed to serve as Committee Co-Chairs and Diane Pearce agreed to serve as Secretary.

We met with Dr Royal, Dr Mike Cogdill (Campbell University), Kelton Hinton (Triangle East Baptist Assoc) and Bucky Coats (previous Pastor Search Chairperson) to provide us information to help us with our upcoming search process.

There is a Pastor Search bulletin board outside the sanctuary in the side vestibule. Our plan is to provide regular updates of our progress via the bulletin board, regular business meetings and Friday Reminders.

If at any time you have any questions, please reach out to a committee member.

Pastor Search Committee

Anne Abene	Keith Blackley
Craig Lee	Melissa Long
Rudy Oliver	Diane Pearce
Sandra Phillips	

Triangle East Baptist Association

Spring Senior Adult Gathering

April 13, 2023

Hosted By:
Clayton First Baptist Church
 411 N Fayetteville St

April 13 • 10am-1pm
 \$15 per person

Register by April 10
 Includes catered lunch.

Special Guest
 Jenny Wayne enjoys sharing her testimony in word and song. Her singing performances include classic, big band tributes and has toured across Florida alongside her sister and swing band. Jenny has performed with the North Carolina Opera Company and various Christian chorale groups, served as a soloist for Narroway Productions, and enjoys performing for senior adults and local churches. Jenny lives in Raleigh with her husband, Eric and their feline wonder, Daisy.

Craving the Kingdom

Do you ever suffer from a food craving, a desperate hunger for one particular item that nothing else will satisfy? Have you ever been so thirsty you thought you would collapse if you didn't get some water? Do you have that kind of craving for the righteousness that characterizes the kingdom of God? Jesus addressed just that kind of craving in Matthew 5:6:

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (ESV)

In order to understand what he means we need to consider three questions.

What is “righteousness”? In this context, righteousness includes both justification and sanctification: being put in right relationship with God, leading to a progressive growth in personal holiness. It means freedom from sin and its power in all its forms. And it means freedom from self-righteousness and self-reliance. All of these are provided for us in Christ alone.

What does it mean to “hunger and thirst”? Most people in Jesus’ day lived barely above subsistence level, with real hunger a constant threat and starvation always a shadow on the horizon. Water was scarce in Palestine, and in such an arid land, subject to hot and dusty winds, a parched throat and severe thirst were familiar experiences. This is the hunger of a person who is starving for food and who will die without drink. Psalm 42:1 captures the sense perfectly: “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.” (ESV) The Greek construction of this verse indicates that the hunger and thirst are all-consuming: hungry for the whole loaf, not just a bite; thirsty for the whole pitcher, not just a sip.

This verse describes a person who is desperate for the whole of righteousness, for complete righteousness. It describes someone who longs to be positively holy; someone who desperately wants to be like Christ. In this verse “hunger” and “thirst” are metaphors for a disciple’s fervent desire for righteousness. They describe someone who longs to see God’s final triumph over evil and his kingdom fully established, and who also longs personally to do what is right and just.

What does it mean to “be satisfied”? It means be filled completely, with nothing overlooked or left unaddressed. Satisfaction is a complete filling that fully satiates yet stirs up a greater hunger and thirst for righteousness, which leads to a fuller yet deeper filling than before—in a self-perpetuating cycle.

“They shall be satisfied” is in the passive voice, a “divine passive” that describes an act of God. He alone imparts the righteousness disciples hunger and thirst for. This perfect righteousness that Jesus speaks of here is in truth a divine gift given to his followers.

To “hunger and thirst for righteousness,” then, is to long for the kingdom of God in its fullness.

Are you craving the kingdom?

Rev. Stephen Nance

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:6 KJV

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, April 13, 2023: Triangle East Baptist Association Spring Senior Adult Gathering

****FBC Clayton is hosting the gathering this year.****

10:00 am—Program with Featured Guest Jenny Wayne
 12:00 pm--Catered Lunch by Parkside Café

COST: \$15.00

Plan now to attend this time of fun, fellowship, and inspiration with senior adults from across our association!

Please sign up and pay Terry in the church office NO LATER THAN April 5.

****Volunteers are needed for: Greeters, Guides, Set-up and Take down Tables in FH, Simple Decorations for Tables, Servers & Clean-up. If you'd like to help, call Rev. Steve Nance 717-262-8400**

Friday, April 14: Senior Adult Movie Night, 5:30 pm
 Pizza, popcorn, and drinks provided. Bring a dessert or snack to share.

Featured Film: “THE MOON-SPINNERS.” Disney, 1964.
 “Start with a fortune in stolen jewels. Add a dash of danger. A pinch of romance. Season with Hitchcock-like intrigue and comic flair. What do you have? A mystery thriller for the whole family...with the Disney touch.” Starring Hayley Mills, Eli Wallach, Peter McEnery, and Irene Papas.

In order to get an accurate count for pizza, please notify Terry in the church office no later than **April 12** if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list but plan to attend.

April 19, 2023: Wednesday Morning Bible Study, “Cultures in Conflict”
 (April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 2023) **9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

SALT Classroom and ZOOM

In this 16th volume of his acclaimed series, “That the World May Know,” Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan explores the question, “How do you live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity?” He answers this question by showing how Paul presented his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens, and settled among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, who valued wealth and class, worship of multiple gods, and decadent pleasure seeking above all else. Come along for the journey and discover how to live in your own Athens or Corinth—an increasingly secular world—in a way that glorifies God.

Sign up in the church office.
Discovery Guides are \$10.00 and will be available soon.

Friday, April 21, 2023: Visit the WRAL Gardens with lunch following at the Farmers’ Market Restaurant.

Bus leaves church parking lot at **9:30 am.**

There is no cost to visit the Gardens. Bring money for lunch and any additional spending.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: Wednesday, April 19th

Monday, April 24, 2023: NBC Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Catered.
PROGRAM: TBA DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: April 19th

LOOKING AHEAD:

Thursday, May 18, 2023: Evening Dinner trip to Lane’s Seafood and Steak House, Angier, NC Join us for an evening of fine dining!
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



Memorials & Honorariums



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GENERAL FUND

"In Memory of"

Alice H. Murphy by Belle Allen
 Alex Dupree by Joe & Linda Hester
 Geoffrey Oliver by Bill & Lou Woodard
 Kenneth Canady by Earl & Hope Johnson
 Rev. Michael Tart's Birthday by Cecil & Pat Tart
 Alice Murphy by Rudy & Edwina Oliver
 Kenneth Canady by John & Lynn Gibson
 Alex Dupree, Jr. by Hope & Earl Johnson
 Geoffrey Oliver by Gerald & Glenda Toler
 Kenneth Canady by Cecil & Donna Lee
 Jean Tarkington by Joe & Linda Hester
 Jean Tarkington by Brandon & Vicky Andrews
 Jean Tarkington by Bucky & Duba Coats
 Jean Tarkington by Jiles & Kim Harrell
 Jean Tarkington by Belle Allen
 John McPhail by Belle Allen
 Carolyn Lloyd by Belle Allen
 Jean Tarkington by Chris & Diane Pearce

"In Honor of"

Lexene Lee by Judy & Jim Nappier
 Lexene Lee's 90th Birthday by Tony & Candy Pope
 Lexene Lee's 90th Birthday by Lois Weeks
 Lexene Lee's 90th Birthday by Walter & Jill Rasor
 Lexene Lee's 90th Birthday by Chris & Diane Pearce
 Mary Baker's 90th Birthday by Chris & Diane Pearce

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS FUND

"In Honor of"

Rev. Stephanie Parker by Belle Allen
 Brooke Nugent by Belle Allen
 Keeley Tarkington by Belle Allen

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BUILDING FUND

"In Memory of"

Swade & Anne Hardee by Bobby Hardee

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE HECK-JONES FUND

"In Memory of"

Carolyn Lloyd by Rudy & Edwina Oliver

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG FUND

"In Honor of"

Anne Abene by Ava Spence

"In Memory of"

Jean Tarkington by Gerald & Glenda Toler

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BAPTIST MEN'S FUND

"In Memory of"

Jean Tarkington by John & Cathy Paschal



Maunder Thursday

Join us for the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 6 at 7 PM

Celebrate
EASTER
with us

Easter Sunrise Service
 April 9, 2023
 6:30 a.m.

Breakfast to follow

Flower the Cross

Bring flowers and greenery from your gardens and the store to flower the cross on Easter morning.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00am - 5:00pm Hallways in FH & CDC CLOSED (to be Waxed & Buffed)
2 PALM SUNDAY 9:30am - 10:30am Worship Service - SANCTUARY (Family/Child Dedication) 10:45am - 11:45am Sunday School - In Person & ZOOM 11:45am - 12:45pm Holy Week Prayer Walk Set-Up - Sanctuary 12:00pm - 1:30pm 5th on Second (5th Grader Lunch)	3 11:00am - 12:00pm Patrick Moore Mission Group - Lunch Out 5:30pm - 7:00pm "The Last Days of Jesus" Prayer Walk - Sanctuary 7:30pm - 8:30pm Deacons Meeting - SALT Classroom	4 5:30pm - 7:00pm "The Last Days of Jesus" Prayer Walk - Sanctuary 7:00pm - 8:00pm Tuesday Night Bible Study-SALT Classroom	5 9:30am - 11:30am "The Last Days of Jesus" Prayer Walk - Sanctuary 1:00pm Staff Meeting - Conference Room 5:00pm - 7:30pm "The Last Days of Jesus" Prayer Walk - Sanctuary 6:30pm - 7:15pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal NO Wednesday Night Activities nor Bible Study THIS WEEK	6 7:00pm - 8:00pm Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER	8
9 EASTER Bring Flowers to place on the Flowering Cross outside of Sanctuary 6:30am - 7:30am Sunrise Service with Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall 9:30am - 10:30am Worship Service - SANCTUARY 10:45am - 11:45am Sunday School - In Person & ZOOM	10 6:00pm - 7:00pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting - Conference Room 7:00pm CDC Oversight Committee Meeting-ZOOM	11 WMU Groups 7:00am - 6:00pm Clayton Travel Club to use grass parking area (Day Trip) 11:00am - 12:00pm Eph Whisenhunt Group - Conference Room 2:00pm - 3:30pm Bill O'Neal Circle Group-Conference Room 6:30pm - 7:30pm Children's Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm Tuesday Night Bible Study-SALT Classroom	12 1:00pm Staff Meeting - Conference Room 5:30pm - 6:30pm Dinner Served - Fellowship Hall 5:45pm - 6:30pm Youth Dinner - Upper Youth Room 6:15pm - 7:30pm FBC3M Activities 6:30pm Business Meeting - Fellowship Hall & ZOOM 6:30pm - 7:30pm Youth/Small Groups - Youth Room	13 10:00am - 1:00pm TEBA Spring Senior Adult Rally Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall 6:00pm - 8:00pm Baptist Men's Dinner/Fellowship - Fellowship Hall	14 5:30pm Sr Adult Movie Night - Fellowship Hall (SIGN UP REQUIRED...CALL CHURCH OFFICE)	15
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Kim and I would like to thank all of our brothers and sisters for all of your prayers, thoughts, visits, texts/emails, meals and cards over the last few weeks. I am doing fine now, and this experience just put an exclamation point on how much our Church Family means to us. Your love is truly overwhelming! May God richly bless you for that!!

In CHRIST, Jiles Harrell

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Dear Church Family,
My humble thanks for the many birthday wishes expressed to me on my February 20th Birthday. I am still in awe and wearing a Big Smile!! In each wish, I felt blessings and your love. Worshiping and serving our Lord along side of you will be my pleasure and joy!

Love and Prayers, Mary Baker

Missions Opportunity

Our church has been providing volunteers to the "With Love From Jesus Ministry" on the 4th Sunday of the month since March of 2021. This month we once again have an opportunity to serve local people in the community. Sunday, April 23rd is the date, and we need 5 to 10 volunteers to help with food, clothing and household furnishings distribution from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. You will be helping guests in the house select clothes and food items, sorting donated supplies, showing the Love of Jesus and telling the Good News. If you are interested and willing to help, please call or text Rudy Oliver at 919-271-1178, or email him at reoholston@gmail.com.

Please pray about it and join us if you feel led to do so. You will be a blessing and you will be blessed too. That's a promise from Jesus!!

**"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25:40**