

The Outlook

First Baptist Church Clayton

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He is risen!

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Come and see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

– Matthew 28:5-7



First Baptist welcomes new members

Jenny Tart, above left, joined the First Baptist Clayton family last Sunday by transfer of letter. Stephanie Chanco also joined and is awaiting baptism. Stephanie is pictured with her new husband, Jim Chanco, Jr. They were married on Saturday, April 12 in the First Baptist sanctuary. Dr. Len Keever officiated the ceremony. We welcome Jenny and Stephanie and look forward to growing in our faith together.

Annie Armstrong Easter offering and CBF Global Missions seeks prayers, gifts

Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering fuel the work of thousands of missionaries as they make Jesus known throughout their communities in North America.

Did you know there are cities on our side of the world that rank as the most unchurched in the world? Your prayers and gifts can change that.

Additionally, your support of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions can also change the world one gift at a time. 100% of your gifts will support the long-term presence of CBF field personnel serving others around the



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world.

Please consider providing prayerful support to the men and women missionaries of both organizations who are planting new churches in unreached communities and meeting spiritual and physical needs through compassion ministries. Every day,

lives are being impacted and transformed.

You can donate using the envelopes placed in the vestibules or online through Realm. For more information about these missions, contact Jackie Tarkington at 919-264-8404 or Cathy Paschal at 919-369-6025.

#6 - Deliver us from evil

By Dr. Len Keever
Pastor

It is appropriate that we end our meditation on the Lord's Prayer on Easter Sunday. I can think of no better time to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!"

Certainly, on Easter morning the power and glory of God are most evident. God's work in and through Jesus to establish a new covenant relationship with us by the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life becomes our ambition, our deepest heart desire. Nothing compares to what God has to offer us.

With this on our mind, with resurrection as our hope – the prayer to not be led into temptation, to be delivered from the Evil One who seeks to undermine God's work in



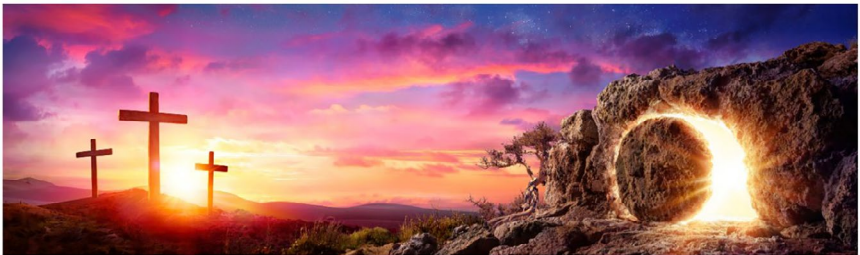
us – takes on deeper meaning.

In the Beatitudes Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled." Easter's feast, Easter's celebration only increases our hunger and thirst for what only God can give us. When Jesus used the metaphor that the crowd had to eat his flesh and drink his blood, the Bible tells us that they left him saying, "This teaching is too hard."

Turning to the disciples he asked, "Don't you want to leave too?" Peter answered for them, "Where else can we go? Only you have the words of eternal life."

Only Jesus has the words of salvation. Only Jesus has experienced the resurrection. When we keep the empty tomb in mind, temptations pale in comparison. When we keep our thoughts on eternal life, choosing Christ becomes our highest priority. In the empty tomb we find irrefutable evidence of God's Kingdom rule, God's power and glory. With the stone rolled away, we see clearly how much God loves us.

May all have a glorious Easter! Amen!!!



**Join us as we celebrate the empty tomb
at the Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday Morning at 6:30 a.m.

Grass Lot on Fayetteville Street | Bring a lawn chair



May 4 barbecue fundraiser to benefit Noelle Franklin

On Sunday, May 4, there will be a barbecue fundraiser lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit Noelle Franklin and her family. Donations are welcome – cash or check or use the QR code.

The meal, prepared by the Baptist Men, will consist of BBQ pork, boiled potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert. Eat in or take out. Drive through the parking lot at the corner of East Hinton and North Church streets to pick up your plates to go. We're trying to get an accurate head count so please call the church office if you're planning to come.



Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....3	New Members.....11
Worship Attendance	
Sunday, April 13.....192	Sunday, April 6.....182
Sunday School Attendance	
Sunday, April 13.....145	Sunday, April 6.....114
General Fund Giving	
Sunday, April 13.....\$20,867	Sunday, April 6.....\$15,426
Weekly Needs.....\$16,659	