



Amidst the Fright, Serve as God's Light!

It seems that the occasion has risen quite often recently to discuss the topic of fear with friends and loved ones. Fear permeates the news and circles our hearts, hospitals and homes. Fear comes about as the result of disease and death, worldly wickedness and wars. We need to hear and heed God's living Word, ***"Do NOT FEAR for I am with you. Do not be anxious for I am your God. I will strengthen and help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand!"*** (Isaiah 41:10)

We must follow the Lord's call to choose faith over fear because panic produces bad decisions and negative outcomes.

I read an instructive, true story about a hitchhiker in Spain. A pickup truck carrying an empty coffin stopped and offered the stranded man a ride. The grateful guy jumped in the back of the truck. In a few minutes, it started to rain so the hitchhiker climbed into the casket and pulled the lid shut. Meanwhile, as the rain continued, the kind driver stopped to pick up two more hitchhikers. After the rain ended, the gentleman in the casket raised the lid and said, *"Thank God, it's stopped raining!"* When the other riders saw the man in the casket, they were so terrified that they jumped out of the moving vehicle and sustained multiple injuries. My point: Fear can make your thinking unclear leading to hurtful decisions and actions!

When America navigated the dark days linked to the Great Depression and World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt produced a series of weekly radio addresses to the nation from 1933 – 1944 called "A Fireside Chat." FDR often said, "Our greatest fear is fear itself." America's wise leader knew that fear-induced decisions would do a lot of damage to our nation's body, mind and soul.

God's Word overflows with reassurance that our Heavenly Father is in control and even if ***"we walk through the valley of the shadow of death we don't have to fear evil because the Lord is with us. His goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!"*** (Psalm 23)

My friends, in the midst of times of fright, let us serve as God's beacon of hope and light. God is in control. Let us be people of faith, wisdom and prayer who help others connect with Christ's love and strength. Stay calm in Christ and carry on.

Let God's perfect love, which was demonstrated at the cross and empty tomb, cast out your fear. Anchor to the unbreakable promise of Jesus, ***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and afraid."*** (John 14:27)

Standing in Faith TOGETHER,



Join us for our very first

Bible Belle Tea

April 20th | 9 - 11 am
Family Life Center

Join us for our very first Bible Belle Tea party! Our tea party will be a time of fun and fellowship for girls ages 4-11 years old. We will go on an adventure, where we will meet a woman from the Bible named Hannah, and learn valuable lessons about real beauty, leadership, and walking boldly in our faith.

Cost: Girls \$12 | Women \$5

Register today by calling the church office. Space is limited, deadline to register is April. 5th.




Registration opens
May 1, 2024

NEW FRIENDS-AMAZING EXPERIMENTS-CREATIVE GAMES-SUPER FUN SNACKS-SURPRISING ADVENTURES & INCREDIBLE MUSIC. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FUN!
JUNE 17-21
EACH DAY FUN HAPPENS FROM 9AM-12PM

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



OR REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<https://vbspro.events/p/03824b>



It's a Girl!

JOIN US FOR A CHURCHWIDE BABY SHOWER HONORING

Jennifer Emens

Sunday April 14 2:00-4:00 PM
2024

IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER / FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
REGISTERED AT
<https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-jennifer-emens>



DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 10, 2024
DEPOSITS DUE NOW - \$85

Dates: June 24-28

4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

Contact Sheree Bagley at the Church Office to register!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Thank you to everyone that donated plastic eggs, stuffers and stuffed eggs for the Egg Hunt and SpringFest. Children received a special bag of stuffed eggs.

WORSHIP AT FIRST



Sunday, April 7 – Communion

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Solo



Sunday, April 14

8:45 AM – Praise Team with Baby Dedication

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, April 21

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, April 28

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir

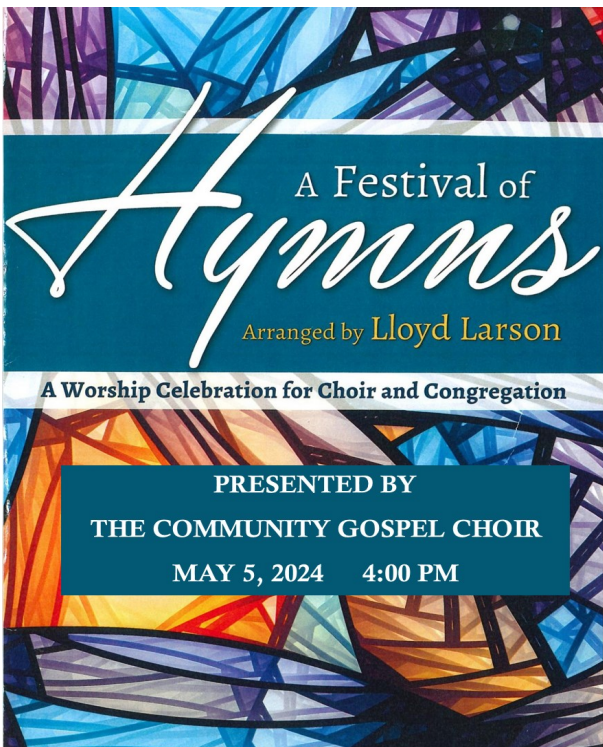
Senior Adult Fellowship/Lunch



at Saltwater Grill on Friday, March 15

*Doesn't this look like fun?
Why don't you join us at the next
Sr. Adult Dutch Treat Lunch in
June? We will be at La Casetta
Restaurant June 14 at 11:00 AM.*

*Just RSVP by June 7.
See you there!*



A Festival of
Hymns
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

A Worship Celebration for Choir and Congregation

PRESENTED BY
THE COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
MAY 5, 2024 4:00 PM

Tour of Liberty Hall historic house
and the Cowan Museum
with lunch at The Country Squire



May 10th Depart at 9:00 AM



*"The old-world
charm of this
world famous
restaurant has
enchanted diners
and guests
since 1961."*

**RSVP to the church office no later
than Friday, May 3rd !**



SPRING SOIREE PICS!



Bazaar Workshop

April 13 from 9:00 - 1:00

Your talented minds and skilled hands are needed again April 13th. The time is set for 9:00 - 1:00. Please come even if you only have a couple of hours available. We're flexible and will have something for you to do if only for a short time. We will continue working on last months projects along with some new ones. Kennedy Bernabi will be teaching us how to make jewelry. Painters are needed for a number of things: birdhouses, ornaments, floor cloths, etc.. An idea table will be set up for those who need them and we'll have samples of finished items so you can see what's coming. We have BIG expectations for a large crowd! Please come join us! We need YOU!



Rising 6th graders and their parents are invited to a Brunch and learn!

Enjoy brunch while you learn all about First Baptist Youth Group's activities.

Sunday, April 28th
10:45 AM - Noon

Downstairs Youth Lounge
Questions? See Jeremy



Attention all rising 6th graders!

You are invited to First Friday at the Slagles!

Friday, May 3rd 6 to 8PM

Come and enjoy games, food and fellowship!

Please RSVP to Jeremy by April 30th.

PRAYER list

CHURCH FAMILY

Alan Ashe	Julia Hudson	Lynn Rausch
Valeria Barrow	Frank Ipock	Bobby Reece
Sue Campbell	Mary Ann Jones	Richard Wagner
Mary Lynn Cheves	Sherry Jones	Jewel Watson
Jane Chitty	Howard Mathews	Kimsey Welch
Tom Denton	Elizabeth Minton	Greg Williams
Phen Hardy	Gwyn Page	Tony Wray
	Vanesa Pollard	

CHURCH FRIENDS

Sheree Bagley (<i>mother</i>)	Roger Pait (<i>father</i>)
Jennifer Bernabi (<i>husband</i>)	Anna Pearson (<i>Granddaughter Blythe, great niece, cousin, friend</i>)
Judy Blythe (<i>Fran Eaves</i>)	Todd Price (<i>mother</i>)
Loma Brown	Carol Register (<i>Courtney Mong</i>)
Rick Crosby	Holton S.
Sandra J. Dail (<i>Tommy Gaskins</i>)	Steve Simmons (<i>brother Tolar</i>)
Janet Doughty (<i>mother</i>)	Jeremy Slagle (<i>sister and nephew</i>)
Kit Emmerich (<i>mother, father</i>)	Kathy Swindell (<i>Ben Bunn</i>)
Roger Grossmann	Beth Wagner (<i>Marian Elmore, Mary Jo Mills</i>)
Lori Hale (<i>brother in law</i>)	Jane Wooten (<i>friend</i>)
Matt Kaylor (<i>friend Alicia</i>)	Ken Wooten (<i>mother</i>)
Dr. Nate Leonard & family	Beth Wynn (<i>Lori Abee, Lori M.S. Marx</i>)
Jim/Claudia McManamey (<i>niece</i>)	Pray for our country
Sandy O'Brien (<i>husband Wayne, Annie O'Brien</i>)	

CARE FACILITY & RETIREMENT* RESIDENTS

<u>BROOKDALE - NBN</u>	<u>SPRING ARBOR - KIN</u>
Jane Chitty	Beverly Leathers
<u>CYPRESS GLEN - GVL</u>	<u>WOODLAND TERR - CARY</u>
Elizabeth Brinkley	Louise Blizzard*
<u>CHAMPIONS-WIL</u>	<u>NC VETERANS HOME - KIN</u>
Doris Dyson	Mary Ellen Kirschner
<u>HOMEPLACE</u>	<u>MERRILL GARDENS</u>
Jean Fulcher	Rev. David Page
Christine Peedin	Gwyn Page
Patsy Setzer	Sylvia Pina
Ann Sledge	

We express our Christian sympathy to Terry Hall and family upon the death of his mother, Quay Hall.

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16



My Church Family,

I cannot say "thank you" enough to all the church family members. I really do appreciate everything you have done for me during my grief of losing Seth. God and my wonderful church family is helping me through it. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Wilma Needham

Dear Church Family, Ministers, and Staff,

I want to thank each of you for the care you have shown Warren and me since my recent fall and subsequent wrist surgery. We appreciate all the food deliveries and the visits, calls, cards, and texts. Thank you for teaching our Sunday School class and Bible Study, for making copies for me, for ringing my handbells, and for generally watching over us!

Love,
Mary Lynn Cheves

Dear Church Family,

Thank-you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and delicious meals during my recent back surgery. Everything went well and I am slowly recovering. I am blessed by all of your loving care and prayers.

Cathie Wall

Dear First Baptist Church of New Bern and its' members,

Thank you so much for hosting us throughout this week and providing us with everything we needed to have an amazing week. We appreciate it more than you know!

From UConn Habitat for Humanity

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS				
	APRIL 7	APRIL 14	APRIL 21	APRIL 28
DEACONS	Rosemary Dow Josh Bell	Brian Swicegood Terry Hall	Beth Wynn Jennifer Emens	Wayne Brown Charlotte Fuller
WATCHMEN	Todd Spear Colin Hardy	Phil Smith	Dwayne Alligood	Jeremy Tavares
USHER TEAMS	Susan Williams	Todd Spear	Mike Seawell	Eddie Games
CAFÉ CONNECTION	Brant Bills	Elaine Varley	Debbie Kaylor	Terry Hall
GREETERS	8:45 - Pace 11:00 - Bunting	8:45 - Hall 11:00 - Duff	8:45 - Cheves 11:00 - Rock	8:45 - Garner 11:00 - Wilkinson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jennifer Benton Sarah Moore Bella Bernabi Allison Bunting	Megan Ireland Matthew Holton Westleigh Holton Mona Quick	Elizabeth Swicegood Mary Ella Swicegood Carole Hart Lori Meads	Carla Barker Tyler Barker Caroline Strickland Addison Strickland
EXTENDED CARE 8:45	Rebecca Sanchez Kathy Swindell Cathy Rock Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Kelsie Ferguson Trey Ferguson Melanie Rice Brian Swicegood Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Brenda Hall Terry Hall David Zink Thaih Zink Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Kendal Strickland Caroline Strickland Addison Strickland Jeremy Tavares Courtney Tavares Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov
EXTENDED CARE 11:00	Jennifer Emens Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Gretchen Overby Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Susan Trout Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Cindy Lewis Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov
Wednesday Night Supper Menu	APRIL 3 <u>Terry Hall's Team</u> Hot Dogs Slaw Potato Salad Chips Dessert	APRIL 10 <u>Gwyn Rice's Team</u> BBQ Chicken Green Beans Buttered Potatoes Bread Dessert	APRIL 17 <u>Dwayne Alligood's Team</u> Beef Roast Creamed Potatoes Peas Bread Dessert	APRIL 24 <u>Sherry Wilkinson's Team</u> Sliced Pork Loin Stuffing Apples Green Bean Casserole Dessert



01 Anne Metts	09 Cindy Lewis	15 Ashley Patterson	20 Rudy Rowe
Martha Crawley	10 Aaron Bernabi	16 Charles Hughes	Alexander Johnston
03 Ty Smith	11 Virginia Lawson	17 Steve Simmons	21 Melodie Seagle
04 Elizabeth Swicegood	Jared Brinkley	Westleigh Holton	Elizabeth Ward
06 Denise Fink	Miles Overman	Darryl Russell	22 Charles Schmidt
Then Ksor Ramah	12 Eddie Wall	John Rausch	23 Nick Wilkinson
07 Kathy White	Wendy Karam	18 Oliver Blalock	24 Rosemary Dow
Billy Wilkes	Shirley Hinton	Tatum Smith	Bella Bernabi
08 Cameron Lotridge	14 Marsha Parker	Jennifer Emens	26 Nathaniel Holton
Carson Wood	Jeffrey Fink	19 Sonya Thurman	28 Todd Spear
Virginia Knight	15 James Lorentzen	Kathy Harrison	29 Trish Thrasher
09 Bobby West			30 Cori Willard



04 James & Tracey Lorentzen	17 Ed & MaryAnn Stinson
05 Roger & Meredith Pait	20 Kevin & Callena Adams
Steve & Vicki Lambert	23 Josh & Katie Bell
06 Jeffrey & Karen Wood	24 Terry & Brenda Hall
08 Bill & Cynthia Robey	24 Chuck & Kathy White
11 Bud & Marsha Parker	26 Ronnie & Kelly Brinson
16 Neil & Debbie Lotridge	29 James & Liz Garner
17 Ken & Diane Tyndall	29 Todd & Holly Thornton

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL RECORD	
Required 03/24/24 YTD:	\$265,344
Received 03/24/24 YTD:	\$310,383



New Discipleship Classes
 April 3 – May 8
 Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm

Fearless Parenting: Raising Godly Kids in an Ungodly World by Sarah Blount
 facilitated by Brandy Holton (A Building)
(Call the church office to reserve a free copy of the book.)

The Andy Griffith Show Bible Study
 facilitated by Debbie Kaylor (A Building)

The Life of Jacob
 facilitated by Richard Seagle (FLC)

Come join one of our small groups for 6 weeks!

Lessons from the Life of Jacob

On **Wednesday nights** beginning in April, Dr. Seagle will be teaching a series of classes on lessons that we can learn from the life of Jacob.

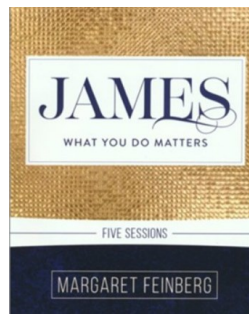
This class will meet in the FLC immediately following Family Night Supper at 6:00 PM

APRIL 3	From Trickster to Israel	Genesis 25:19-34
April 10	The Encounter with God	Genesis 28:10-19
April 17	The Trickster Gets Tricked	Genesis 29:15-28
April 24	The Wrestling Match	Genesis 32:22-31
May 1	Reconciliation	Genesis 33:1-17
May 8	The Return to Bethel	Genesis 35:1-15

New & Prospective Member Orientation

**Moved to April 7-21
 Sundays at 10 am (A205)**

Learn more about First Baptist Church through our ministers and church leaders for 3 sessions!



Join beloved Bible teacher, Margaret Feinberg, in a rich, fresh study of James that will uncover the genuine markers of real faith, equip you to break free from old patterns by developing new practices, and discover how the Father of heavenly lights treasures you.

Mary Lynn Cheves and Jo Ann Banks will be leading this 5 week Bible Study starting April 18 at 10 AM.

Based on the book of James

Please call the church office to sign up by April 10.

**Guatemala Missionaries
 Roger and Vicki Grossmann
 to Visit FBC New Bern**

On **Tuesday night, April 9th**, we will be hosting our friends from Guatemala, Roger and Vicki Grossmann.



You are invited to join the Grossmann's for a Dutch Treat dinner at Famous Restaurant at 6:00 PM on the ninth where they will give us an update on their ministries with Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala. First Baptist Church has over a 13-year partnership with the

Grossmann's where we have traveled to do mission work beside them in the city of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. We have also supported the Grossmann's through our prayers and through finances. Please call the church office to register to join us for dinner.

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are due in the church office no later than 9:30 AM on the third Monday of each month. All articles must be written out—none over the phone or verbally, please.

Dr. Richard D. Seagle, Senior Pastor.....	Richard@fbchurch.com	Ext 124
Rev. Barry E. Templeton, Associate Pastor of Music & Worship.....	Barry@fbchurch.com	Ext 125
Rev. Kerry Q. Peeler, Associate Pastor of Christian Education.....	Kerry@fbchurch.com	Ext 127
Rev. Jeremy L. Slagle, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life.....	Jeremy@fbchurch.com	Ext 121
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Gwyn Rice, Food Service Manager.....	Gwyn69@hotmail.com	Ext 107
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Kit Emmerich, Buildings Custodian.....	Chemmerich2020@gmail.com	

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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L U B L F R Z O D Z B H

K I Z B D R G S Q L B

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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV