



First Baptist Church

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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

April 2020

Message from Kathy Martin, Church Moderator

Pastor Bob Weiss

Adult Bible Studies

9:00 am

Worship Service

10:00 am

Church Office:

Monday thru Thursday

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

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Volunteers for the Month of April

Flower Committee:

Joyce Allmedinger

Deb Smith

Ushers:

Karen Cichos

Leo Heinz

As a result of the continued COVID-19 virus, we will continue to keep the church closed through Easter Sunday. If something were to change before Easter Sunday, we will re-evaluate, but we are also realistic that with the course of this disease, we are likely still going to be isolating in 2 weeks time. Again, we are going to follow CDC recommendations for public gatherings. We will be having our CLT meeting Monday, April 13th and will reassess at that time.

During this time, we want our church members to continue to be actively involved in the church. There are several ways you can be involved:

1. Continue to watch services every Sunday if you have the technology to do so. We will be calling those who possibly do not have access to watch services online to see if they would like a recording mailed to their home every week.
2. Call church members to check on their well being and provide support. We are looking for members who would be willing to take some time to make some calls and we will split the congregation between those who want to make calls so that every family has someone checking in on them. If you would like to be involved, please email the church office. We will also be calling and asking those who do not have email if they would like to participate.
3. Continue to tithe so that we can keep our church running. You can mail your offering to the church or use the online giving on the church's website.
4. Spend some time studying God's word with your family and continue to pray for this disease to end. I would like to take this time to thank Pastor Bob and Beth Weiss, Marty, Lori, Ben and Micah Lundblad for figuring out how to get a message to us weekly. They are looking at some ways to get the church members involved in Palm Sunday and Easter services. Watch your email, facebook page and website for more information. Please also be patient as they work the bugs out of recording the service.

Some members have asked about plans for our church staff. At this time we plan to keep Beth and Shirley at their current employment status. They are willing to be flexible and help in any way they can.

I hope that this message finds all of you healthy. Please do not hesitate to let the church office, Pastor Bob or any of the CLT members if you have a need for assistance during this time.

Sincerely,
Kathy Martin, Church Moderator



April

6th Deb Smith
11th Caitlin Martin
12th Dan Rowinski
19th Carol Grantham
27th Kandy Kasper
28th Deo NGoma

If your Birthday is missing and you would like it added, please contact Shirley in the church office 223-8614 or firstbaptistbis@q.com.



Shirley in the office, is always looking for individuals willing to share their photos of FBC Events and Activities.

Please contact her at firstbaptistbis@q.com

American Baptist **Women's** MINISTRIES

A message from your executive director

Today, as we face COVID-19, our norms are interrupted by the unexpected and the unknown. Yet our strength for this season is our faith and our sisterhood. God journeys with us and in each snapshot shot of this ministry and our lives, God is present. God's grace, love, and creative power is consistent and persistent. Our theme, Sisters Seeking Wholeness reminds each of us that we are made in the image of God, that we are stronger together, and in Christ we are complete. Each of us has a testimony about God's faithfulness. Even and especially now stand firm in your personal witness and be ready to stand in the gap for the hopeless and those that are mourning loved ones. We can do it because in every snapshot of our lives Jesus is present. For some losing the fellowship of weekly church services is disorienting, yet I pray that we know we are the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is within us. We are the church. While we are apart let us stay connected, united in our faith and friendship. Call your neighbors, family and friends. Check-in and support each other. I pray that in this Lenten season when our norm is interrupted by the unexpected that we continue to expect God to be God.

Dear God: Thank you for being with us always Grant us peace to be still
Give us the wisdom to wait Plant hope where there is fear Remind us
that your grace is sufficient Help us help others Let us feel your guiding
hands Thank you, EMANUEL, Amen

My heart and my prayers are with you,

Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain
Executive Director
American Baptist Women's Ministries



Long Term Prayer Needs:

- Charlotte Martin
- Dale & Annette Eckstrom's grandchildren
- Mary Ann Rauser
- Sue Reuther
- The Congo



Don't Throw Away
That Empty Cartridge!

Bring it to Church

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our church will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit Frist Baptist Church, not to mention it is great for the environment.

Empties 4 Cash box is located in the Church Foyer

Message from Karlene

Thank you for your prayers for my great niece Audrey—although she wasn't tested the doctor told them she probably had the virus. Audrey is now doing well. However, I just received a call that her two brothers, Alistair (7) and Edmund (5) now have fevers and body aches along with their mother Erin. Please pray that Ryan, the dad, and Audrey stay healthy to take care of the rest of the family and that Alistair, Edmund and Erin will all be healed. Thank you.

Please Remember our Home Bound

Charlotte Martin
Curtis Funches
Mary Ann Rause
Shirley Zacher

If you have recently visited someone homebound,
please let Pastor Bob know.

*"The homebound need to have fellowship
brought to them.
They miss their friends and the fellowship
of other Church members."*





Especially during this time

Continue to tithe so that we can keep our church running. You can mail your offering to the church or use the online giving on the church's website

Safe, Secure and Hassle Free

Support FBC weekly, monthly or yearly!

Offerings to our Missions are also available all long year.

Did you know you are able to support First Baptist Church safely and securely using electronic funds transfer?

It is a secure, hassle free, simple solution for today's busy families.

Click below for additional information.

CLICK HERE

FOUR12 YOUTH

Nathan has purchased a downloadable Easter devotional for youth to use the next 10 days leading up to Easter. He will email this out to youth as well.

[DOWNLOAD NOW.](#)

He has also been trying to get a youth email list updated to send out a few things to the youth. If your youth has not received an email from him recently, please give him an email address that they check regularly.

nathan@bb.church | Cell: 701-425-6625



412 Shirts!!!

When we can reconvene meeting together, I'll be asking students for their order if they are interested.

Cost will be in the \$15-18 range

Updates from Jeni Pedzinski



So honored to have participated in the creation of this collaborative art project incorporating discarded windows and stained glass pieces from damaged church windows. 300+ folks, working against trafficking in 65 countries around the world, each chose a piece that represented themselves (THINK about it...!). This is what happened when we put them together.



Ongoing prayer needs:

- Anita Baillie-Health Issues
- Armin Sayler
- Bruce Rauser
- Caryl Kaseman
- Charlotte Martin
- Deanna Hedegaard
- Jeff French – Pastor Bob texted with Jeff 3/28. He is about the same. Looks fwd to weekly online services.
- Kari Kolstoe – ended her federal self-quarantine in Grand Forks and resuming cancer treatments
- Kyle O'Brien- successfully completed Boot Camp and will begin advanced training at Fort Leonardwood, MO
- Leo Heinz
- Mary Hayes
- Pastor Boots Marsh (Cancer)
- Pastor Paul Gibson family following the death of his mother
- Scott Simpson

Happening this month

April 10

Good Friday

April 12

Easter Sunday

April 14

6:30 Church Leadership Meeting

April 20

Newsletter Deadline



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY®

DO YOUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND EASTER?

Many parents would agree that children should wait until they are older to see the acclaimed movie *The Passion of the Christ*, which graphically depicts the horrible violence that Jesus Christ endured before giving His life on the cross.

For the most part, children in our culture are privileged enough to be insulated from the reality and “scariness” of death.

Death and life, however, are at the core of the Christian message exemplified by Good Friday and Easter and remembered each Sunday. How much does your child understand that message?

Children need to know that *dying* was Jesus Christ’s reason for *living* on earth. They also need to know about Jesus’ resurrection three days later. As a parent, you can have the wonderful privilege of talking with your child about these important truths. The Easter season (which only *begins* with Easter Sunday) is great time to do this.

The following mini-lessons are designed for you to download, print out, review with a Bible in hand and then read with your child. These lessons will help you give your child a greater appreciation and understanding of the purpose of Jesus Christ’s life, death and resurrection.

Ultimately, these five mini-lessons will encourage your child To join God’s family.

- [Lesson One: Just Judge — Loving Father](#) (pdf)
- [Lesson Two: Why Did Some People Want to Kill Jesus?](#) (pdf)
- [Lesson Three: Was Jesus Innocent or Guilty of Blasphemy?](#) (pdf)
- [Lesson Four: Dying Was Jesus’ Reason for Living](#) (pdf)
- [Lesson Five: Jesus Took My Place](#) (pdf)

Please join
us every
Sunday
Morning for
our Virtual
Worship
Service:

First Baptist
YouTube Channel

HOSANNAH. HOSANNAH
BLESSED HE WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday
Pictures





Over the past few weeks, as response to the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified, we have received numerous inquiries and expressions of concern for IM global servants from our supporting friends and churches. All of us at IM thank you for remembering the missionaries at the frontlines of God's mission.

The safety and welfare of IM global servants are always of paramount importance and under continual monitoring, even during uneventful seasons. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, IM has taken steps to gauge and ensure global servants' well-being, including:

- **Risk assessments:** IM routinely assesses the risks facing each global servant in the specific location where he or she lives and serves. COVID-19 risk assessments take into consideration the number of known cases in the region, the local government's response, and the global servant's physical safety and access to basic needs and quality health care. The heightened risks presently associated with international travel—including the likelihood of exposure to the virus and the possibility of flight cancellations or border closures mid-transit—are considered when evaluating whether certain global servants should temporarily leave their country of service.
- **Support systems:** Many global servants enjoy robust networks of spiritual and social support in their country of service—that is where they are most “at home” and most knowledgeable about where and how to obtain needed resources and services. IM area directors and global personnel services also regularly and proactively maintain contact with global servants in order to check on their well-being, discuss the latest COVID-19 developments in their regions, advise on precautions, and provide spiritual encouragement and logistical support.
- **Contingency plans:** Written plans are in development for all global servants that itemize specific steps to be taken in the event the threat level for their respective country of service is raised, due to COVID-19 or for other reasons, such that evacuation is warranted. These contingency plans are tailored to each global servant's specific location and circumstances. All global servants are part of IM's digital network with access to technology that allows them to reach IM global personnel services 24/7 in the event of emerging changes in their country of service.

IM's Executive Director / CEO, Sharon Koh shared that IM makes every effort to prepare for and take necessary action to ensure the safety and welfare of our global servants. Yet our confidence and hope rest in God and in God's constancy and sovereignty in a world full of uncertainty and suffering. We value and welcome your prayers as we walk together in faith.

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty, I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” Psalm 91

For the latest information on IM global servants, please visit <https://www.internationalministries.org/international-ministries-global-servants/> or <https://www.internationalministries.org/category/journals/>.