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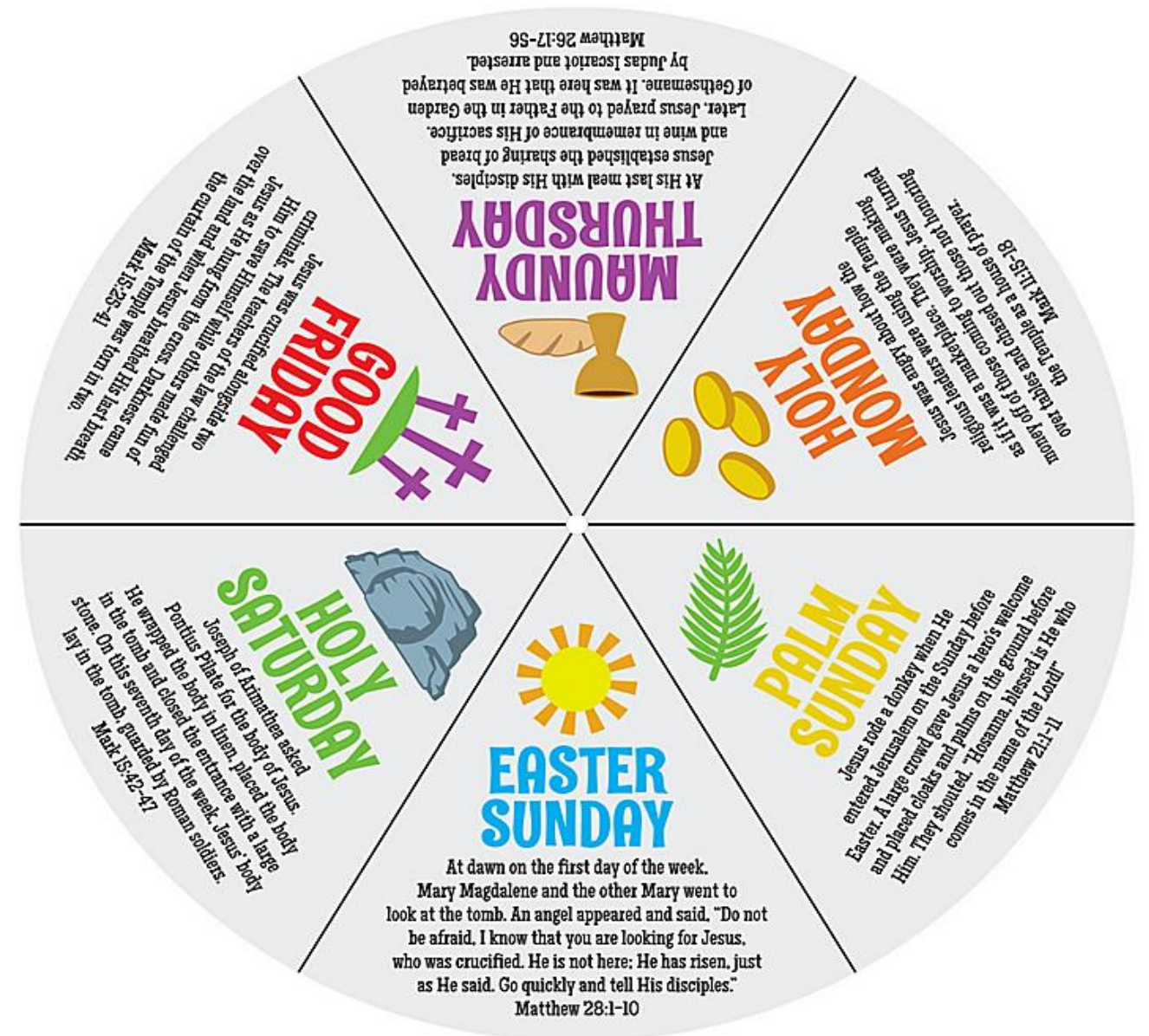


First Baptist Church of Gastonia

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Week of March 31, 2024

HOLY WEEK



CALENDER OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 27

12:00 Noon Bible Study/Johnathan Bryson
 Chapel Class/Bring a bag lunch if you so desire
 5:15 pm FAMILY FIRST FEAST

Menu: Poor Man's Meal: Pinto Beans/Slaw/Cornbread/Dessert/Drinks

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 29

Good Friday Service

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

The Stations of the Cross -Fellowship Classroom

Church Office Closed

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service – back lawn

Light refreshments in fellowship afterwards

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/Dwayne Burks

Monday, April 1

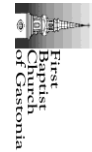
Easter Monday Holiday – Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 3

12:00 Noon Bible Study in the Chapel/Johnathan Bryson

5:15 pm NO Family First Feast – Spring Break

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal



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Worship Greeters

March: Art Queen, Ann Siva

Welcome

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1 -10

- 2 – Carol Bond
- 3 – Sam Robinson
- 5 – Ken Worley
- 8 – Avis Taylor
- 9 – John Price

MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Iris Avery
 (Daughter-in-law of Doris Avery)

By: Larry & Loretta Harris,
 Ann Siva

In Memory of:
 Louise Carlton

By: Bill & Julia Blalock, Jim 7
 Ann Costner, Larry & Loretta
 Harris, The Rhodes and
 Carson Families,
 David & Linda Wright

In Memory of:
 Thelma Coleman

By: Larry and Loretta Harris

Memorials Continued

In Memory of:
 Dorothy Hart

Mother of Richard Hart
 By: Larry & Loretta Harris,
 Ann Siva

In Memory of:
 Margaret Stafford

By: Wally & Patti Black

In Memory of:
 Gene Walker - Grandfather
 of Caleb Etchison

By: Ann Siva



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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT
FAMILY FIRST FEAST
March 27**

**JUST CALL.
YOU MIGHT
SAVE THIER
LIFE.**



→ **Learn about who to call for help
& why you should just call.**

The Gaston Controlled Substances Coalition will discuss:

- Substance use disorder (SUD)
- Who to call for help in an emergency, a mental health crisis, & for SUD
- Naloxone
- What happens when you call 911



**Learn more at
gcscctogether.org/just-call** →



SCOUT YARD SALE

The scouts will be having a yard sale on Saturday, May 4 in the church parking lot. If you have items that you would like to donate, you may bring them to the FMC on Mondays at 6:00 pm.



FLOWER CALENDAR

The following dates are open to place flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one. If you would like one of these dates, call or email Alice in the church office.

April – 21, 28
May – 5, 12, 19, 26
June – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



**“I No Longer Pray for Peace”
By Ann Weems**

On the edge of war, one foot already in,
I no longer pray for peace:
I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn
to tenderheartedness,
and evil intentions will turn
to mercifulness,
and all the soldiers already deployed
will be snatched out of harm's way,
and the whole world will be
astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might
sit down together and share
its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope,
but then I've always applauded the holy fools
who never seem to give up on
the scandalousness of our faith:
that we are loved by God.....
that we can truly love one another.

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I pray for miracles.

- Poem by Ann Weems

**WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE
STUDY**

Rev. Johnathan Bryson

Study Topic: Peace

Scripture

John 14:27 and Philippians 4:4-7

*God who is close to the
brokenhearted, Christ who is
acquainted with grief,
Holy Spirit who translates our
groans and intercedes for us,
come.*

*There is so much violence and
carnage here.*

*God of life and resurrection, do
your thing.*

*Enter our sanctuaries, streets,
and soils, and breathe your life
upon us.*

*Give us glimpses of what you're
doing in the unraveling,
and reconnect us to you and to
one another.*

*Awaken us from the paralysis of
fear, and help us to move.*

*Grant us bold and embodied
faith that propels us to join your
work
of restoration and sabbath for
all your creation. Amen.*

Rev Sue Park-Hur

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
GOOD FRIDAY @
11:30 - 12:30
FELLOWSHIP CLASS**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00 AM - BACK LAWN AT THE
CROSS. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AFTERWARDS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**