

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 20

10:30 am Prayer Meeting/Bible Study/Johnathan Bryson

Chapel Class/Bring a bag lunch if you so desire

12:00 Noon Lenten Lunch/Service @ 1st United Methodist

5:15 pm FAMILY FIRST FEAST

Menu: Meat Loaf/Mashed Potatoes/Green Beans/Dessert/Drinks

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship/Dwayne Burks

Wednesday, March 27

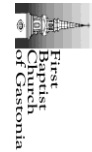
10:30 am Prayer Meeting & Bible Study in the Chapel/Johnathan Bryson

NO Noon Lenten Service/Lunch

5:15 pm Family First Feast

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal



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LENTEN LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who worked so tirelessly to put together a phenomenal Lenten Lunch event on Wednesday. I was so proud for so many guests to be on campus and enjoy the wonder of First Baptist's caring and dedicated people.



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Church Website: www.fbcgastonia.org

Worship Greeters

March: Art Queen, Ann Siva

Welcome

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 24-31

27 – Bill Smith

28 – Tom Carson

Cathy Murdock

Susan Null

31- Suzanne Long

Dan Wynkoop

Sorry, Pastor Dwayne's Birthday was March 4!!!

SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Louise Carlton upon her death, March 17, 2024

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Doris Avery and family upon the death of her daughter-in-law, Iris Avery on March 12, 2024

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Richard Hart and family upon the death of his mother, Dot Hart, on March 12, 2024

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Thelma Coleman

By: David & Linda Wright

In Memory of: Dot Hart

Mother of Richard Hart

By: David & Linda Wright

In Memory of:

Margaret Stafford

By: David & Linda Wright

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

LOUISE CARLTON

MARCH 17, 2024

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2024 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

Time: 12 Noon – 1:00 pm

Price: \$8.00 per person

Offering: Discarded Roses & Crisis Assistance Ministry

SCHEDULE:

Date Host Preacher/Program

Mar. 20 1st United Methodist
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Dewberry
St. Stephen's AME Zion

Mar. 27 NO LENTEN LUNCH OR SERVICE



LENT

Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00 AM

(Light refreshments and coffee in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.)



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.

March – 24
April – 21, 28
May – 5, 12, 19, 26
June – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



FBCG Mission Moment

In a heartening showcase of compassion and action, our own Martha Spurrier recently shared her moving testimony about her work at the Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center. Martha has been dedicating her time and efforts towards tutoring children who, tragically, have found themselves without a home due to domestic violence. Her dedication to these young souls is not just an act of kindness; it's a beacon of hope in their lives.

Furthermore, Patti Black, Jessie McSwain, Charlotte Eddings, and others have been providing a monthly meal to the residents of the same shelter, which typically houses 20-25 mothers and their children. This gesture of providing a warm meal is more than just nourishment; it's a message that they are not alone, that we stand with them in their time of need.

How Can You Help?

If this Mission Moment Update has inspired you, here are several ways you can get involved:

-Tutor Children by sharing some time each week helping these young minds flourish.

-Deliver a Meal once per month.

-Prepare a Monthly Meal for our shelter residents.

-Donate Funds for Meals Your financial contributions will help sustain this initiative, ensuring that we can continue providing for our neighbors in need.

-Donate Restaurant Gift Cards so meals can be delivered to the shelter on our designated week.

Your involvement can make a real difference. If you want to be involved, please reach out by calling the church office or by texting "DV" to Pastor Dwayne at 704-860-2957. Every action, no matter how small, holds the power to change lives.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for loving our neighbors as God loves us. Together, we can spread light and love to those who need it most.

WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Johnathan Bryson

Study Topic: Peace

Scripture

Matthew 5:9

John 14:27 and Philippians 4:4-7

EASTER LILIES

Please sign the attached form and return to the church office with your check prior to

Monday, March 25

if you would like to purchase an Easter lily for \$12.00.

Payment must accompany form.

(only 20 ordered – first come first served)

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF

LILIES: _____

AMOUNT

PAID: _____

IN HONOR

OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY

OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

***"I am the resurrection and the life;
He that believes in Me, though he were dead,
Yet shall he live; and whosoever lives
And believes never shall die."***