

*FIRST BAPTIST OFFICE AND MBCC WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, APRIL 6 FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY*

*Easter Lily Dedications*

Memory of:

J. P. & Ola Costner by Lauren & Nancy Kugel & Family

Taylor Mathews and Ronald Walton by Jimmy & Tracy Livengood

George and Eloise Shiver by Brian, Carol and Karen Lamb and Their Families.

John Dana and Eloise S. Bates by Bill Bates and Beth Bunce

Betty G. Bunce by Bill Bates and Beth Bunce

Haroace Conner by Jack Colescott and Family

Carolyn Phillips by Jim Phillips and Family

Marjorie Colescott by David Colescott and Suzy Conner

Memory of Harold McNeill and in Honor of Cindy McNeill

by Greg, Wendy, Dillon, Taylor and Cameron McNeill

**Wednesday April Family Night Schedule**

**Church Fellowship/Bible Study**

**6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, April 8 - No Family Night

Wednesday, April 15 - FaithHealth Program

Wednesday, April 22 - Business Meeting - Vote

Wednesday, April 29 - Final Family Night - Children's Music Program

**Senior Adult Sunday - April 19**

**11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**12:15 p.m. Luncheon**

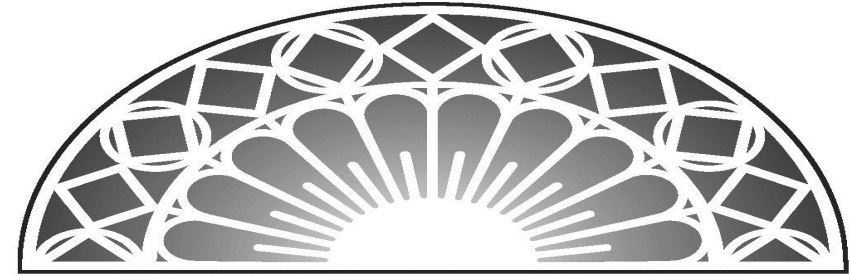
Our Senior Adults will lead the morning worship service Sunday April 19. A luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m. following the service. Lunch is free to all seniors. The menu is Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert. Sign up sheets have been placed in the classrooms. Final date to sign up is April 13.

**Extended Sessions:**

**April 5: Paid Nursery**

**April 12: Bed Babies:** M/M Kevin Foster **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Christy Clark &

Courtney Sams **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Hopkins



*First Baptist Church*

*Lexington, North Carolina*

*Christ is risen,  
He is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!*

*RAY N. HOWELL III*

*Senior Minister*

*TOMMY WILSON*

*Associate Minister*

*PAUL FREEMAN*

*Minister of Music*

*JEAN ASHLEY*

*Martha Best Children's Center, Director*



# Easter Sunday

*The Resurrection of the Lord*  
April 5, 2015

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## THE GATHERING

He is risen! Lift up your hearts today with the glad news of the resurrection with this story that is so wonderful that we sometimes find it hard to believe. As we hear this good news Easter after Easter, may we discover the indescribable joy of life and hope. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

(Children may receive their "Alleluia Bell" in the vestibule.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Christ is Risen* Christopher Tambling

CALL TO WORSHIP Sarah Hall

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

**People: Break forth into joy! Sing together!**

Leader: We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in despair.

**People: Now we know victory over death! Now we know joy over despair!**

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead!

**People: Alleluia! Christ is risen, risen indeed!**

## The Celebration of Christian Baptism for Spencer and Sydney Hall

Introducing Spencer and Sydney's Family

Words of Affirmation from Uncle Kelly Sprinkle

CHORAL INTROIT *My Redeemer Lives! Alleluia* Lloyd Larson

(You are invited to join the choir as directed. See insert for words)

Opening of the Bible Sydney Hall

Lighting the Christ Candle Spencer Hall

The Water Ceremony Family

## Christian Baptism

HYMN NO. 254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* ODE TO JOY

(Stand under the direction of Mr. Freeman)

## CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118: 1-4, 14-24

## CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: Risen Christ, we come with songs of joy and words of praise for your powerful love and life-giving grace.

**People: Like those first disciples who ran to your empty tomb, calm our troubled thoughts, that we might hear the message of your resurrection.**

Minister: Like the women who first heard the news of his resurrection, reveal yourself to us that we may know your presence and heed your call.

**People: Transform our doubts into faith, that we might be a resurrection community, revealing your loving presence for all the world to see.**

## EASTER PRAYER

HYMN NO. 234 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dan Hamrick

OFFERTORY *Easter Alleluia* Robert Groves

## GLORIA PATRI

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 16: 1-8

ANTHEM *Amazing Love* David Rasbach

SERMON *To Be Continued* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 247 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

## CLOSING WORDS

CHORAL BENEDICTION *For Thine is the Kingdom* Mallotte

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Fifth Symphony* Charles Marie Widor

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*Today's Lay Reader is Dr. Kelly Sprinkle.*

*Musicians for today's service*

Beverly Khemlani - organ/piano

Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Ringers

Brian Walker - timpani

Jordan Fry - Jon Myers - trumpet

Keith Grush - horn

Ben Dorsey - trombone

Wes Richardson - tuba

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mildred Lopp upon her death on March 28.

The Deacons of the Week are Debbie Auman and Ferry Lane Lowder.