

## From the Pastor ...



Join us for a Three-Part Message Series around the Resurrection of Jesus.



### Palm Sunday—*Revival, Sort Of.*

Everybody praised Jesus as the King, the One who comes in the name of the Lord when He rode into town for the Passover Celebrations. But less than a week later they shouted to crucify Him.

Scripture has much to say about the characteristics of a true follower of Jesus. One is that the commitment lasts more than a week!

### Easter Sunday—*Resurrection, A Reality*

So many people said or thought, “I don’t believe it” before and after Jesus was resurrected. So many more people say or think the same thing today. The resurrection happened. The question is, how will we respond to it? NOTE: the service will start at **10:30 AM.**

### Sunday After Easter—*Revitalization Needed*

When the emotional high of believing Jesus is real, He has forgiven us, and heaven awaits us *fades* - and it does - then what? Most of us tend to drift from our new found faith and zeal, and return to our old ways. What can we do to keep the commitment strong? Come on April 11 to find out.

Spoiler alert! One of the ways we can keep growing in our faith is to connect with others in a small group or Sunday School class. Attending Sunday morning services or watching it online is good and necessary. But I am convinced that without small group interaction and encouragement, your spiritual maturity will be stunted. Jesus spoke to the multitudes, but he did life together with a few others in a small group.

Call the church office to discover one that is right for you. We have Sunday Morning classes, and some online groups.

New: we will experiment with a virtual membership class. Hundreds of people watch all or

part of our service each week online. (*If you do, please “like” us and share it from time to time.*) Pray with us that many of the online viewers will take the next step to become active members of our church! The date and time of the class are to be determined.

*If you are not yet a member of First Baptist and feel like it’s time to step up, please contact the church office.*

## HVAC

As you probably know by now, it’s time to replace the original 1964 heat and air unit for our sanctuary. Removal of the old unit began the last Friday in March. If you have seen this beast, you can see why it will take some time to remove the old and to install the new.

We will not be meeting in the Sanctuary during the replacement process. We will meet outside, weather permitting, beginning *Easter Sunday Morning, April 4*. If the weather outside is not conducive to meeting on the lawn, and if it’s not too hot or too cold, we might be able to meet in the sanctuary. If that doesn’t work, we will meet in the chapel.

The cost to replace the new unit is \$149,983. Our goal is to have the whole thing paid in full before it is fully installed (about 6 weeks). Please ask the Lord if He wants you to contribute to this, and then ask Him how much.

So many people have been unemployed or underemployed during the pandemic. The government relief check can be a lifeline for them. Others of us have been very blessed to still have been employed or are retired and not as devastated financially by the shutdown. As I have been praying about my part in helping with the HVAC fund, the thought came to my mind that if I get the relief check from the government, I can apply that to what else I give to the church.

Please remember that the HVAC special offering, like the Annie Armstrong Easter offering and all the other special donations we have in our church, are contributions above our tithes. Like most churches, our general giving has taken a hit this last year. We are still doing OK, but we cannot contribute just to special offerings and neglect our operating budget!

The biblical principle for this model of giving is that the top ten percent, the *first fruits*, go to the Lord through the local church. Donations are anything beyond that and not necessarily just through the church. Always keep this in mind:

Luke 6:38 (NLT2) Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

## Music



Hey Church Family!

Happy Easter season! It has been great seeing more and more people feel comfortable coming back on Sunday mornings! You don't know how much it means for us leading on stage to look out and see so many people worshipping with us, and I can't wait for the Easter service on the lawn. I am praying that we continue to stay safe and the COVID-19 numbers continue to dwindle.

I am pleased to report that the choir is able to meet again! We had our first practice back this past week, and please reach out to me if you are considering joining! As always, if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know!

-Sterling

## Connie Maxwell update

Dear Friends at First Baptist,

As I reflect on the past year for Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries, so many thoughts fill my mind. Our children experienced success. They endured and overcame challenges. They enjoyed new adventures. Thank you for making all of this possible. Your faithfulness allowed us to have an even greater impact than we could have imagined.

I hope you will continue to pray for and support the children at Connie Maxwell during this new year.

Again, thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of these children and families.

Together for the dreams of children,

*Danny Nicholson II*

President, Connie Maxwell Children's Home

## Deacon Nomination

Deacon selection is coming in May. The schedule is:

Sunday, May 2: Deacon Nomination

Sunday, May 16: Deacon Selection

You will receive a letter with full details and a list of eligible members in early April. If you would like to have your name removed from the Deacon Nomination list, please call the church office by *Monday, April 19*.

## Students

### IMPACT

@FBC Hartsville

Dear Parents,

As you might already know, I am filling in as IMPACT student director for the time being. I am excited to be able to connect with these young hearts and help them continue to grow in Christ. We will have varying meeting places to keep things fun and interesting!

We meet on Thursday nights between 5:30-6:30 (sometimes 7). Much like with 1st Kids, I adapt the lesson from the Pastor's message so that there can be a cohesive conversation between parents and children. I would love to include your child on Thursdays. If you think you would like them to be a part of this, please reach out and I will make sure you are included in the weekly emails to let you know what is happening with this crew.

I am really looking forward to what we will accomplish this year!

In Love,  
Ms. Lauren

## April Events

### NEW SERVICE TIME STARTING EASTER SUNDAY!



**Starting on Easter Sunday**, April 4, our new Sunday schedule will be:

**9:15am Sunday School**

**10:30am Worship Service on the Lawn** (weather permitting)

The **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** for North American missionaries will be collected through Easter. 100% of the collections go to the mission field.

First Baptist will volunteer at the **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, April 8. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the church office.

## April Birthdays

4-2 Bonnie Adams  
4-6 Maxie Cantley  
4-6 Wanda Howle  
4-8 Elsie Byrd  
4-8 Alyssa Shelley  
4-12 Alison Dixon  
4-15 Brooke Moody Goss  
4-16 Jordan Moore Tomlinson  
4-18 Renee Smitt  
4-20 Cecil Winburn  
4-21 Alexandra Bennett  
4-22 Scott Gupton  
4-24 Ranen Marler  
4-25 Chad Fink  
4-26 Lauren Wint  
4-27 Debbie Fink  
4-29 Linda Britt  
4-29 Diane DeLucia  
4-29 Terry Floyd  
4-29 Brandy Johnson  
4-29 Lora Harrell Knotts

Happy Birthday!

## Announcements

### Financial Report

We are so thankful for God's continued financial blessings throughout this difficult time.

*How can I contribute to First Baptist if I'm not able to attend Sunday service?*

- Mail a check or bring it to the office:  
104 E. Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
- Give online through our website:  
[www.firstbaptisthartsville.org](http://www.firstbaptisthartsville.org) and go to the "Online Giving" tab
- Text "BeCheerful" to 73256
- Use the slotted, outdoor mailbox next to the Church Office door.

### HVAC Fund

We have set up a fund for our Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning system on the online giving site. It is called "HVAC fund." You may also designate this on your offering envelope.

South Carolina Baptist Convention is offering **Disaster Relief Training** on April 17 in Easley and on October 9 in Lexington. Please go to the website ([www.scbaptist.org/dr](http://www.scbaptist.org/dr)) for updates and class descriptions. Due to social distancing constraints, attendance will be limited at these events.



## Thank you

First Baptist Hartsville Church Family,

The cards with words of comfort and uplifting notes, the calls, thoughts, prayers, texts, and other expressions of sympathy were appreciated.

Although my family and I lost the Mama we knew and loved a long time ago to the devastatingly cruel Alzheimer's disease, she was still our precious, loving mama we were and blessed to have her in our lives.

Thank you,  
~LaJoyce Chapman

## With Sympathy

Our hearts go out to the families of

- Mary Snipes  
(FBC member since 1956)
- Grady Bridges (husband of Fairland Bridges, step-father of Clark Phillips)



## **First Baptist Preschool**



Easter is always a wonderful celebration and it is so special to experience it through the eyes, minds, and hearts of our preschoolers. Of course they are excited about the Easter Bunny and egg hunts, but they are just as excited to learn about Jesus and the never ending love of God! Even though they may not understand the entire story of the resurrection, they do understand Jesus loves us greatly. "Jesus Loves Me" is a song you will hear frequently in our school and it is such a sweet sound to fill the halls!

To help our students understand Christ's resurrection each class gets a jar of caterpillars. We watch them grow, become chrysalis, and hatch as butterflies. This transformation represents the change, renewal, and hope of Easter.

Please continue to help us spread the word about enrollment. We offer classes for Toddlers - Kindergarten. Information can be found on the church website, Facebook, or by calling the preschool office at 843-878-0445. Classes are filling up! Thank you on behalf of all of us at FBPH for the support you show our program!

Brittany Caddell

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### **Church Staff**

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### **Please Contact the Church Office**

- If your address, email, or telephone number has changed
- If you have updates for the Prayer List
- If you need more offering envelopes or would like to get personalized offering envelopes

## **1st Kids Children's Ministry**



Hi Church Family,

We are so relieved that things are starting to look a little more normal these days. While we are still meeting virtually on Wednesdays, it won't be long before we are back in person. I will make sure to keep you all posted. Tentatively, I will have my kids back in person in May!

We will have VBS July 12-16th IN PERSON!!! This is so exciting! I had several volunteers come forward this past Sunday, that made me feel like we can accomplish this event. I do need more, however. Specifically, teachers. Don't worry, you don't have to have a degree! If you feel like you might have time to give from 5:30pm-7pm during the week, please reach out and let me know. God is preparing my heart to see an abundance of children sign up after the quarantine, and I sure would love to have a huge group of leaders/volunteers to welcome them.

Once again, I thank you for your prayers and entrusting me with this group. I look forward to 2021 growth!

In love,  
Ms. Lauren

### **FBC Information**

The Church Office is open:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm

Lunch 12:30-1:30pm

Friday 8am-12noon

Church phone: 843-332-6571

### **FBC on Social Media**

Website: firstbaptisthartsville.org

Facebook: First Baptist Church Hartsville

YouTube: FBC Hartsville SC

Instagram: @firstbaptisthartsville