

CHURCH WEEK

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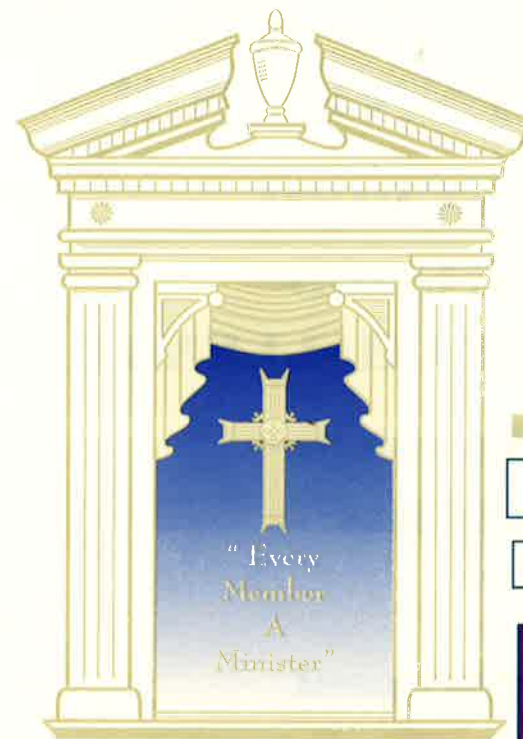


SAVE THE DATE! PLAN TO PARTICIPATE!

Holy Week Stations of the Cross



This is a new devotional experience for our church focusing on Christ's path to the Crucifixion. It is a step by step journey from Christ's praying on the Mount of Olives to His burial. Historically known for centuries as "Via Dolorosa" ("Way of the Cross"), our version is a fourteen-stop prayer and reflection walk through stations around the sanctuary. It is a self-guided tour (with a devotional guide provided) each day during Holy Week, generally from noon until 2:00 p.m., but also 5:00 - 6:45 on Maundy Thursday, and 2:00—4:00 p.m. on Good Friday. You choose which day and time work for your schedule.



COMING UP

- ♦ **Sunday, March 26**
 - 9:45 AM - Sunday School
 - 10:55 AM - Worship Service
 - 2:00-4:00 PM - Reception for Audrey and Tom Hall-Kistler House
 - 3:00 PM - Orchestra Practice
 - Youth Activities**
 - 4:30 PM - Choir practice
 - 5:30 PM - Supper
 - 6:00-7:00 PM - Bible Study
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 - 7:00 PM - Sunday Lenten Vesper Service-Chapel
- ♦ **Monday, March 27**
 - 10:00 AM - Just in Case Pillowcase Ministry Work Time
 - 10:00 AM - Conversational English Class for Korean Friends-Library
 - 3:30-4:15 PM - Little Ringers II
 - 4:30-5:00 PM - Little Ringers I
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 28**
 - 10:00 AM - Personnel Committee K101
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 29**
 - 4:30-5:15 PM - Children's Choir-**Church Family Night**
 - 5:20 PM - Serving Line Opens
 - 6:00 Blessings and Celebrations, Hymn of the Week, Concerns
 - 6:15 PM - Adult Bible Study- The Sermon on the Mount-led by Dr. Bland
 - Intergenerational Learning Group
 - Intergenerational Bells
 - 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Practice
- ♦ **Thursday, March 30**
 - 6:30 PM - Handbells
- ♦ **Friday, March 31**
 - 9:45 AM - Women's Prayer Group - K101
 - 8:30 AM-8:15 PM - Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC Annual Gathering-Hickory

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY!

March 26, 2017

10:55 AM —Sanctuary

Sermon:

"A Lenten Prayer"
(Ephesians 3: 14-19)
Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. .
Preaching

Chancel Choir Anthem:
"Bow the Knee"
arr. Tom Fettke



Youth Lenten Readers: Jessica Dale and Michael Dale
Lenten Cross Readers: Marc, Stacey, and Ben Sholar
Cross Bearers: Jim Black, Bill Lennon, Fred Little

LENTEN VESPERS

The fourth of five services.

Sunday 7:00 PM in the chapel.

Take time to be holy... praise, confession of sin, meditation and commitment, praying for ourselves and the needs of others. Grow in holiness and discipline this spoken and sung.



DON'T FORGET!

COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF NC ANNUAL GATHERING
Friday, March 31-Saturday, April 1 at First Baptist Church of Hickory
Check www.cbfn.org for info and to register. Revs. Tyler and Laura Roach and Fred Schuszler have been on the planning team for this great conference.

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!!!



FBC SUNDAY SCHOOL "GO FOR THE GOLD" HIGH ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

**Gold Grand Champions—
Ecumenical Class**

Silver Second Place—Youth Department

Bronze Winners—Koinonia Class*

***FYI—Koinonia and Disciples Classes actually tied in the number over their average, but in case of a tie the one with the most actually in attendance wins.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR DREAMS AND VISIONS STRATEGIC PLANNING AWARD FOR 2017!

**THE SERENDIPITY CLASS
THEY RECEIVED A PLAQUE AND ALL
CLASS MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A
GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A FREE
CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**



EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY UPDATE

Offering Received March 19\$15,382
Budget Required to Date.....\$193,440
Budget Received to Date.....\$185,965
Organ /AV Fund Donations to Date.....\$141,104

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, March 26
9:45 AM-Info and Prayer Time
10:00 AM-Bible Study
4:30 PM- Choir practice
5:30 PM-Supper
6:00-7:00 PM-Bible Study
7:00 PM-Lenten Vespers

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT MENU

Wednesday, March 29
Chicken Casserole/Green Beans/
Baked Cinnamon Apples/Yeast Rolls/
Beverage
Kid's Meal-Hot Dog/Green Beans/
Fries/Apples/Beverage
Veggie Meal—Baked Potato/Salad
Bar/Green Beans/Apples/Roll/
Beverage
Serving Team—Merle Martin

WOMEN'S PRAYER LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 4 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
FBC Fellowship Hall
Cost for Tickets-\$10

Featuring Sonya Schweighardt,
guest speaker

"You Matter!" is what you will walk away with after listening to Sonya share from the depths of her heart the life lessons that God has led her to and through. You will have a tear in your eye, a smile on your face, and an inspiration to go fulfill what God has called you to do. Tickets are available in the church office. For more information, contact Nancy Whalley at (828) 413-2543 or nancywhalley1@gmail.com. Deadline to purchase tickets: Tuesday, March 28.

IN MEMORY

Gifts have been given in memory of
**Lena and JD Fitz, James Helms,
Barbara Lambert,
Priscilla Mast, and Jean Pope.**

IN HONOR

A gift has been given in honor of
**Lauren Jenkins, Katherine
Jenkins, and Bibba Whitener.**

THANK YOU

A thank you note has been received from the family of **Priscilla Mast**. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Christian Education Building.



BACKPACK MINISTRY

Items for March
George Hildebrand Elementary:
canned soup and canned chicken
Mountain Crest Elementary:
canned fruit and boxed mac and cheese
Our supplies are very low so please bring items to the church office.

Help is needed to pack backpacks on these dates at Grace Episcopal Church:

Thursday, April 6— 3:30 PM
Thursday, April 27— 5:30 PM

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 26
Mardee Black

SAVE THE DATES

May 5
Youth Chicken Pickin'
May 11, 12, 13
Ladies Clothing Sale for Missions

RECEPTION HONORING TOM AND AUDREY HALL

Sunday, March 26
2:00-4:00 PM Kistler House

You are cordially invited to help honor Tom and Audrey Hall for their many years of sacrificial giving of time and talents for the Meeting Place Mission in Morganton. This is a wonderful opportunity to show support for their efforts for the Mission Place Mission.