



First Baptist News



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGEBURG SC
Building a community of faith that glorifies God
and reflects Jesus Christ

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News Concerning Sunday Morning Services:

In consideration of the public health emergency declaration on COVID-19, First Baptist Church's leadership has decided not to hold public services for the next few weeks. Instead, we will broadcast our service on the radio station, **105.3 The Cat Country FM Radio** <https://cborangeburg.com/wgfg/> on Sundays at 11:00 am. You can live stream the service by going to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIqC0SHF2qXCt9xq-W7FiJg?view_as=subscriber. Please join us for worship & light a candle with your family. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Visit: <http://fbcorangeburg.org/worship-resources/> for links to this past Sunday's music for worship.

We are building a community of faith that glorifies God & reflects Jesus Christ.

We are also asking while you come to together & worship should you share & post on social media to use the #FBCOConnected, so we may all be connected as one.

For easy & direct access to the above mentioned links please visit our website: <http://www.fbcorangeburg.org>.



rebeccamlove Thankful for our church, ministers, and church staff that worked hard for us to stay connected from home this morning. #FBCOConnected



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DON'T FORGET



Church News...

Our Church has been working hard to help children in our county have food for the weekends. We've been packing 300 bags a week & handing out 150 bags every Tuesday & Friday. Each bag costs roughly \$3.00 & has over 8 items in it. To see the wonderful support & encouragement from our church family & community has been overwhelming. We are very thankful! If you would like to continue to help us, we encourage you to support us financially, as we continue needing to purchase these items each week. Checks can be mailed to First Baptist Church with the memo, "Food Bags". ~ Anna Kate



Certified Lifeguards Needed for Summer!

The Child Development Center & the Family Life Center is looking for Lifeguards. Applicants must be 16 years of age & must have completed the Lifeguard Certification Training Course. Please apply at the Child Development Center with Brooke Rogers, CDC Director @ the CDC (803)707-0856.

Weekend Staff Member On Call

Apr. 4-5 Rev. Jane Williams C) 803-747-1221
Apr. 11-12 Rev. Zeke Stephenson C) 828-305-2183

Apr. 18-19 Rev. Ryan Tucker C) 803-707-2132
Apr. 25-26 Rev. Anna Kate Stephenson C) 205-542-9839

As always, the minister may be reached at the church office (803-536-1545) during business hours.

Congratulations to our 2020 College Graduates
 If you are a FBC college graduate & would like to have your announcement included in the newsletter for the month of May, please email the following information to: caroline@fbcorangeburg.org.
 Deadline for submission... **Mon., April 20.**
Info. Needed: Your Name, Name of College/University, Type of Degree & Major, and any Honors.

Homebound Resident Members

Michael Crawford 803-536-9821 mkmjj@bellsouth.net
 155 Scoville Street NW 29115

Tony Drawdy 803-534-7867 tdrawdy@sc.rr.com
 1385 Gue Road 29115

Carolyn Farr 803-534-7354
 1475 Sunset Street NE 29115

Elinor Leedecke 803-664-2595
 303 Egret Lane 29118

Carmen Platt 803-531-2941
 2354 Northview Drive 2a Condo 29118

Homebound Non-Resident Members

Bill Burch 803-928-3671 bburch002@att.net
 25 Braveheart Court Chapin, SC 29036-6133

Edith Dawkins resides w/granddaughter
 1908 Davant Circle Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464-6256

Non-Resident Members in Assisted Living Facilities/Homebound....

Carroll Campbell Place [803-359-5181]
 802 Old Cherokee Road
 Lexington, SC 29072-8122
 Margree Love

Golden Pond Community [407-654-7217]
 406 Lakeview Road, Unit # 20
 Winter Garden, FL 34787-3046
 Gloria Furches / (Near Grandson)

Ranson Ridge Assisted Living [704-897-2723]
 13910 Hunton Lane, Room # 200
 Huntersville, NC 28078-6088
 Pauline Richardson / Rm 200 / 803-347-2078 (cell) or
 704-897-0984 Rm #200

Veteran's Victory House [843-538-3000]
 2461 Sidney Road
 Walterboro, SC 29488
 Tom Harrison



Please take the time to call, send a card, an email, or lift up in prayer one of our members that are homebound or in a nursing home facility... This simple act of kindness just might brighten your day as well as theirs during this time of isolation! Let us continue practicing staying connected to one another, #FBCOConnected

Healthcare Facility Resident Members

Calhoun Convalescent Center [803-655-7101]
 601 Dantzler Street, St. Matthews, SC 29135-1522
 Helen Smoak

Edisto Post Acute Care [803-534-1771]
 {formerly Riverside Rehab & Healthcare Center} & {formerly Laurel Baye Healthcare}
574 Stonewall Jackson Boulevard, 29115-7250
 Frances Inabinet / West Wing Rm 23

Jolley Acres Healthcare [803-534-1001]
1180 Wolfe Trail, 29115-7339

Geneva Dean / Rm 309A / 803-534-3374
 Eudell Gray / Rm 303
 Fannie Jackson / Rm 306
 Cynthia Smoak / Rm 303B

Longwood Plantation [803-535-0250]
1687 Longwood Road, 29118-2307
 Evelyn Antley
 Elizabeth Yarborough / Rm 19 / 803-534-3948

Morningside [803-539-2911]
2306 Riverbank Drive, 29118-4046
 Dot Bethune / Rm 102 / 803-378-8786
 Mary Sims Gué / Rm 123
 Nettie Martin / Rm 106 / 803-534-3556
 Deanna Shippey / 803-596-6327
 Eris M. Wannamaker / Rm 126 / 803-534-2598

The Oaks [803-534-1212]
Post Office Box 9005, 29116-9005
 Mary Felkel / Asbury Bldg., Rm 2 / 803-534-2933
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*Denotes members in an Apartment/ House

Children's Ministry News...

Although our children's ministry looks different these days, we are still finding ways to connect with each other! Mrs. Anna Kate sends out a video each Sunday morning for children to listen to and complete a follow along worship worksheet. After the video, some children who asked for a Craft Kit will work on the craft while their parents continue to worship. We've also had, "Zoom Check-In's with Mrs. Anna Kate!" Where we get to see our friends faces and talk about all we've been doing while we're at home. Mrs. Anna Kate also sends out a video of her reading a short story and talking about why it's important every Wednesday.



rebeccamlove We've had fun participating in FBC Orangeburg youth and children's scavenger hunts today! #FBCOConnected #missingfeatherduster

jenniferblanchard4 Miss @ak_stephenson knocked it out of the park with these craft kits to go along with the kids' worship this week! #FBCOconnected

Student Ministry News...

FBC, Orangeburg SC Scholarship Application

There are 3 awards available to FBC, Orangeburg SC members who are graduating high school seniors. There is the James H. Gressette, Jr. Educ. Award, the Adelle Richardson Educ. Award, & a 3rd award given by FBCO. The application (available @ FLC or the church office) allows you to apply for all of them. There are a few simple qualifications necessary to be eligible for these awards. Each year, 1 student is selected for each award by a team of 3 adults: the Minister of Youth & 2 adult church members chosen by the Pastor. The pastor will serve as the ex-officio member of the committee. Please fill out the short application form & have it in the main office of the church no later than **Thurs., Apr. 2, 2020** in an envelope marked:

**FBC Family Life Center
Attn: Scholarship Application
2875 Columbia Road
Orangeburg, SC 29118**



During this time of social distancing, the youth have begun having Youth Virtual "Hangouts!" In place of in-person Wednesday night activities, Sunday School, & Sunday evening activities, we will be meeting virtually several times a week as a check-in & to stay connected with one another! I am grateful for our adult volunteers who are continuing to invest in our students during this time.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HANGOUT
Wednesdays @ 5:15pm - 6:00pm,
Join Zoom Mtg. (email Zeke for link)

HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT
Thursdays @ 5:30pm - 6:00pm,
Join Zoom Mtg. (email Zeke for link)

DIGITAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sundays @ 10:00am,
Join Zoom Mtg. (email Zeke for link)



PASSPORT
Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace
When: July 13-18, 2020
Where: Furman University, Greenville, SC
Cost: \$200 per Student

Believe it or not, but summer 2020 is right around the corner & it's time to begin thinking about our summer activities! This year, we are combining our mission trip & our camp trip into 1 trip by going to Passport Missions Camp in Greenville, SC on the campus of Furman Univ. The best of both worlds will be combined & on display w/ a packed week of fun, Bible study, worship, & mission opportunities. The trip is open to ALL students grades 6th-12th. Please sign-up by Jan. 29 to reserve your spot. A deposit of \$75 is also due when signing up.

Church News; Continue...

Prayer List for Wednesday, March 25, 2020

To Be Remembered in Prayer:

Estah Andrae (spine & neck pain)
Katherine Arnold (cousin of Sue Plunkett)
Anne Shelton (Lisa Bearden's mom - cancer)
Lee Boland (Nikki Boland's daughter in law)
Swain Bower (Tommy Ashley's cousin)
Henry Bozard
Bob Brown (Connie Varn's brother)
Rebecca Burch
Bill Burch
Charlie Caulder (has brain tumor - friend of P. Miller)
TJ Carr (Beth Phillip's friend - cancer)
Carol Clements (Sue Plunkett's friend - cancer)
Bill Cox
Mary Craven (sister of Johnnette Smoak / @ Morningside)
Gary Doremus (Peggy D.'s son - severe A-fib)
Sydney Doremus (Peggy D. grandtr)
Tony Drawdy (Hospice for Alzheimer's - health declining)
Wanda Dukes (toe operation)
Amy Dyer (lung cancer - Connie Varn sister)
Roy Farrell
Bonnie Fanning (friend of Jackie & Dee - needs kidney transplant)
Wanda Felder (Mike Walkers sister - Agape Hospice)
Truitte Felder (Jackie Moyers sister)
Ashley Fitch (daughter of Jimmy & Sue Plunkett)
Mike Gartman (cancer - Jay Pearson friend)
Wes Garvin (friend of Paul Miller - electrocuted)
Eudell Gray
Patti Horger - cancer
David & Ann Hutto
Fannie Jackson
Bob Jennings
Karen Kinsey
Sherry Leviner (Debbie Phillips cousin - cancer)
Kevin Mack (Shirley McClean's friend - rehab for stroke)
Neisha Martinez (Nilsa K. niece)
Rusty & Donna Matthews
Mary McCarter
Christie McCollum (niece of Faye Fogle)
Joe McMillan (Harriet Hare brother)
Sonja Ott (unspoken health problems)
Nancy Ownbey (Maxine's sil - health issues)
Salley Parker
Pam Stroman Pursley (Bonnie & Richard's dtr - pharmacist working long hours)
Harry Reed (Stomach issues)
Rick Rowe (Sue & Jimmy Plunkett friend - lung cancer)
Burley Rutland
Dan Plunkett (brother of Jimmy Plunkett)
Al Pooser (Mike Pooser bro - stage 4 kidney disease)
E.C. & Lester Rutland
Brenda Salley (cousin of Beverly Tomson)
Harris Steppe
Megan Swann (niece of Sue Plunkett)
Bill Varn (surg on 3/25)
John & Susan Webber
Nancy Whetstone (C. Cleveland's SIL - stage 3 breast cancer)
Jeff Wimberly (Summer S. friend - cancer/chemo)
Terry Wright (Harold Davis niece - cancer)
Horace Zeigler (Jerry French uncle - stroke)

*FBC Homebound & Nursing Care Facility Residents

Missionaries:

Marvin & Cyndi Bozard
Jim & Ute Jordan - Missionaries
Kevin Stratton & family
Andrew & Angie Sutton - Haiti
Residents of Haiti (Foyer Divine Orphanage)

Family Members Serving in the Military

Captain Brett Erquitt (Hawaii/nephew of Leslie Fender)
Master Sgt Jason B. Fogle (Las Vegas/son of Merritt & Faye Fogle)
Jeff Irick (Ft. Rucker, AL)
Justin Jennings (Germany/gr'son-in-law of Nettie Martin)
Katie Little (Eglin Air Force Base - Barbara Haigler grandtr)
Jonathan Grumbar (Middle East / nephew of Lynne Raker)

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Dr. Bertrand "Bert" Victor Gué, Jr.: Tommy & Carolyn Farr

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Billy & Brenda Sanford



**Updated 2020 Church
Directory Inserts**

are available for pickup & located
throughout the church & FLC.

2 PARTS:

- FBCO 2020 Committees, Councils, Budget, & Etc.
- FBCO 2020 Directory Members, Non-Resident Mmbrs, & S.S. Mmbrs

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

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Thank you for your donations to
Capital Campaign.
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Important Info:

In an effort to promote social distancing as suggested we spent last week preparing those who are able on staff to work from home. Our main office is open and the phone is covered from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1p.m.-5 p.m., Our office staff has access to emails remotely and the ministers are available via their cell phones. Our custodial staff will continue working as long as it is possible, but we have provided them specific guidelines for working independently and maintaining proper hygiene practices. Our directors will also work remotely but like ministers will at times be at the facilities. If you have any question please feel free to contact me.

We have been asked repeatedly this past week about turning in offering during this time. It is possible to mail offering envelopes to the church, bring it by between the hours posted or give online via our website (<http://fbcorangeburg.org/giving/>).

Please use email and/or phones to keep the church connected if a need arises.

Walk by Faith,
Ryan
John 15:16

Even though we aren't able to meet corporately for worship during this time of uncertainty, it is important to remember that the missions of our church are still continuing. God calls us to give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7) & we know everything we have comes from Him. Join me in praying for our church, our church family, our community, & our world during this time. May FBC Orangeburg be a light in the darkness to the world around us. You may remit your tithes & offerings via mail, online donation, or dropping it at the church office.

The Record Speaks

Date:	03/01/20	03/08/20	03/15/20
SS Attendance:	204	186	152
Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 23,890.19	\$ 23,890.19	\$ 23,890.19
Weekly Budget Received:	\$ 23,471.00	\$ 19,117.00	\$ 22,076.40
Building Fund Gifts YTD:	\$ 1,615.00	\$ 1,790.00	\$ 2,045.00
Global Missions Goal:	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Global Mission Received:	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Capital Campaign Goal:	\$ 1,950,000.00	\$ 1,950,000.00	\$ 1,950,000.00
CC Rec'd & Outstanding Pledges:	\$ 1,380,564.77	\$ 1,403,842.57	\$ 1,404,257.57
Capital Campaign Gifts Rec'd:	\$ 1,183,871.23	\$ 1,207,969.03	\$ 1,209,554.03
Designated Gifts:	\$ 115.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 200.00
Year to Date Received:	\$ 197,748.22	\$ 216,866.10	\$ 238,942.50
Year to Date Expended:	\$ 219,938.74	\$ 232,229.59	\$ 256,888.95
Year to Date Balance:	\$ (22,190.52)	\$ (15,363.49)	\$ (17,946.45)

We Need Your Help with GOD'S GARDEN



During the months of March, April and early May, we are looking for 10-14 individuals or groups that would volunteer to help with our garden. In 2020, we will have two designated workdays and then set up a daily rotation for checking the garden for weeds and harvest. Ideally, we would like to set up a once every 2-week rotation for the spring garden months.

*Box Prep Day, *Planting, *Weeding/Harvesting Rotation

If you'd like to help with the garden this spring, please contact the church office at 536-1545.

The following **Events** have been put on **HOLD**:

SM Fundraiser Event "That's Entertainment"; LORD'S SUPPER Quarterly Communion; FBC Sr. Adult Spring Luncheon; & FBC Quarterly Report

As things change & get rescheduled, emails will be sent out with new details. If you are not already getting our emails & would like to, contact Caroline (caroline@fbcorangeburg.org) or call 536-1545 (ext. 228).