

Lord's Day April 9th, 2023

Welcome to First Baptist! We are thankful you are gathering with us today to glorify the Lord through prayer, singing, and hearing of the Word of God.

Welcome & Announcements (Happy Easter!) Meditation & Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

John 20: 19 - 23

Christ Arose (Hymn 273)

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X. Of Sanctification We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer

CHILD DEDICATION: Don Thomas Delong

In Christ Alone (**Hymn 506**)

Worship through Giving / Doxology (Hymn 668)

Sermon

Because He Lives

Because He Lives (Hymn 449)

The Lord's Supper
Benediction

Today

Sunday School 9:45AM / Worship 11AM

Wednesday

Bible Study 6PM– Food, Fellowship, Devotion Office 9:30AM – 1:30PM (Wed & Fri)

Association Meeting Saturday, April 15th, 9AM.

Happy Birthday / Anniversary

2nd - Kim Swindell; 7th - Mary Lou Hovis; 7th Ralph & JoAnn Oliver Anniversary; 9th - Malissa Reed; 10th - Katie Scaggs; 11th - Erin Hatfield; 14th - Ama Flowers; 18th Wilma Avis

News & Prayer Request

PRAY for our VBS: June 12th - 16th!

- ➤ Ellen Nolan pre cancer cells, hysterectomy.
- Ray Parsons stomach issue, test.
- Michelle Maynard (Jennifer) medical test.
- Bobby Belcher (Jennifer) death in family.
- Earl Lambert Family
- Tony Butler and son Carson (Betty G.)
- ➤ Geraldine McKinney breast cancer.
- Julie Griffin Crohn's.
- ➤ Jimmy Richards cancer, CAT scan results.
- Pam Campbell knot in throat, test.
- Randy Skeens in CCU, sepsis, low BP, not eating.

Coram Deo (living before the face of God)

"In today's passage, Christ does not transfer the right to forgive sins that is His by virtue of the fact that He is God Himself (Ps. 103:1–3; Matt. 9:1–8). Instead, He gives church leaders authority to discern the life of a professing believer and proclaim, insofar as they can tell, that such a person is in a state of salvation. When they hear a credible profession of faith and see Christian fruit in a person's life, they can with confidence confirm that the person has been forgiven by God. In the case of impenitence, church leaders have the authority to discipline the offender, to let the professing believer know that he is actually proclaiming himself an unbeliever by his lifestyle. They can tell the sinner that Christ has not forgiven his sins because there is no evidence of repentance." ~ Ligonier Ministries

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