

“By His Grace and for His Glory”

First Matters

A Ministry Newsletter of
First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Georgia



► New Members
Page 3



► Church Calendar
Page 5



► Children's Mission
Update
Page 8

Holy Week



Palm Sunday, April 14

Easter Cantata – 10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, April 17

Prayer Service – 6:30 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Communion Service – 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service - 7:15 AM

Morning Worship Service 10:30 AM


No Sunday School - No Evening Service

Bucky Erwin, Senior Pastor

As a local Southern Baptist Church, we join with other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention to see gospel advancement throughout the world to the glory of God. Every year around Easter we have an intentional emphasis of “home missions” through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering is extended for multiple weeks to support our missionaries from local SBC churches through The North American Mission Board (NAMB). NAMB exists to help every church take its next step in missions and to encourage every believer to live on mission. There is a dark world in great need for the living hope in Jesus Christ, and this dark world is at our doorsteps. Here is a sketch of the mission field in North America:

273 million lost and unconverted / 350 languages / 14+ religions

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports over 5,000 missionaries who are laboring to share the gospel, plant new churches, and meet needs through compassion ministries. This offering is our effort as a local church to bring the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to millions in spiritual darkness and blindness. Life and salvation are found in no other name given among men than the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). The gospel, what God has done in the Person and Work of Jesus in the place of sinners and how that work can be credited to the sinner’s account by faith, is what must motivate us to pray and give toward this missions offering. What will you give to see people transformed by the gospel in North America? Let us be generous and sincere in our gifts to the glory of God. It is a privilege to be your pastor. *



100%
of your gifts to the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®
supports North American missionaries.

ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**North American
Mission Board**

**SENDING
HOPE**

Our Church Goal is \$7,500.00

Special Guest Missionary Speaker – Ms. Lorna Bius
Sunday, April 28 – Morning Worship Service

Welcome New Members



Jeannie & Mike Collins
By Statement



Alison Millar
By Baptism



John Millar
By Baptism



Notes on the Bulletin Board From

Sherri Sangster Family thanking the church for the memorial service and meal served and for your love.

JL and Maxine Seabolt thanking the outreach committee volunteers who brought them the delicious cookie bars.

Joan Vanatta giving the deacons "a very belated thank you for the honey."

White County Food Pantry thanking the church of their donations to their program.

Expressions of Sympathy

Jeanene Adams in the passing of her sister, Sandra Christhilf.

Tommy & Donna Derden in the passing of uncle, Billy Wood.

Jane Hester Family in the passing of husband, James Hester.

Michael Palmer Family in the passing of wife, Jan Palmer.

Ann & Crawford Skelton in the passing of sister-in-law, Ruby Nix.

Terry & Barbara Goodger in the passing of brother-in-law, Russell Smith.



A huge thank you to I.D. Jones for yardwork around the sanctuary and sides area.

Also thank you to Mike and Pat Jones for removing leaves from the children's playground area, and helping I.D. Jones.



White County Food Pantry

This month they are collecting cereals (hot and cold), boxed cereal, oatmeal, cream of wheat, etc. during the month of April. Place your items for donation in the labeled basket in the hallway leading to the kitchen.

- 4/1 Robert Hightower
- 4/2 Jimmy Armour
- 4/3 Roy Evans
Shelby Hendrix
- 4/6 Noah Kelly
- 4/7 Kim Barrett
- 4/8 Tim Holland
- 4/12 Aiden Pickett
- 4/15 Edna Holcomb
Anne Palmer
- 4/19 Pat Jones
- 4/20 Willie Mae Truelove
- 4/21 Alexander Bradley
Dan Palmour
- 4/22 Stella Hawkinson
- 4/24 Matthew Minton
Pat Schofill
- 4/25 Margie Black
- 4/27 Janice West
- 4/29 Rainey McClain

If your birthday was
accidentally left off,
call the
church office
at 706-865-2933.

"If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look 'little' or 'big'." –Elisabeth Elliot



Stewardship- a way of life!

Tithes & Offerings as of March 25, 2019

Budget Goal \$124,380.00
 Budget Receipts \$124,771.66
 Budget (Over) \$391.66
 Building Fund..... \$42,239.00
 Annie Armstrong..... \$980.00



Sunday School
3/3-145; 3/10-139; 3/17-139
Morning Worship
3/3-177; 3/10-175; 3/17-181



Bible Drill Schedule Association Drill – April 7

The Associational Bible Drill will be on April 7 at 4:30 at Cleveland First Baptist Church (sanctuary). There will be a reception in Heritage Hall following the drill.

State Drill – April 16

The nursery is looking for a few additional volunteers. Contact Kathleen Clay at (706) 244-4673 or the church office at 706-865-2933 for more information.

Special thanks to our Bereavement Committee. This committee has served food at ten funerals to families who have lost loved ones since the first of the year. The committee consists of Brenda Shaw; Barbara Goodger; Edna Holcomb; Henrietta Kite; Joyce Schofill; and Celia Wipf. Thank you to these and any others who have helped for your hard work and caring spirit.

April Greeters

Neal and Pam Walden

Large Group Teachers

April – Slade Stanley

May – Cameron and Katie Collis

Sanctuary Flowers/Donations

April 7 – Open

April 14 – Matt and Mary Jane Murray

April 21 – Janie Williams and Tonya Dorsey

April 28 – Open

Intercessory Prayer Workers

April 7 – Tommy and Brenda Shaw

April 14 – John and Susan Reynolds

April 21 – Leon and Barbara Pirkle

April 28 – Bill and Joyce Schofill

Volunteers to Lock up Church

April – Mitchell Martin, Cameron Collis

May – Bob Hightower, John Reynolds

Ushers

Steve Blackwell, Gary Hawkinson, Mark Johnson, Stuart Millar, Matt Murray, John Reynolds, Mike Roberts, Pat Schofill, James Turner

WOM Meeting - Monday, April 8 - 6:30 PM.

Deacons Meeting - Sunday, Apr 14 - 7:00 PM.

Crafters - Wednesday, Apr 24 - 10:00 AM.



We will be recognizing our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 5. Send your name, school, degree and photo to Manning Minton by April 7.

Graduates meet in the sanctuary at 10 AM that morning.

Regular Weekly Services and Activities

Sunday Schedule

Orchestra Rehearsal – 8:30 AM
 Praise Team Rehearsal – 9:30 AM
 Sunday School / Small Groups – 9:15 AM
 Morning Worship – 10:30 AM
 Children’s Bible Drill – 4:30 PM
 Evening Service – 6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule

Ladies’ Bible Study – 9:00 AM
 Pastoral Mentoring – Noon
 Children in Action 6:00 PM to 7:40 PM
 Mission Friends – 6:30 PM
 Youth – 6:30 PM
 Adult Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM
 Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service – 6:30 PM

Invite Someone to Church this Week!

Thursday Schedule

Men’s Prayer Time – 9:30 AM

Cleveland First Baptist Church - April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 WCSS Week of Spring Break	2 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM	3 Family Fellowship Covered Dish Meal 5:30 PM	4	5	6 Church Work Day 10:00 AM
7 Association Bible Drill 4:30 PM	8 Women on Mission 6:30 PM	9 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM	10	11 Grand Adult Luncheon 11:30 AM AT Trail Feed		
14 Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Palm Sunday Easter Cantata 10:30 AM	15	16 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM State Bible Drill	17	18 Blood Drive 10 AM – 3 PM Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM	19 Good Friday Holiday	20
21 Sunrise Service 7:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM	22 White County Caring & Sharing 10:00 AM	23 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM	24 Crafters 10:00 AM	25 Ponce City Market Grand Adult Trip 9:00 AM	26	27 Troy Burns Relay Concert 6:30 PM
28 Mission Speaker Ms. Lorna Bius	29 Quarterly Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	30 Staff Meeting 9:30 AM		Committee Reports due to Laura by Monday, April 29. Thank You!		

Grand Adult Ministry



- April's covered dish luncheon is Thursday, the 11th at 11:30 AM
- April's overnight trip to Chattanooga has been moved to May. More details soon. Our April trip will be to the Ponce City Market in Atlanta, Georgia on the 25th. (This used to be the Sears Building.) We will leave at 9:00 AM. If the weather permits, we might even play Putt-Putt Golf on the Roof! Cost is \$5 plus lunch and putt-putt if you choose to play.

Chattanooga Grand Adult Get-A-Way | We are putting together a 3-day / 2-night trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee. The dates are Monday – Wednesday, May 6-8, 2019. This get-a-way will be centered in the downtown area. We will be staying in downtown Chattanooga at a hotel on the trolley route. It's a free ride which runs about every 5 minutes from the Tennessee Aquarium to the Chattanooga Choo Choo with stops at every block in between. For foodies, our two evening meals will be at the Chop House and 1885 Grill. The hotel has a complimentary breakfast and we will hunt interesting places for lunch.

We will visit Lookout Mountain, McKay's Used Bookstore and explore the downtown area. The *New York Times* named Chattanooga one of the "Top 45 Places to go" in the World. Consider going with us. Cost is \$200.00 per person & includes 2 nights hotel accommodations, transportation and a ticket for one event.

ETC Workers Schedule for April and May 2019

Thank You to Each of our Volunteers – Our Children Love You!

If you cannot work on the date you are scheduled, you need to swap with someone else on the schedule. After scheduling your replacement, call Kathleen Clay at (706) 244-4673 to notify her who your replacement will be.

Sunday Mornings	Babies – 2's 10:15 – 11:45 AM	2's & 4's 10:15 – 11:45 AM	Sunday Evenings Babies to 3 yo 6:00 to 7:00 PM	Wednesday Evenings 6:30 to 7:45 PM
April 7	Kevin and Lauren Stanley	Lydia Pelletier Gail Smith	Colbye Erwin Kathleen Clay	April 3 Loretta Brooks
April 14 Easter Cantata	Pam Walden Linda Bartlett	Tracy and Madison Brooks Emily Minton	Margaret Owens Wilma Pittman	April 10 Kara Christy
April 21	Kathy Harris Margie Nash	Margaret Owens Wilma Pittman	Easter Sunday No PM Service	April 17 Lorna Wilmot
April 28	Stella Hawkinson Debby Waldrep	Jo Roskosh Tonya Palmour	Jennifer Minton Wendy Pelletier	April 24 Bea Chambers
May 5	Sarah Abercrombie Linda Hightower	John and Susan Reynolds	Kathleen Clay Pam Walden	May 1 Loretta Brooks
May 12	Christie Pickett Nan Bowen	Kara Christy Ashton Pickett	Mother's Day No PM Service	May 8 Kara Christy
May 19	Carol Armour Cami Stanley	Cameron and Katie Collis	Jennifer Minton Wendy Pelletier	May 15 Bea Chambers
May 26	Judy Palmour Penny Thoburn	Joyce Schofill Slade Stanley	Margaret Owens Wilma Pittman	May 22 Lorna Wilmot
Thank you for your volunteering!				May 29 AJ McClain 

Memorials & Honorariums

CFBC Budget Fund

In Memory of Laverne Holeman

By Niece, Geleta Hunt
By Sister, Ruth Hunt

In Memory of Peggy Lively

By Jimmy and Carol Armour
By Terry and Barbara Goodger
By Pam and Neal Walden
By Truthseekers SS Class

In Memory of Ruby Nix

By Jimmy and Carol Armour
By Bea Chambers
By Truthseekers SS Class
By Neal and Pam Walden

In Memory of Jan Palmer

By Jimmy and Carol Armour
By Doug and Ann Bennett
By Terry and Barbara Goodger

In Honor of Michael Palmer

By Doug and Ann Bennett

In Memory of Timothy Sangster

By Gayle Cook

In Memory of Russell Smith

By Jimmy and Carol Armour
By Terry and Barbara Goodger

In Honor of

Amos and Celia Wipf

By Doug and Ann Bennett

In Memory of Billy Wood

By Jimmy and Carol Armour
By Tinsey Erwin
By Bea Chambers
By Neal and Pam Walden
By Truthseekers SS Class

CFBC Flower Fund

In Memory of Jan Palmer

By Bea Chambers

CFBC Grounds Beautification

In Memory of Billy Wood

By Providence SS Class

CFBC Grand Adult Ministry

In Memory of Ruby Nix

By Frank and Martha Senkbeil

In Honor of Amos Wipf

By Frank and Martha Senkbeil

In Memory of Billy Wood

By Frank and Martha Senkbeil

CFBC Building Fund

In Memory of Laverne Holeman

By Crawford and Ann Skelton
By Amos and Celia Wipf

In Memory of Peggy Lively

By Amos and Celia Wipf

In Memory of Ruby Nix

By Bill and Joyce Schofill

In Memory of Brenda Palmer

By Crawford and Ann Skelton

In Memory of Timothy Sangster

By Amos and Celia Wipf

Annie Armstrong Offering

In Memory of Peggy Lively

By Leon and Barbara Pirkle

In Memory of Timothy Sangster

By Kara Christy

In Memory of Fifi Turner

By Kara Christy

WC Food Pantry Fund

In Memory of Lynda Lunsford

By Faith SS Class

CFBC Youth Fund

In Memory of Timothy Sangster

By Nancy Christy
By Frank and Martha Senkbeil

CFBC Funeral Food Fund

In Honor of

Bereavement Committee

By Norma Holeman

In Memory of Ed Cook

By Gayle and Rebecca Cook

In Memory of Laverne Holeman

By Norma Holeman



A Note from the McDuffies

Pat and I have always believed that fellowship with and support from a church family is one of the greatest gifts Jesus gave us when He instituted His church. However, you don't fully realize how great this gift is until you have the actual opportunity to experience its full effects. During my recent illness and semi-confinement, we have been supported by our church in many ways, including prayers, food, calls, emails, texts, and cards. Words cannot express how much our church family has meant to us during this time and we wish to express our sincere appreciation to each of you. After 13 months, the doctors now say that we can resume church attendance in April. We are very excited and look forward to seeing each of you at services and resuming our active roles in the fellowship.

Pat and Charles McDuffie



Designated Building Fund Policy:

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes, has established a Building Fund to maintain the church buildings, grounds, equipment and provide for the future needs of the church.

First Baptist Church welcomes contributions to the fund. The administration of the fund, including all disbursements, is subject to the control and discretion of the Building and Property Committee in cooperation with the Finance Committee of the church.

First Baptist Church

Ministers and Staff

Rev. Bucky Erwin

Senior Pastor

berwin@firstcleveland.com

Rev. Dennis Turner

Associate Pastor

dturner@firstcleveland.com

Rev. Manning Minton

Associate Pastor

of Students and Families

mminton@firstcleveland.com

Mr. Michael Pickett

Music Director

mpickett@white.k12.ga.us

Mrs. Kathleen Clay

Nursery Coordinator

Mrs. Laura Cormier

Executive Secretary

lcormier@firstcleveland.com

Ms. Bea Chambers

Church Receptionist

bchambers@gmail.com

Mrs. Mary Newell

Church Receptionist

mnewell@firstcleveland.com

Mr. Terry Goodger

Financial Administrator

tgoodger@firstcleveland.com

Mrs. Terry Trimble

Custodian

Ms. Sue Massey

Church Organist

Mrs. Bethany Beck

Church Pianist

Counseling Ministry

Rev. Doug Bennett

Minister of Counseling

Individual, Premarital, Marriage,
Family Counseling & Life Coaching

No charge for these services.

Call 706-865-2933 for an appointment.

Contact Us

First Baptist Church

Post Office Box 250

Cleveland, Georgia 30528

Office: 706-865-2933

www.firstcleveland.com

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



First Baptist Church

Post Office Box 250

25 Church Street

Cleveland, Georgia 30528

“By His Grace and For His Glory”



Children's Missions Day - Several of our children, led by Laura Martin and Katie Collis, met missionaries to the Horn of Africa that were from Clarkston, GA! The students packed toiletry bags for children and women and food bags for Meals on Wheels. The children visited a man who receives aid from *Get Real Ministries* and fed him lunch, sang, and prayed with him. Lastly, the kids moved brush and spread mulch at the new ministry house for *Get Real Ministries* in Baldwin, GA.

Thank you for allowing our kids to serve when it would have been easier to enjoy a Saturday at home. Special thanks go to Laura and Katie for their leadership with this group of children that meet each Wednesday at 6:00 for Children in Action.

Way to Go Children!

Well done to the children who participated and to the leaders for the fantastic way they led on Children's Sunday. Your church was very delighted with each aspect of the day. Thank you to each of you that had a part in this special day.

Pray for the children of the church. Pray that those who teach and care for them will do so with love and patience. Pray for their families and that they grow up in church, grow strong in faith, and come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord early in their life.