

April 2024

Newsletter

Our Memory Verse for April is:

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

1 John 4:20 KJV

April 2024 Bible Reading Schedule

Day 1 Act 1-3 Day 16 Joshua 19-21

Day 2 Acts 4-6 Day 17 Joshua 22-24

Day 4 Acts 10-12 Day 19 Romans 4-6

Day 5 Acts 13-15 Day 20 Romans 7-9

Day 6 Acts 16-18 Day 21 Romans 10-12

Day 7 Acts 19-21 Day 22 Romans 13-16

Day 8 Acts 22-24 Day 23 Judges 1-3

Day 9 Acts 25-28 Day 24 Judges 4-6

Day 10 Joshua 1-3 Day 25 Judges 7-9

Day 11 Joshua 4-6 Day 26 Judges 10-12

Day 12 Joshua 7-9 Day 27 Judges 13-15

Day 13 Joshua 10-12 Day 28 Judges 16-18

Day 14 Joshua 13-15 Day 29 Judges 19-21

Day 15 Joshua 16-18 Day 30 Ruth 1-2

SAVE THE DATE

Meetings/Gatherings this Month:

Tuesday, April 2nd: Women's Bible Study Group @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Thursday, April 4th: BTC Quilters going to Eli Whitney Community Quilting Party @ 8:30am

Thursday, April 4th: O.W.L.S. going to Duke Gardens @10:00am

Thursday, April 4th: Baptist Men Meet @ Blvd Pizza at 6:30pm

Monday, April 8th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 2:00pm in the FMC

Monday, April 8th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Friday, April 12th: BBQ Chicken Plate Sale 11:00am-7:00pm

Monday, April 15th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group

Monday, April 15th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Tuesday, April 16th: Women's Bible Study Group @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Monday, April 22nd: Deacon's Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC

Friday, April 26th: Youth Pancake Supper @5:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, April 30th: TEBA Senior Spring Rally in the FMC @ 10:00am

Every Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Youth Bible Study at 6:00pm

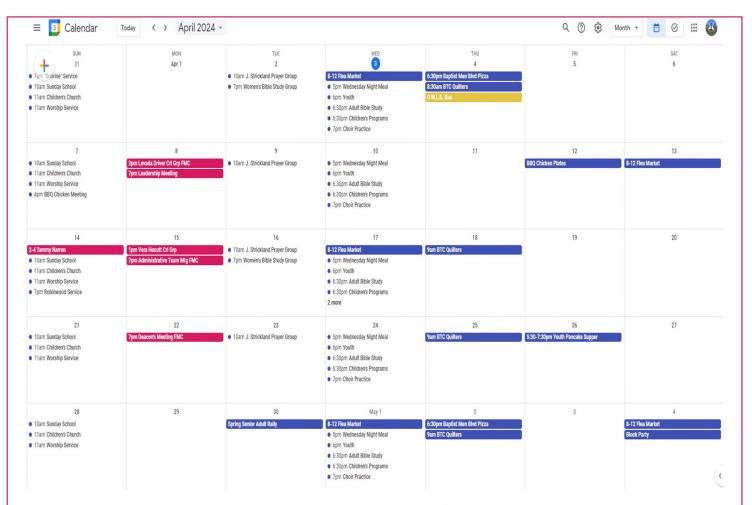
Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult & Children)

Choir Practice @ 7:00pm

Mission Marketplace

Open for Shopping on Saturday, April 13th & Wednesdays, April 3rd & 17th









April Adams Lynn Bailey Tina Creech

Bailey Gilmore

16th

18th

20th Landon Gidding 22nd Dianne Baggett Hannah Bailey Sarah Ide 23rd Lenore Strickland Harrison Hughes 24th Wayne Batten 25th Bob Fleming Jason Hayden 27th Justin O'Neal Wendell Whichard 29th Will Fuller 30th Aaron Johnson



April Anniversaries

1st	S. Wendell & Joy Whichard
3rd	Scott & Tina Creech
5th	George & April Adams
9th	Roy & Rose Pope
10th	Neal & Kathryn Batten
12th	Fred & Patsy Coates
15th	Brandon & Sara Peebles
22nd	Christopher & Christin Brown

What are our Ministry Teams up to?

Pastoral Team (Ricky Narron-Team Leader/Jimmy Faison-Co-Leader):

The Deacons continue to visit shut ins with calls and prayers. We initiated Deacon of the week. So far there has been a good response. If any member needs help fell free to call. Deacon of the week will be in the bulletin each week. Remember: God is good today, every day, and all the time.

<u>Administrative Team (David Hughes -Team Leader/Ricky Watson -Co-Leader):</u>



We reviewed the Financial Reports for the Church for both January and February, including the savings accounts. We also reviewed the 2024 Scholarship application that we received during February. The scholarship awardee will be announced in the May newsletter. Thanks to those that applied. Our meeting also included discussion on a couple of revisions to the Constitution & By-Laws that will be sub-

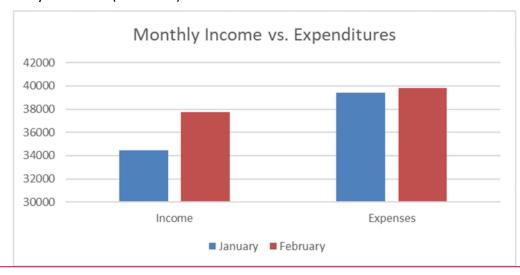
mitted at the next Church Conference.

We began reporting on the Church's income and expenditures last month and will continue throughout the year. We hope to keep the Church more informed on the Church's finances by providing a chart showing the income and expenditures for each month. This is to make the church members more aware of how much we are spending versus the amount of income we are receiving. In most cases, the average church member has very little input into how much the church is spending, but they do have some input in how much income we get through our tithes and offerings. Hopefully this picture graph will help everyone see how we are doing in providing income to the church as opposed to how much the church is spending. Remember, each one of us can increase our giving through our tithes and offerings.

Again, this is not to scare anyone, but to make everyone aware that we do have monthly expenses and we need to bring in enough money to pay those expenses. The chart below shows the income (money the Church received) versus the expenses (money that the Church spent) during the first two months of the year. We will keep this chart up to date throughout the year to better inform the membership.

This is just a reminder. We need everyone to be aware of the income and expenses of the Church and know that your Tithes and Offerings are important in providing additional income for the church. Again, <u>That is something we all can do!</u>

If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy. If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members. They are: Chair, David Hughes, Members: Ricky Watson, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, Juan Trippe, Crystal Baker, and Joyce Creech (ex-officio).



<u>Discipleship Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):</u>

Sunday School is available from 10:00-10:50 in the following locations:

Children's Classes: Location: Education Building

Nursery I: Ages birth - 2 years old (Room 101) Bible Beginners: Ages 2 - 4 years old (Room 102)

Bible Learners: Ages 5 - 7 years old (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) (Room 201)

Bible Discoverers: Ages 8 - 11 years old (3rd - 5th Grade) (Room 202)

Youth: Ages 12 - 18 years old (6th - 12th Grade) (Room 208)

Adult Classes: Location: Education Building

Journey: Young Singles & Couples (Room 205) Studying Books of the Bible

Mildred Driver Class: Singles & Couples (Room 103) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

J.O.Y.: Ladies Class (Room 107) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: (Men's Class) (Room 104) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Life-

way

Adult Class: Location: FMC

Growing in Jesus: Singles & Couples: Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway (KJV)

Visitors to Sunday School may check in with Susan or Tonya (Room 105) to help you locate a class. Everyone

is welcome!

Our average Sunday School attendance for March was 106!

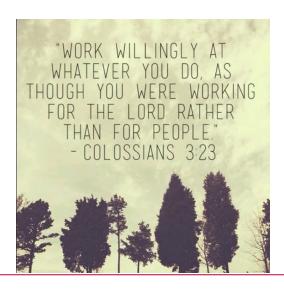
Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Co-Leader):

<u>BBQ Chicken Fundraiser:</u> We are having our spring BBQ on Friday, April 12, 2024. Money for tickets and/or tickets not sold should be turned in ASAP. That is the ONLY way we know for sure how many plates we can sell on the day of the event.

We are still accepting donations for the purchase of chickens and other supplies. If you want to donate in memory of or in honor of someone, please fill out the form and give to Wayne Batten. We are also asking you to fill out forms to let us know when you can work on the event. It takes a WHOLE CHURCH to conduct this event. At our last BBQ we served over 400 plates in the FMC and served 1900 for the delivery and take-out lines. We are also going to need desserts for our plates, if you would like to bring/make some desserts please see Lorrie Gay.

If you have deliveries please fill out a delivery sheet in the information center so we can assure they get prepared in the time they need to be.

Please be praying for the success of this event and plan to join us for a day of fellowship, fun and food.



Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader/Ricky Andrews-Co-Leader):

Hope everyone is doing well, we don't have any updates at this time. Have a blessed day!

OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Patsy Narron-Team Leader/Olivia Cooke-Co Leader):



On March 21st the Seniors enjoyed a very inspirational Easter program at The Rudy Theatre after a very good meal at the Robin's Nest. On March 26th we had our regular monthly meeting in the FMC followed by lunch at Wigg's Restaurant in Middlesex.

This month we will be going to Duke Gardens on Thursday, April 4th, leaving Church at 10:00 am.

Our Church will be hosting the Triangle East Baptist Association (TEBA) Spring Senior Adult Rally this year. It will be on Tuesday, April 30th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost will be \$15 per person to include catered lunch from Parkside Restaurant, Speaker and Bingo games with prizes. Sign up sheet is available in the FMC. Please register by April 25.

Next month we are planning to go to Bath & Aurora on Thursday, May 16th. We will be leaving the Church at 9:30 am. We will be having lunch in Bath and then take the ferry to Aurora and travel back to Church from there. Sign up sheets are available in the Information Center.

As always we welcome all seniors to join us for fun and fellowship.

God Bless,

Patsy Narron and Olivia Cooke

<u>Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Pam Batten-Co-Leader):</u>

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt a great success! We had 106 registered kids come and join in the fun!

We are having a Block Party on Saturday, May 4th. We will need volunteers to help make it a successful outreach to our community. A sign up sheet will be available in the Information Center.

We are also going to the Kennedy Children's Home in Kinston on Saturday, May 11th to help with their campus clean up day.

Thank You to all the parents for bringing your children to Church for these events. Also thanks to all of you for making this such a wonderful Church.

Youth Team (Danielle Gidding-Team Leader/Christin Brown-Co-Leader):

We will are having a Pancake Supper Fundraiser on Friday, April 26th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The donations will help with our camp cost. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the information center to get a head count. If you have any questions contact Sandy Morgan, BTCYouthDirector@gmail.com, or 919-333-1264.

We have 15-17 youth for Sunday School and 17-22 youth for our Wednesday night Bible Study. Thank you for bringing your Youth and encouraging them to stay involved!

G.A.L.S.-God's Awesome Ladies Serving:

Our new Ladies Bible Study group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in the FMC at 7:00pm. We have started with a book titled, Let. It. Go. By Karen Ehman. We invite all ladies to join us, it is not too late to catch up in the book with us, we will discuss the 2nd chapter on April 16th. We are excited to see our group grow in God's word and how we can use it in our daily lives.

Recurring Prayer Needs

Shawn Allen Tanya Faucette **Brad Ferrell** Margie Baker Nancy Batchelor Fred Flowers Tim & Laura Ford William Ray Fuller Donna Gainey Candice Green Doug Hahn Gayle Haines Randy Hales Linda Hammett Teresa Harrell Jimmy Rex Harris Cindy Hauer Leslie Hepler Margorie Hill **Bucky Hinnant**

Kim Bertaux **Betty Blanton** Camden Blanton Judy Boswell Lester Boyd Bruce & Judy Brantley Natalie Brock Carolyn Brown Kathy Carter Greg Clay **Heather Cooke** Tim Cooke Clyde Cornell **Brian Cox** Mike & Georgia Himmel Tim Craig Lynsay Creech Ray Hinnant Wayne Currie **Douglas Hinton** Angela Curtman Von Hobbs Al Hocutt Ray Davis Monty Diehl Elizabeth Hocutt Charles Driver Roger Hocutt Shirley Earp William Hocutt Kim Eatmon Carl Holt **Ervin Edwards** Pat Horton **Phyllis Edwards** Joan Hunter

Bruce Jacobs Lori Stokes Kenneth Jones Craig Strickland Kim Kasai Eldie Strickland Oscar & Shirley Lane Marie Strickland Jerry & Linda Lee Joseph Tarlton Wendy Tarlton Anna Martin Pam Maynor **Larry Thomason** Jayne McBurney Vickie Vaughn Pat Mitchell Dale Weathers Sam Morris Joy Whichard JoAnn Mullen Family Roy Whitehead Harvey Murphrey Clay Whitley Jonathan Newell **Temple Whitley** Mike O'Neal Paula Dean Williams Teresa O'Neal **Betty Williford David Peters** Lee Williford

Robert Williford **Sherrill Young Bruce Young** Israel

New Prayer Needs

Rusty Petit

Eddie Perry

Larry Price

Edna Rose Kenneth Rose

Joan Privette

Christi Sasser

Mykayla Smith

Brian Stanley

Ray & Donna Smith

Susie Peoples

Clarice Peterson

Phyllis Alford Clint Latta Julie Swinson Lynn Allred Noah White Kay Maningas Mike Bailey Cathy Maynard Family Sue Wood

Elaine Barham Mitchell Morgan **Unspoken Requests**

Wendy Cox Ricky Narron Randy Creech Annette Ragan **Dolores Renfrow** Carolyn Fleming Ray & Cecilia Gardner Cameron Richardson

Kaye Grissom Kayla Scott

Susie Hinnant Jane Strautnieks Family

From the Pastor's Desk:

Let not your heart be troubled:
believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many
mansions; if it were not so, I would
have told you; for I go to prepare a
place for you. And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I come
again, and will receive you unto
myself; that where I am, there ye
may be also. And whither I go, ye
know the way.
John 14:1-4