



# First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

April 28, 2024

All the paths of the LORD are

*steadfast love  
and  
faithfulness.*

for those who keep his  
covenant and his testimonies.

PSALM 25:10, ESV

# ***Welcome to First Baptist Church!***

*We are a warm fellowship of Christian believers.*

*We trust you will be blessed by your visit today. Here you can find wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and Christian growth.*

*Please join us again.*

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**The Worship of God**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Dedication of Ren Scott Hewitt**  
**Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

Meditation: "True success in the Kingdom of God is not measured by the world's values. It's measured by how we live from day to day. However, we tend to want to see visible, concrete results from our actions. The truth is we may never know the impact of those small choices to be faithful or not to be faithful"  
Layne Smith

Prelude Robert Wilson

Lighting of the Gospel Candles Elsie/Lincoln Baggett

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "O Church of God, Reach Up, Reach Out!" Chancel Choir  
Words by Roy E. Johnson, Music by Eugene Butler  
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O Church of God, this is your hour, This is the time to show your pow'r,  
Rise up, O Church begin anew, The Lord has made this day for you!  
O Church of God, reach up, reach out!

\*Opening Hymn 205 "Christ Is Alive" TRURO

Invocation and Welcome Anna Burch

Dedication of Ren Scott Hewitt Anna Burch

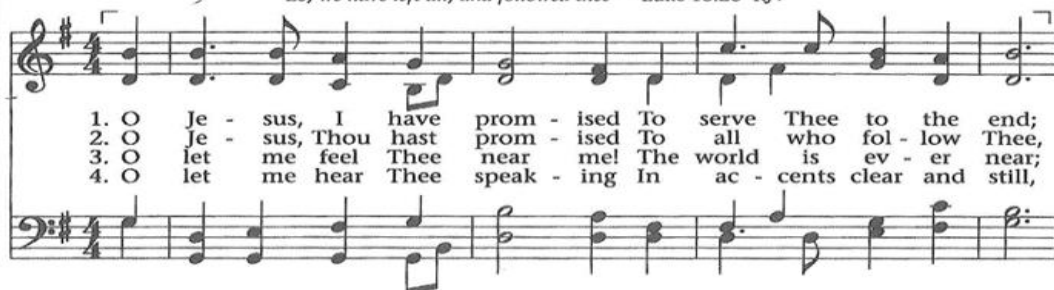
*(During the Ren Hewitt's dedication, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a  
Children's Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children's Church.)*

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Lewis Dorrity  
(Pew Bible, OT, page 694)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## O Jesus, I Have Promised

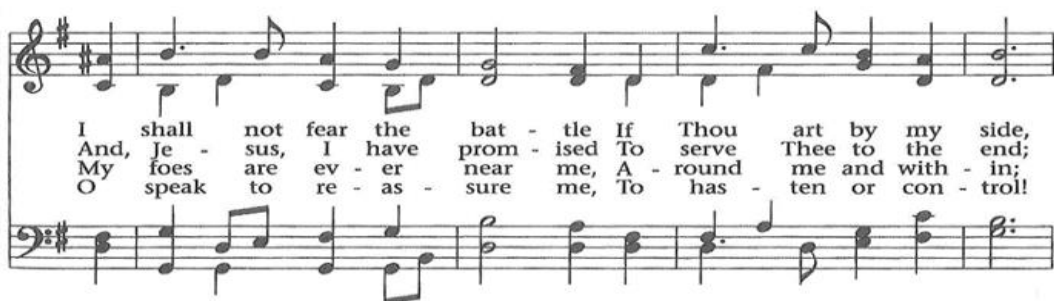
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*Lo, we have left all, and followed thee — Luke 18:28 KJV*


1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 2. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee,  
 3. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 4. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;  
 That where Thou art in glo - ry, There shall Thy ser - vant be;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol!



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.  
 O give me grace to fol - low My Mas - ter and my friend!  
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul!

WORDS: John E. Bode, 1816-1874  
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

ANGEL'S STORY  
 7.6.7.6.D.

Offertory Prayer

Anne Craig

Offertory Meditation

Robert Wilson

\*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

David Jennings

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy  
**The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

New Testament Reading: John 12:20-33

Layne Smith

(Pew Bible, NT, page 93)

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“We Will Be Your People”

Chancel Choir

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You’ve given us a challenge, Father, delivered by Your Son:  
“Go and teach and make disciples, and care for everyone.”  
Serving, sharing, dreaming, daring, as you lead the way;  
Give us strength to follow, give us faith to say:

*Refrain* We will be your people, Guided by your Hand,  
Loving as you loved us, Fulfilling your command.  
Sharing light in darkness, Following your way,  
We will be your people, We will be your church today!



We trust You, Father, as we face the future, Knowing You'll be our guide;  
Break the fears and doubts that bind us, and keep us near Your side.  
Sowing, reaping, laughing, weeping, learning to obey;  
Give us strength to follow, give us faith to say: *Refrain*

Sermon                      “How Will First Baptist Measure Success?”                      Layne Smith

\*Hymn of Commitment 41      “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”      WELLESLEY

During the Hymn of Commitment, we invite you to respond as God leads you; we welcome you to come forward to share your response with one of the Pastors. Perhaps you would like to make a public profession of faith, seek to be baptized, or to become a member of this church family. We will gladly welcome you into this vibrant community of faith.

Pastoral Blessing Layne Smith

Choral Response	“An Irish Blessing”	Chancel Choir
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May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shone warm upon your face.  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude Robert Wilson

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

The **Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory Margaret May of  
by Jimmy May.

The **flowers in the Narthex** are given by John and Jennifer Uldrick in honor of Layne and Dianne Smith and in memory of Carlton Allen for the care and leadership given to First Baptist during the interim. These flowers serve as an image of the beauty with which they served and hope for the days ahead.

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday, April 28

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship—Dedication of Ren Hewitt
- Noon Reception for Layne and Dianne Smith
- 2:30 pm Chokhmah Men's Group Fun at the Farm
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

## Monday April 29—**Noon, Deadline for Wednesday, May 1 Family Night Meal**

## Tuesday, April 30

- 10:30 am *Sounds of Grace*

## Wednesday, May 1

- 8:30 am Contemplative Wednesday
- 5:00 pm Family Night Meal
  - Adult menu:** roasted pork loin, sweet potato casserole, green beans, rolls, strawberry shortcake
  - Children's menu:** corndogs
- 5:30 pm Children's Music activities and Choirs
- 6:30 pm CIAs and Infant and Toddler Childcare, Holy Ground (youth), Building Blocks (adults)  
Chancel Choir

## Thursday, May 2—**Deadline for Never Grow Old Meal reservations**

- 10:00 am Heritage Committee Meeting
- Noon Peggy Hollingsworth Circle

## Sunday, May 5

- 9:30 am 2025 Ministry Plan Development meeting for committee chairs
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live

## Monday May 6—**Noon, Deadline for May 8 Family Night Meal**

- 10:30 am Alma Johnson Circle at the home of Lee Wyndham
- 6:30 pm Rosemary Benjamin Circle hosted by Donna Firmin

## Tuesday, May 7

- 10:00 am Dement-Waldrop Circle
- 10:30 am *Sounds of Grace*
- 11:45 am Never Grow Old Club

# CHURCH NEWS

## 2025 Ministry Plan Development Meeting

Stewardship Committee Chair, Dianna Glymph, would like to meet with all committee chairs and individuals with line items in the annual Ministry Plan at 9:30 am on Sunday morning, May 5. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to everyone regarding the development of the 2025 Ministry Plan. Please contact Dianna Glymph if you have any questions.

## *Sounds of Grace* Spring Concert at *New Grow Old*

The *Sounds of Grace* will present a spring concert of sacred music at the *Never Grow Old* Fellowship on Tuesday, May 7. The senior choir is directed by David Corbitt and accompanied by Stephanie Turner. The program will begin at 11:45 am, followed by the catered meal. Please come and bring a guest to support our dedicated senior choir members.

The menu for the meal is chicken strips, macaroni pie, green beans, and strawberry shortcake. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. **If you are not a member, please call the church office by Thursday, May 2, to make your reservation for the meal.** The group will not meet again until October.

## Chokhmah Men's Group

Several activities are being planned for the Chokhmah Men's Group. These plans include Fellowship at the Farm this afternoon at 2:30 pm (525 Phoenix Road, Greenwood), breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Wednesday, May 8, and Church Outdoor Workday on May 18. For additional information, please contact Jason Reed (864) 941-7141.

## Serious Illness in Christian Research Study

A local nurse-researcher is conducting a research study about the personal experiences of Christians who regularly attend church and are living with a serious illness that was diagnosed at least one year ago. Participants must speak English and be between 18 and 88 years old. More information is available on the bulletin board near the church office or by calling Judy Lentz, RN, MSN at 864-323-2769.

## Volunteer Help

A volunteer is needed for Children's Church (3K-5K) on the first Sunday in April, June, August, October, and December. Please contact Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com) to volunteer.



## Building Blocks

In May, in addition to the ongoing Building Block of Chancel Choir and *Growing on Grace*, Mary Frances Thompson and Bill Harris will each offer an option.

Mary Frances has decided to change topics and will lead a study of *In the Footsteps of the Savior*. Each session has an approximately twenty minute video of various locations in the Holy Land with Max Lucado teaching about a particular scripture. Following the video, Mary Frances will use the series' study guide to lead participants in a group study and discussion.

Bill will lead a group discussion on “faith for the rest of the way.” on May 8, 22, and 29. The discussion will be based on the ideas presented by Richard Rohr in his book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Participants will share discoveries and changes in faith through the stages of life.

Since Bill is unavailable on May 1, Lee Wyndham will give some personal testimony as expressed in her book, *My Oh My—A Journey of Faith through Marriage, Parenting, and Miracles*.

## Calling All Graduates

The First Baptist Church family wants to honor any student (high school, technical school, college, or graduate school) associated with First Baptist who graduated in the Fall of 2023 or who will graduate in the Spring or Summer of 2024. These students will be recognized during worship on May 19. Graduate information may be submitted online at [www.fbc.org/engage](http://www.fbc.org/engage) or brought to the church office. **The church office needs the information below no later than May 10.**

### Graduate Information Needed:

- Graduate's Name
- School
- Date of Graduation (Month/Year)
- Degree, if applicable
- Future Plans
- A Recent Photo

## Vacation Bible School 2024

*Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid* is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 23-26. Supper is at 5:30 pm and Vacation Bible School is from 6:00 pm-8:15 pm for children who were in 3K –5th grade during the 2023-2024 school year. Invite friends. **RSVP by June 18.** We will decorate on Thursday, June 20, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Churchwide Intergenerational Family Fun Night

The Children's Committee is hosting a Churchwide Intergenerational Fun Night on Thursday, June 27, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Details to follow. Contact Alice Gilchrist at [terryalicegilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:terryalicegilchrist@gmail.com) or 864-554-2493 with questions.

## Camp Prism

Camp Prism is July 16-19 at Bonclarken. The theme is *Free to be God's People* (Exodus). Camp is for completed 3rd-5th graders. The cost is \$190.00 with a **\$50.00 deposit due on May 24**. The parent and camper meeting is Sunday, July 14. Mary Weaver has offered to chaperone. If you are interested in chaperoning or know someone who is, please let Anna know!

## Splash Pad Fun

While the older kids are at Camp Prism, the younger kids will have a splash pad night, Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm! Alice and Terry Gilchrist will be there, since Anna will be at camp, and will provided an icee treat!

## Ministry Plan Update (as of April 28):

2024 Year-to-Date Required: \$304,125.92

2024 Year-to-Date Received: \$242,606.02

2024 Deficit: \$ 61,519.90

*The First Baptist Transition Team  
cordially invites everyone to a  
reception honoring*

*Layne and Dianne Smith*

*Today  
in the Fellowship Hall  
immediately following worship*

*There will be a basket for those who wish  
to bring a personal note or love offering.*



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