

Mark your calendars for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following service on Easter Sunday, Apr. 17th. We are welcoming donations of Easter eggs filled with individually wrapped candies. Help us put on a great time for our children as we celebrate Easter together with this fun family tradition. Please bring your donations by Wednesday, April 13th.

Good Friday Service and Lunch

First Baptist Church of Corbin will be hosting the Good Friday Service and lunch on April 15th. Lunch will be served at 11:30am and worship will begin at 12:15pm. The kitchen crew plans to provide vegetable soup and vegetable beef soup but would like your help with the sandwiches and desserts. A sign-up sheet is available in the office or you may call 528-4738.



Spring Cleaning

Several tasks need to be completed by April 15th. Contact the church office to see how you can help.

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

A gift has been given to the White Flag Ministry
in memory of my life-long Corbin friends,
ANN GREEN VERMILLION, RUTH JEAN ELLIOT ROBINSON, and
JANET DENHAM BOWLING,
and in honor of BARBARA VERMILLION ADKINS
by
Peggy Harris Hodges

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Sunday, March 27, 2022 - LENT IV

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

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6:00 pm Youth

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

11:30am-1:30pm Lenten Prayer Walk

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

5:30 pm Meal (contact church office **by Mon**,,

March 21st to reserve your spot).

6:15 pm Adult Bible Study

Children and Youth Activities

Thursday, March 31, 2022

11:30am-1:00pm Lenten Prayer Walk 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Pizza Salad Dessert

Tables of 8 is back!

The Tables of 8 fellowship opportunity seeks to place people into fellowship groups consisting of people we may not know well. The goal is to better know each other and create a deeper sense of community within our congregation. The goal is to meet at least once a quarter. To sign up, use the signup sheets at entrances in the sanctuary, call the office, or visit corbinfbc.org/tables.

Help us get the word out!

We are hiring for several part time positions in the church. We are seeking an Audio Video Technician/Production Coordinator, a Family Ministries Associate, a Financial Secretary, and three Nursery Workers. If you know of anyone who might be interested in any of these positions, please have them contact us so we can give them more information. Filling these positions in a timely manner will greatly help to better serve our children and overall congregational needs.



The deacons met this past Sunday, and we had a special guest, Dr. Aaron House, give us an update on the general health and direction of the Tri-County area, and I want to share this with you because it was a very positive report.

COVID-19 numbers are way down currently, and there is optimism that it can stay this way for a little while. Dr. House, concurring with the general healthcare community, believes COVID will become a seasonal sickness, which therefore might require a seasonal booster or vaccine, like the flu.

Dr. House informed us that the most pressing issue for the healthcare community currently is the large number of patients who are still suffering from COVID or the effects of it and staff shortages created by this pandemic. Although this is mostly a positive report, keep in mind the many healthcare workers who remain overworked and burdened by a complicated virus. Hold them in your prayers and thank them for all they do.

Lastly, Dr. House encourages any person who is sick to stay home. With the community transmission rate being as low as it is, it is reasonable to relax certain safety measures like social distancing and masking, but we cannot risk others if we are sick. It is a good word to remind ourselves that this pandemic isn't over and, likely, may never be.

I see this all as positive news. The COVID-19 pandemic has been taxing on everyone, and it hasn't eased up on us until recently. We will likely go through future difficult bouts with COVID, but, for now, let us enjoy the optimism of the day.

In light of this positivity, the deacons are inviting you to make a push for Sunday, April 10. As we approach the Easter season, we are encouraging people to come back to church. Make phone calls, visit church members, invite friends, and do whatever you think is best to encourage folks to come to church. We do not seek more people for the vanity of attendance numbers. Our desire for greater attendance is that more would come alongside us so that they would know the love of God we experience here. We believe when we are at full strength God can do much through us. Hope to see you soon! $\sim Alex$

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 27, 2022

Gathering

Organ Voluntary

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice Jesus Paid It All

setting by Sandra Jarrell $\,$

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you.

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Come as you are: broken and burdened.

Find healing in God's goodness.

Come as you are: gifted and beloved.

Find purpose in God's calling.

Come as you are: weary and wary.

Find comfort in God's embrace.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and worship God with gladness.

Hymn

There Is Now a New Creation

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There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, Peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life. Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:

Now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

Come and join the celebration; come and join the happy feast;

Jesus makes the invitation to the greatest and the least.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.

All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.

- David Gambrell

Confession of Sin

Paul Sims

O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have been in the far country, lost in our sin, distant from You, seemingly beyond Your reach.

Yet something is calling us back.

Somehow, we hope to return to You \(\subseteq we \) we \(\text{Te} \) just not sure about the details. Yet before we can work out what to say, You are running to us.

Before we can voice our confession, Your arms are around us, welcoming us home.

Your forgiveness astounds us, for in Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Assurance of Forgiveness

by Hal H. Hopson



Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks



Blest is the one whose sin is forgiv \overline{n} , and whose wrongs are put far away. Happy is the one free of guilt, whose spirit is pure, whose words are the truth. REFRAIN When I refused to confess all my sin, my body wasted away.

Day and night my sins were before me; my strength dried up like the summer heat. REFRAIN Then I declared my sin to the Lord, and my heavy guilt I confessed;

God forgave all my transgressions; my sin and guilt were taken away. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles

Alex Lockridge

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel Song THOMPSON



- Will L. Thompson

A Reading from the Gospels

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Hymn 587 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

NEW BRITAIN

Sermon "Missing the Point – A Generous Perspective" Alex Lockridge

Responding

Hymn 607 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story HYFRYDOL

Offertory Prayer Elizabeth Reese

Offertory Anthem Come, Thou Fount setting by James D. Cram

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending

Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Organ Postlude

Toccata in G Major

by Theodore Dubois

Alex Lockridge



Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, March 27, 2022 are placed in honor of WES & LYNN TIPTON'S 35th wedding anniversary

Seth, Sarah, Wyatt & Ella Marie Reeves and Wesley Tipton, II

Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

Minister: Alex Lockridge 606-401-9011

If you are unable to reach this minister, please leave a message on voice mail. Messages will be monitored at regular intervals.

Deacon: Sherry Pace 606-521-3833

March 20, 2022 Summary:

Budget Offerings: \$ 3.306.00 Fiscal YTD Budget Offerings: \$ 207,557.68 YTD Budget Goal: \$ 247,989.00

Choir returns!

After a two-year absence, Sanctuary Choir will again be leading us in worship. Our first occasion will be Sunday, March 27, with the choir rehearsing at 9 o'clock that morning in the sanctuary. Using the "summer choir" model, the choir will not be robed, will sit in the congregation, and will come to the chancel to sing the anthem.

All who love to sing are invited to join us on the 27th.

Paul