

The Lamplighter



First Baptist Church of North East

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Weekly Services & Group Meetings

Sunday

8:30a: Worship Service

9:30a: Sunday School/Bible Study (classes available for Preschool through Adult)

10:30a: Worship Service & Children's Worship

5:30p-7:30p: Youth (grades 6 through 12)

Wednesday

6:30p: Kids' Klub

6:30p: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Monthly Business Meeting immediately to follow, 2nd Wed. of each month)

Thursday

10a: Ladies' Prayer Circle

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen! He is risen indeed!!!

Easter is the most wonderful time of the Christian calendar, isn't it?! Hebrews 12:2-3 commands us to "consider Him who endured...so you will not grow weary and lose heart." It adds, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." The weeks leading up to Easter are the perfect time to do just that.

This past month I have been preaching through Isaiah 53 on the mystery of God's Servant, the Messiah. Each week we have examined this most amazing prophetic passage which is quoted and alluded to over 85 times in the New Testament! It is here that He, Jesus, is called "the man of sorrows," who was "pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities...and with his wounds we are healed."

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born Isaiah told us all these details that would be fulfilled in such precise detail, just as he said, under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

It is here that we learn that the Messiah will be like a lamb, our sin bearer, and the substitute in our place to pay for all our sins. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." It is a beautiful picture of all our awful sins being taken away and transferred to Jesus, the only One who could pay our sin debt. Thank you, Jesus.

Isaiah adds that "My righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities...he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors." Hallelujah what a Savior. (*Pastor's Letter*, cont. on pg. 2)

(Pastor's Letter, continued from page 1)

As we remember and reflect on these precious truths, it should humble us and cause us to praise His holy name. Please take some extra private time to meditate and pray to your Savior and Lord this Easter season.

We will have several public opportunities to worship together as well. In addition to our regular Sunday morning and Wednesday night services, we will have a Good Friday service at 7 PM, and an Easter Sunrise service at the North East Town Park at 6:30 AM. Prepare your heart and plan to join your brothers and sisters for these special times of worship.

May God bless you.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve
Pastor Steve



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3	Connie Harris Liam Johnson Ava Marvel
4	Kyle Hudler David Mash, III
5	Gerrit Hopman Kaitlin Perry Keegan Perry
9	Valeria Cornwell Jim Hall
11	Ethan Bayer
13	Maci Lotman
14	Edna Miller Sophia Moyer
19	Bronwyn Bare Brooke Bare Blake Bare
21	Thomas Beman
22	April Lotman Ray Sommers
23	Jordan Grant David Naggie
28	Andrew Jackson
29	Tyler Wagner

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1	Tim & Laura Bayer
8	Thomas & Grace Shores
16	Richard & Nancy Brasefield
17	Ed & Carol Evans Robert & Nancy Hudler
18	George & Betty Jackson

Start Date: April 1, 2021

6pm @ First Baptist Church of North
East



Join us for this
7-session study!
by **Priscilla Shirer**

Contact Tanya Area
to register and
purchase study guide.
\$17

LifeWay | Women

Old Testament heroes are best known for their most celebrated moments: Moses dividing the Red Sea; David slaying Goliath; Gideon routing an insurmountable army; Joshua marching around the defiant walls of Jericho.

And Elijah-----calling down fire on Mount Carmel.

Blinded by the remarkable narratives of our biblical heroes, we can forget they each had a back-story----months and years of development, even difficulty, which fortified their spiritual muscle and prepared them for the tasks that made their lives unforgettable.

Join us beginning Thursday April 1, 2021 @ 6pm at First Baptist Church of North East as we dive into the newest study by Priscilla Shirer for a 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And

how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. There will also be a virtual option for this study on Zoom Monday nights beginning April 5 @7pm.

Study books are \$17. For more information contact Tanya Area at 240-346-3251 or madjacmama@yahoo.com. All are welcome to join.

April

"He is not here; He has risen!" - Luke 24:6-7

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28 PALM SUNDAY James Area is preaching. 5:30p: Youth	29	30	31 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub	1	2 7p: Good Friday Service & Communion	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY (Communion @ 8:30a & 10:30a services) 6:30a: Sunrise Service @ the NE town park	5	6	7 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub	8	9	10 8a-9:30a: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study followed by Deacon's Mtg in Education wing.
11 5:30p: Youth	12	13	14 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study & Business Meeting 6:30p: Kids Klub	15	16	17 8a-1p: Work Day
18 5:30p: Youth	19	20	21 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub	22	23	24 8a-1p: Work Day (rain date)
25 James Area is preaching. May 2021 Lamplighter articles due! 5:30p: Youth	26	27	28 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub	29	30	1 8a-9:30a: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study followed by Deacon's Mtg in Education wing.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2
7pm

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 4
6:30am
North East Town Park,
Benjamin Pavilion

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 4
8:30 & 10:30am
(Communion will be
available at both
services.)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The mission moves forward

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

Church Goal: \$1,400

SUBMIT
YOUR
ARTICLES



**May 2021
Lamplighter
articles
are due no
later than**

**Sunday, April 25th. Please
email articles to Jess Wag-
ner @ fbcne@verizon.net.**

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Budget Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 3/7/2021

(9 weeks): **\$2,989**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,897**

Budget Status: **-\$8,172**

Maintenance/Building Repairs
Fund: **\$3,725**

Building Fund for New Garage:

Received to date: **\$300**

Church goal: **TBD**

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Received: **\$335**

Church Goal: **\$1,400**

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