

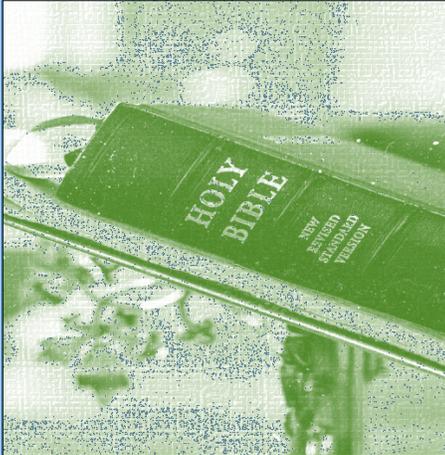
The Messenger

“God’s People on Mission in Marion County and Around the World”

Foxworth First Baptist

March 2026

A NOTE FROM THE HEART OF YOUR PASTOR



It seems as though we have just turned the calendars over to the year 2026; yet, in just a few short weeks we will celebrate **Resurrection Sunday (April 5th)!** It seems “early” this year because of the “late” date last year (April 20th). Unlike our Christmas celebrations - with a fixed date - the date for our annual Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Jesus can be anywhere from Mar. 22nd to April 25th. So, while it seems “early,” this year’s date actually falls right in the middle of that range.

Why does the date we celebrate shift?

Traditionally (since A.D. 325), Resurrection Sunday has been celebrated on:
the 1st Sunday
after the 1st full moon (called the Paschal Full Moon)
after the first day of spring (called the vernal equinox)
[yes, it’s a bit confusing]

The celebration of the empty tomb, the Risen Christ, & the eternal hope we find in Him is not confined to one Sunday in March or April! We can - and we should - celebrate the resurrection of Jesus each time we gather, together (and each day in our own lives). But we also set aside this specific day, “Easter Day,” to remember the sacrifice made and the implications thereof.

“...if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins...But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Cor. 15:17, 20 ESV

This year, as we look forward to this significant day of celebration, I want to challenge you...

1. **Recommit yourself to follow Jesus.** What a great time to renew your commitment to Christ by engaging in spiritual disciplines, turning from sin, availing yourself to be used in His hand for His glory.
2. **Reach out to someone who has drifted.** It is likely that when you read that sentence someone came quickly to your mind. Make the prayerful and intentional effort to reach out to them and invite them to gather with us.
3. **Recommit to your church-family.** God’s plan for Christ-followers is to thrive in the life for which He has saved us, indwelt us with the Holy Spirit, and equipped us. But we are people, and we fail and disappoint one another. Recommit to being an encouraging, participating, serving, giving, active and faithful member of this family. Maybe get to know a member you haven’t spent much time with (maybe take them to lunch, or buy them a coffee, or invite them into your home). God has providentially positioned them in your life and you in theirs (all for your good and His glory).
4. **Tell someone about coming to faith in Christ.** Be transparent with someone and tell them that you want to grow in your faithfulness to share with others your faith in Jesus - how much He means to you. Then take a couple of minutes to share when the Lord brought you to



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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Tyler Chavis

Worship Leader: Donovan McComb

Choir Director: Ellen Ball

Associate Pastor: Jonathan Pittman

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE SUNDAY

9 am - Small Group/Sunday School for all ages
10 am - Gathered Worship
5 pm - Adult and Children’s Choirs
Discipleship Training for Students and Adults
6 pm - Gathered Worship; Pre-Bible Buddies;
Bible Buddies (1st-3rd); Bible Drills (4th-6th)

WEDNESDAY

5:15 pm - Fellowship Meal (Donations only)
5:45 pm - Children’s Kick-off Celebration
6:10 pm - Kids groups, Student Ministry
(FLIGHT), Adult Mid-Week Bible Study and
Prayer Time

an understanding of your need for forgiveness, you yielded yourself to Him, and He saved you.

5. **Seek to encourage a brother or sister.** Our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is about celebrating victory. Seek to honor God by celebrating what He has done through someone else - like someone who has made an impact in your life. Maybe you've noticed their faith, seen how they've walked through difficulty, witnessed their sense of peace, watched them as they stood on the truth. Let them know what it has meant to you; it will water their soul.

May we see the resurrected Jesus reign in us! And as we do, may He be magnified among us! May the LORD bless and lead us as we seek Him.

Pastor loves you!
And I'm honored to serve HIM alongside you.



Announcements

- March 1 – **Kidzville / MVP** – These activities are held during preaching portion of morning worship.
March 3 – **Circle of Prayer** – Ladies gather at 6 p.m. in the FLC.
March 5 – **Blood Drive**- The blood drive is set in the Fellowship Hall from 3-7 pm.
March 8 – **Daylight Savings (Spring Forward!)**
March 14 – **Reggie & Pam Turnage's Anniversary**
March 14 – **Mike & Tracy Windham's Anniversary**
March 22 – **Church Bible Drill** – Drills will begin at 6 p.m.
March 23 – **Men's Ministry / Brotherhood Supper** – The meal is slated to begin at 6 p.m. in FLC.
March 26 – **Bryan & Hanna McCain's Anniversary**
March 29 – **Night of Praise!**- Please see Bro. Donovan if you wish to share with song, Scripture, or instrumental worship.

- March Items -**OCC** – Coloring books, crayons, and sharpeners.
March Items – **Food Pantry** – Rice (1 lb. bags only), peanut butter, mac & cheese, Jiffy, crackers, grits, oatmeal, packaged rice or pasta sides, soup, and ramen noodles.

Upcoming...

April is Annie Armstrong (NAMB) Missions Offering Emphasis

- April 5 - **Resurrection Sunday!** (No Kidzville/MVP. No evening activities or service.)
April 6 - **Agenda Day** - Items to church office by noon.
April 7 - **Circle of Prayer** - Held 6 p.m. in the FLC.
April 8 - **Regular Business Meeting**
April 9 - **Traci & Brian Sullivan's Anniversary**
April 12 - **Deacon Election**
April 12 - **Association Bible Drill** - To be held at Tylertown First Baptist Church.
April 19 - **Deacon Confirmation** - During morning service.
April 19 - **Guatemala Mission Trip Deposit (\$600) due.**
April 22 - **Administrative Assistant's Day**
April 26 - **Observance of the Lord's Supper** - To be held during morning worship.
April 26 - **Wesley & Donna Fortenberry's Anniversary**
April 27 - **Brotherhood Meal** - Set for 6 p.m. in the FLC.

- April Items -**OCC** - Sewing kits, kids scissors, and sunshades.
April Items - **Food Pantry** - Biscuit, pancake, waffle mix, syrup, and powdered milk.

Nursery

- March 1: Brittany Chavis & Sarah Singley
March 8: Beverly Haddox & Camellia Williams
March 15: Marilyn & Jimmy Turnage
March 22: Donna & Wesley Fortenberry
March 29: Cheryl Rankin & Joyce Morgan

Financial Summary

February
General Fund
\$ 23,189.65

Family Life Center

Given to Date: \$805,470.33
Given in February \$515.00

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

- March 4: Hotdogs and Chili
March 11: Taco Salad
March 18: Spring Break (No meal)
March 25: Loaded Potatoes

March Birthdays

- 2: Mathis Armstrong
3: Don Johnson
5: Jessa Chavis, Brenda Foxworth, & Maddox, Maverick and Molly Singley
6: Greg Bullock
8: Dianne Smith
10: Julie Gates & Dorrie Holmes
12: James Martin
16: Kevin Heurtin & Jonathan Pittman
17: Reed Baughman
18: Matthew Robbins
19: Linda McWhorter
21: Jean Williams
25: Jake Morgan
30: Ellanor Rowell