March 4, 2020



Weekly Newsletter

A Word from the Director Calendar

**This Week – March 8th**

*Behold the Lamb*

*Father, Forgive Them (Choplin)*

*As We Leave This Holy Place*

**Next Week – March 15th**

*Behold the Lamb*

*Portrait of Grace (Martin)*

*As We Leave This Holy Place*

**March 22nd**

*Behold the Lamb*

*Scenes From Gethsemane (Martin)*

*As We Leave This Holy Place*

**March 29th**

*Behold the Lamb*

*Tableau of Sorrow* *(Martin)*

*As We Leave This Holy Place*

***April 5th - Cantata***

**April 12th – Easter**

*And Can It Be? (Forrest)*

*Be Not Afraid*

**April 19th**

*The Lord is My Light*

*I Need Thee Every Hour (Beck)*

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

**April 26th**

*Be Not Afraid (Courtney)*

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

**May 3rd**

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

*(Fettke)*

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

**May 10th – Mother’s Day**

*Surely the Presence*

*A Mother’s Prayer (Getty)*

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Dear Choir Family,

*“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”*

The scriptures tell us in the book of Luke that this was not something Jesus said once. In fact, in Luke 23, it says that *“when they came to the place called [Golgotha], there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. But Jesus was saying ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’”*

This was not a one-time event. In spite of everything that was happening, Jesus forgave the people who had disrespected Him, mocked Him, arrested Him, beat Him, hurt Him, and humiliated Him. In our anthem this week, we get to do as Jesus did and still does. We repeat those words of forgiveness that last throughout time and in spite of all the wrong others do to us and that we do to others. Let us forgive as He forgave and show others the love of Christ. *“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

In His Service,

Braxton

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| Announcement  Image result for save the date clipart  Dress Rehearsal for  our Palm Sunday Cantata  will be on Saturday, April 4  10:00am in the Sanctuary! | “…John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit…”  -Acts 1:5 |

Prayer Requests

* Pray for **Allen Paul** as he begins work at a new job. Pray that training and the transition into that job goes smoothly.
* Pray for our church in this time of transition. I hope that each of us will take the time this Sunday to meet Dr. Mike Cogdill, who has been recommended to be the transitional pastor. God has shown Himself to be true and faithful for many years, and He will continue to do so. Let us continue to pray for our church and seek His will!
* Pray for **Jean Patterson**, the mother of **Cynthia Young**, who fell at her church in Four Oaks last Sunday and broke her wrist. She will be having surgery soon.
* Pray for our nation in this election year – that God would use the church as an instrument of unity amidst all of the division all sides may sow.

Praises

* We are thankful to have **Carol Smith** back singing with us!

Do **YOU** have a prayer request or praise?

Be sure to submit it in either the prayer basket in the back of the choir room or to email it to Braxton at [braxton@fbcsmithfield.org](mailto:braxton@fbcsmithfield.org) so that it can be included in next week’s choir newsletter! Submissions are accepted until Mondays at 5pm!



**He answers prayer!**

