
MAR. 31, 2021



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Weekly Newsletter for the Choir of First Baptist Church



CHOIR NEWS THIS WEEK:

Updates from Around the Church -

Our Children, Youth, & Deacons

This Week's Events: Lenten

Windows & Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday Cantata 2021 -

"Behold the Lamb of God"

Handbells Returns!

A Celebration of Freedom

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Updates from the Youth

-This past Sunday, our Youth Group had their Progressive Dinner at the church, and reflected on the life and death of Jesus. Each course of the meal was focused on parts of the Easter story!

-The Youth Group is going to Camp Caswell this summer! Be in prayer as they go that God would use this experience to bring them closer to Him!

-In addition to going to Caswell, the Youth are going with MissionServe to Cincinnati this summer to help with roofs, ramps, and painting around the city!

Updates from the Children

-Our children and their families were able to deliver potted plants to many of our church members who are have not been able to get of their homes.

- On April 17th, the kids are going to be having an Earth Day Scavenger Hunt & Clean Up!

-In May, on the 22nd, the children and their families are going to be walking a 6k at Clemmons State Educational Forest in Clayton to raise funds for people who need clean water in our world. They will be enjoying a picnic afterward!

-In June, children who have finished grades 3-5 will be going to Passport Camp in Greensboro!

VBS is coming!

Our church is having VBS this summer from June 21-25! This will be a wonderful way to share Christ with the children in our church and community! If there is a way in which God instills your heart with the willingness and want to serve, contact Amy Galloway at the church office!

Deacons Studying Church Renewal

Our deacons, along with Mike Cogdill, will be studying Todd Bolsinger's book, *Canoeing the Mountains* in a series of meetings designed to look at ways to renew and strengthen the ministries of our church on the Sunday evenings of March 28, April 11, 18, and 25, & May 2. Please pray for this leadership group as they engage in this important study.

"Magnify God's Name with Worship"

The Lenten Windows

If you have not yet gotten the chance, the Lenten Windows are open today and tomorrow for viewing! Take a few minutes to slow down and walk through the Easter story! It's an experience you won't regret and will aid us in reflecting on the meaning of Easter.

Wednesday, March 31

11am-1pm

5-6:30pm

Thursday, April 1

11am-1pm



THE LENTEN WINDOWS

Take a journey through the Easter story.

OPEN MARCH 29 - APRIL 1
MONDAY, MARCH 29 11AM-1PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 30 11AM-1PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 11AM-1PM
5-6:30PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 1 11AM-1PM



Easter Sunday

Remember that we are singing **BOTH** services this Sunday for Easter. We will gather in the chancel with robes at 8:45am to run through our music quickly before the service begins. **REMEMBER! We are planning on having the flowering of the cross, so there will be some set aside time in both services for you to take part in this tradition!**

Our repertoire for Sunday is:

- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
- He Loved Me

See you on Sunday!

Our Palm Sunday Cantata Was a Success!

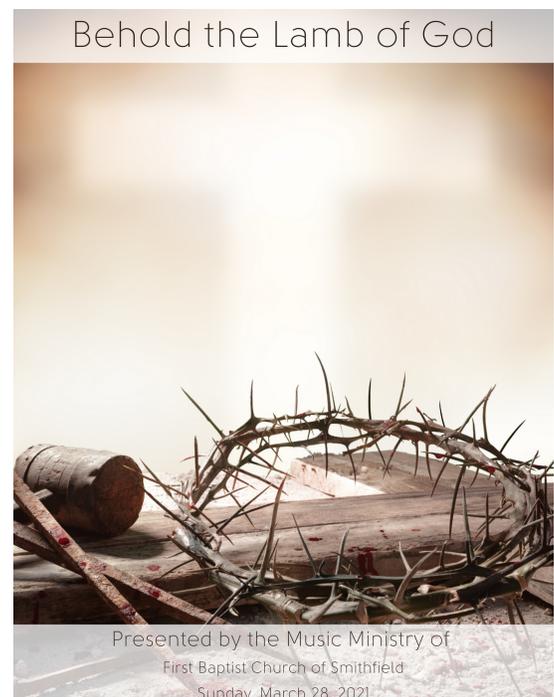
I hope that each of you was able to see our cantata - "Behold the Lamb of God" - and that we were able to pull a song of ours to have as a part of it! I can't wait until we have cantatas "normally" again!

If you have not gotten the chance to watch the program, you can access it on our church website or by clicking [here](#).

Handbell Choir Returns!

Our PraiseRingers handbell choir is beginning rehearsals again on April 11th at 6:00pm! Our First Baptist Bells handbells choir will be returning in August.

If you are are interested in joining either of these groups, email or call Braxton.



THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPIST CHURCH
PRESENTS

A Celebration of Freedom

JUNE 28, 2021
7:00 PM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO FOLLOW

A Celebration of Freedom - June 28

Our church will be having our annual Celebration of Freedom on June 28! We will be presenting a program of patriotic and spiritual songs celebrating the truth that we, as Christians, celebrate our spiritual freedom and our freedom as Americans! I hate that we missed this event last year, and this year I intend to have this event happen! We will have our ice cream social as well, and we will encourage people to eat their ice cream outside so as to continue to be health conscious!

Be sure to put this on your calendar for the summer!

Upcoming Repertoire

Sunday, March 28

- Rejoice, the Lord is King
- I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Sunday, April 4

- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
- Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- He Loved Me

Sunday, April 11

- Blessed Assurance
- Lead, Kindly Light

Sunday, April 18

- Come Into God's Presence
- Bow the Knee
- God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Sunday, April 25

- In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful
- My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
- May the Road Rise to Meet You

Sunday, May 2

- Psalm 100
- Be Thou My Vision



"Magnify God's Name with Worship"

A Word from the Director

The whole system of Christianity rests upon the fact that "Christ is risen from the dead," for, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain: ye are yet in your sins." The divinity of Christ finds its surest proof in his resurrection, Christ's sovereignty depends upon his resurrection, our justification, that choice blessing of the covenant, is linked with Christ's triumphant victory over death and the grave, our very regeneration is connected with his resurrection, [and] our ultimate resurrection rests here, for, "If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

~Charles Spurgeon~



Things that we rest upon are often not thought about. For example, if you are in a chair right now reading this, you probably did not sit down thinking, "I hope that this chair holds me up." We sit down on things all the time without a second thought - confident in the fact that a chair will hold us up. But at this moment, you may now be thinking, "Why don't I ever think that?" In the same way, we take time at this time of the year to remember what our eternal faith rests upon - the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

No one would be remiss for not always thinking about this in the Christian faith - after all, it is what our faith rests upon, isn't it? We believe it. And yet, without this wonderful moment in history, we would be blind, deaf, and dumb spiritually. We would be lost and without hope. We would not know where to turn or what to do in any situation, and we would - as the Word says - wander like sheep each to our own way.

And yet, there are many people that do wander in such a way today. They fill the hole in their heart that Christians do not have with whatever they can get. For some, it's substances. For others, it's things. Still for others, it's approval or power or politics. Where can their hope be found today?

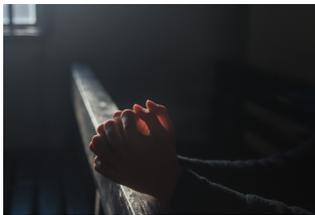
Spurgeon tells us that our entire faith rests on the fact that Jesus rose from the dead. Without this fact, we would have nothing. Consider it now, drink it in, and remember what Christ has done for you. Let it fill you up with hope and joy. Do you feel that? That's what this world cannot take away from you - that is the love that Christ has imparted to each of us. For even when we were most depraved and lost and wandering, like the world is, Christ died for us and rose again so that we could be free from death & hell and be able to stand firm even when the world suffers. This truth is the truth that we sing week in and week out and proclaim from our church pulpit. It's the truth that goes out with each one of us and into our homes, jobs, schools, and lives. Christ is risen! The King has conquered death! He has rescued each one of us when we were most depraved, and has shown us how much we are loved! Let us proclaim that love now and forevermore!



In His Service, Braxton

"Magnify God's Name with Worship"

Prayers & Praises



Prayers

- We express our Christian sympathy to **Olive & Graham Cooke** in the homegoing of Graham's sister, Erna Cooke Walker. Pray for peace in this time.
- We express our Christian sympathy to **Allen & Jo Paul** in the homegoing of Jo's cousin's husband, Robert. Pray for peace in this time.
- Continue to pray for **Olive Cooke**, who has lost vision in one of her eyes and is fighting an infection in that eye. She has been taking a regiment of drops every thirty minutes. Continue to pray as she consults with doctors on next steps as well as for comfort & peace for her and her family in this time.
- Continue to pray for **Jimmy Jones**, who is recovering at home - pray for strength to return to him quickly.
- Continue to pray for **Pope Hardee**, who has been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia, which is a combination of dementia with Parkinson's. She has care five days a week. Pray that God gives her and her family peace, and gives the doctors the right ideas of how to help.
- Pray for our Youth Group as they go to Camp Caswell and on mission to Cincinnati this summer - that God would bless them and mold them through their experiences.
- Pray for our children & their families as they serve in various ways around our community.
- Pray for our handbell groups as they begin again.
- Pray for our deacons as they study their book with Dr. Cogdill.
- Pray for the continued transition of our church - for wisdom, boldness, and continued trust in God.



Praises

- We praise God that our cantata went well and was able to reach many people!
- We praise God in welcoming into our Christian fellowship Layton House who comes to us by profession of faith and believer's baptism.
- We praise God that **Justin Hensley's** surgery went well. Continue to pray for him in his recovery as well as peace for the **Pam & Danny** and the rest of the family.

Any prayer requests?

Praises? Updates?

[Email Braxton](#)



Haven't returned to choir yet? We miss you!



You're invited!



Know someone who loves to sing? Invite them!