February 19, 2020



Weekly Newsletter

A Word from the Director Calendar

**This Week – February 23rd**

*At the Name of Jesus (Berry)*

*The Servant is My Master (Choplin)*

*God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again*

**Next Week – March 1st**

*Behold the Lamb*

*Speak to Me in Ashes (Nolan)*

*As We Leave This Holy Place*

**March 8th**

*Behold the Lamb*

*Father, Forgive Them (Choplin)*

*As We Leave This Holy Place*

**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*

Dear Choir Family,

We approach this week with some conflicting feelings. Ministry is often like a revolving door – while we welcome in another servant of the Lord, sometimes we must also say good bye. This is going to be a tough week for us all – Lee has been the vibrant heart of this church for many decades. Now, the Lord has brought him to a new path in life. As he retires from his position, we are comforted in this – God is bringing us our new pastor and preparing him for this place even now.

Our God is the God of all comfort, and seeks to do everything for our well-being. While this may not always be the easiest course of action, it is one that refines us for His purposes.

We hate losing not only our pastor, but one of our singers. Now, pray that God brings our next pastor soon; and until and beyond then, let each of us strive to be a servant of the Lord as Jesus was – one who answers the call, serves the need, and is willing to lay down their life for the sheep.

In His Service,

Braxton

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| Announcement  - The reception honoring Lee’s tenure and celebrating his retirement is this Sunday from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lee will be presented a memory book that I hope many of you will help contribute to with memories and well wishes! If you are interested in contributing, you can get the material from the office or at the reception! | “And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”  -Matthew 28:20b |

Prayer Requests

* Pray for **Lee Colbert** as he transitions out of his position as pastor. We will miss him in the choir and around our fellowship. Pray for him and his family in this time!
* Pray for our church in this time of transition. God will show Himself to be true and faithful, so let us pray and seek Him!
* 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 that **Mike Clary** has returned from sickness and is singing with us again!
* We are thankful that **Tommy Thompson** has joined us in singing!

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!**

