

**Scholarship Applications and Renewals** are available for 2016, and can be found on the kitchen counter in the church. Please have them completed and returned to the church office no later than April 10.

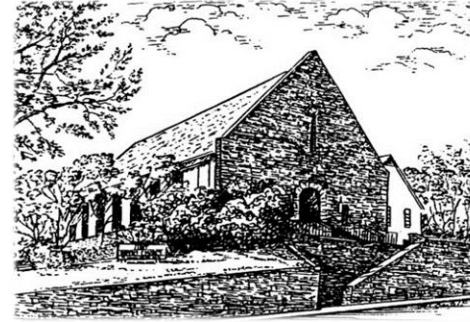
**Stop Hunger Now** – There is a food-packing event at Polk County High School on Saturday, April 9, at 8:00am. We will be packing nutritious individual meals to ship to Haiti. All volunteers are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the education hallway, as two shifts are available – one from 8am-10am and another from 10am-12pm. This is a fun activity for all ages, and we hope you can join us on Saturday.

**Firewood Ministry** – The second Saturday of the month is designated as the day we cut, split, and stack firewood at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries. We can always use volunteers! If you're interested in helping, come join us at Thermal Belt at 8:30am on Saturday, April 9.

**S.E.E. April 10, 5:00pm** - We will continue to meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Jeff's study will be the book of Acts - *Gathering a community. Breaking down walls. Spreading the word. Taking a stand.* These four phrases organize this study of Acts and will guide readers through a world alive with God and God's mighty deeds. Stephen Brady's study, in the Rock House, is based on *The Comeback – It's Not Too Late and You're Never Too Far* by Louie Giglio is a study on several characters in the Bible who made serious mistakes, yet God was able to use these imperfect individuals to further his Kingdom.

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 6,026	Easter Food Boxes	\$100
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	CBF Global Missions	\$170
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 81,004	Annie Armstrong	\$100
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 86,879		

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# First Baptist Church

April 3, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Second Sunday of Easter

## The Worship of God

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### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude -David Hegarty  
*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Call to Worship Jeff Harris

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.  
**The road between fear and hope,**  
 the road between the place where all is lost  
 and the place of resurrection.  
**Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,**  
**we are in need of your company!**  
 Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,  
**let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

Invocation StorieLane Whiteside

† Hymn of Praise 360 REGENT SQUARE  
*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

† Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

Children's Time Candace Wilson  
 (Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time)

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading Acts 5:27-32 (p. 117) Jeff Harris

Responsive Reading Psalm 150 Stephen Morris

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

New Testament Reading Revelation 1:4-9 (p. 236) Candace Wilson

Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-49 (p. 87) Jeff Harris

Solo *O Divine Redeemer* -Charles Gounod  
Kim McFarland

Sermon "Their Eyes Were Opened" Jeff Harris

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

†Hymn of Dedication 318 *The Nail-Scarred Hand* LUBBOCK

†Offertory Prayer Elizabeth Burrell

Offertory and Meditation *He Is Lord* -arr. Cindy Berry

†Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

†Hymn of Response 374 *Your Supper, Lord, Before Us Spread* HAMBURG  
(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service Jeff Harris

†Congregational Response *Jesus Messiah* -arr. Lloyd Larson

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.*

*The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

*All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you, all the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.*

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.*

*The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all,*

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†Benediction Jeff Harris

†Postlude *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* -Tanzanian spiritual

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 3	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Children's Choir (note special time)
Monday, April 4	6:00 pm	Refuge
	5:30 pm	Mission Team – Rock House
Tuesday, April 5	10:00 am	WMU Group 1
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, April 6	10:00 am	No Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 9	8:00 am	Stop Hunger Now event – Polk County HS

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

As part of First Baptist's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the Reverend Dr. Darryl Maxwell will be preaching next Sunday, April 10. Dr. Maxwell served as pastor of First Baptist from 1980 to 2007. There will be a reception from 10am-10:45am in the Lair Sunday School Room. There will be no Adult Sunday School that morning.

Thanks to Kim McFarland for providing the special music for today's service.

## Celebration of The Lord's Supper

The Resurrection has begun!

The Season of Celebration is here!

**Alleluia!**

We gather at the table to share in the Banquet of Life!

**Here we meet all who share with us the hope for a better future!**

All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.

**Let us eat together.**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed!**

We should give thanks!

**Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!**

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias,

**we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,**

we give thanks for the gifts of life, of life that breaks the bonds of death.

**We sing songs of praise for the world you have given us, for the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies.**

As the spring deepens and the earth thaws, as green breaks through the brown of winter,

**we sing songs of hope for new life springing from dead soil, for the promise held in every seed that is sown.**

As we gather at this table we remember a story told mere days ago and yet also an age ago.

**We remember that Jesus gathered with his closest friends in an Upper Room to share the feast of liberation.**

And while sharing the ancient story of freedom, he called them to remember the promised freedom of God's Kingdom.

We remember that at the table he took the bread, gave thanks for it, blessed it, broke it and passed it among them saying:

**This is my body, broken by and for the world. Whenever you eat it remember me.**

Then later he took the cup of wine, blessed it and passed it among them saying:

**This is the cup of the New Covenant, sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it remember me, and look toward the fulfillment of God's Kingdom.**