

THE CARILLON

His Love

God sent His Son to take the punishment.
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do.
Jesus gave his life because He loves us.
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.
On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior.
His resurrection proves He is our Lord.

That is why we tell you,
"Happy Easter!"

He secured our heavenly reward!

—Joanna Fuchs

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In my quiet time I have recently been reading through Genesis and supplementing it with a very helpful podcast from 9 Marks Ministries entitled "Bible Talk." The podcast walks through the Genesis account and addresses questions, common observations, and traces the overall Biblical storyline presents throughout the Scriptures. I have been greatly aided in my own personal study with this addition and I would recommend it to you as well for your own Bible study time.

A helpful observation pointed out in one of episodes centered around Genesis 3: **"He drove out the man, and at the East of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life."** This is occurred

after the fall of Adam and Eve when after being tempted by Satan they disobeyed God and ate of the tree of life that they had been forbidden from. In one of the most tragic consequences of the curse, Adam and Eve are driven out of the garden and the presence of God because of their sin, and a cherubim with a flaming sword is stationed to guard, keeping them from entering Eden and the presence of God.

What is most interesting about this is the way this image of exile and omission from God's presence plays out throughout Scripture as a reminder that something – or someone is needed to remove this barrier. For instance, in the tabernacle of Old Testament Israel the entrance of Holy of Holies- the place of God's presence- faces the East. In the book of Joshua, when the people of Israel are entering the Promised land they cross the Jordan, from the East, and then they meet an angel with a drawn sword who actually leads them into the promised land (Joshua 5: 13-15). Finally, this image ultimately culminates with Jesus on the cross. After His death, Matthew 27:51, tells us **"And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the Earth shook, and the rocks were split."** The curtain or veil that was torn had cherubim woven into its design (Exodus 26:31; 36:35) and hung in the temple as a barrier and separation for the Holy of Holies. This symbolism is a powerful truth that the barrier between man and God is no more. No longer is man and woman cast away from the presence of God because the sword that guarded has fallen on Jesus fully and decisively.

The Bible was written by God and the story that He has told is the story of redemption – the saving of people from their sin and the restoring of His relationship with His people once again! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

If you are interested in this podcast, you can find it through the podcast app on your phone or anywhere you get podcast. If you need any help finding it, let me know.

To the praise of God's glory!

Pastor Chance



PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 28

Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. (masks required) ❖ Sunday School 9:45 a.m. ❖ Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. (Mask Removed when socially distanced)

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY - APRIL 4

Morning Worship Service with The Lord's Supper

Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. (masks required) ❖ Sunday School 9:45 a.m. ❖ Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. (Mask Removed when socially distanced)



It Is Well with My Soul

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD

"My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought:

My sin not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!"

The other day during my quiet time I read the book of Ezra. Honestly, I cannot remember a time where I sat down and read from Ezra just for the sake of reading it. But, to deliberately read through the whole of scripture I found myself here. The 10 chapters of Ezra detail how God fulfilled His promise to redeem Judah from captivity in Babylon and resurrected His temple in Jerusalem. God's providential work is shown repeatedly in the short narrative. Even with all of God's work on display a different element of the story overwhelmed me, the effects of man's sin in their relationship with God.

The land of Judah was inhabited by many different nations. Each nation had their own gods and idols. As we know, the worship of foreign deity's was prohibited under God's law, but the people of Israel had often struggled to keep this portion of the directive. They were easily swayed to intermingle and toy with false gods. Many took wives from these people and in doing so brought the worship of idols into their homes. The recently rescued people of Israel were already turning their back on the God who saved them from exile.

God was in the process of restoring His people to the land He set aside for them, and much like the earlier exodus from Egypt, the people strayed. But, in God's goodness and grace their sins were revealed to them. God used Ezra to proclaim the people's sin and beg for their repentance. And they did. Each one, dirty from their sin, stood outside the temple in the rain, unable to enter the temple in their sinfulness. They confessed their sins, repented, and were restored in a right relationship with God through a sacrifice of worship.

As we come to corporate worship each Sunday and personal worship each day, do we come prepared to confess our sinfulness? I admit many times I am tempted to come into God's presence with unconfessed sin. I try to hold onto sin and reach for God. The outcome is a miserable failure. But God reassures us He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin. As we are made aware of our sin, if we ask, He will remove it. Beg the Lord to keep you from the sins entrapping you and He will do it. Like the remnant of Israel, we cannot come before God carrying our sin with us. We cannot worship Him and worship our foreign idols.

Friends be encouraged! Our God is not limited by us and our sins. He is the redeeming Lord! Trust in Him and leave your sin behind. Then worship Him by singing: "My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my Soul!"

Make A Joyful Noise!

Brother Carl



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

**First Baptist Church
Goal—\$1,000**

The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold mission advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$1 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Because of this sacrificial giving, millions of lives have been and continue to be transformed by the power of the gospel.

First Baptist Church has a rich history is supporting missions in our community, state, nation, and world. The First Baptist Church goal for this year is \$1000. Please pray for the work of the Home Mission Board as you give to share the gospel.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Since December 2019, First Baptist has suffered the loss of seventeen precious members and friends. They touched our lives with their sweet spirit and we have many fond memories. As we celebrate this time of Easter here on earth, we rejoice as these loved ones are now experiencing the glory of heaven and the promise of Easter. Church family and friends share special thoughts and memories.



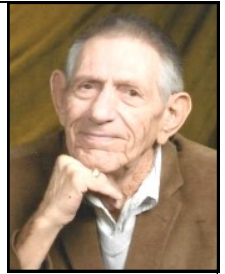
Robert F. Thomas
6 June 1930 – 21 December 2019

Bob told me that my dad was the first person he met when he was a child besides his parents. He was a little rough on the outside, but he had a heart of gold. He will always be remembered for being in JD's video, Hometown. We were not sure he would do it, but he showed up at the last minute. We were so glad he did! One last thing, Bob never

missed Sunday School and Church. I loved Bob and miss him. What a great example he was for the rest of us!
—David Shelburne

Ronald Joseph Bulf
30 September 1939 – 24 February 2020

I enjoyed spending a great deal of time with Ron and was fortunate to see first-hand what a great golfer he was. While often quiet, Ron was always engaged, dependable, and deeply devoted to his faith. He was also proud of his service for our country. Despite his health challenges over the past few years, Ron's was amazingly resilient and an inspiration to so many of us each time he returned to church. We miss our friend Ron.
—Ron Miller



David A. Nedros
8 November 1944 – 25 January 2020

- D** - Devoted to his family.
- A** - Avid U of L fan, had lots of red shirts!
- V** - Volunteered for church projects.
- I** - Used the phrase, "Was I there?"
- D** - Desired to serve God.

- N** - Never a dull moment on an outing or vacation!
- E** - Educator.
- D** - Duck Tape, any color for "fix it" projects!
- R** - Ready to help others.
- O** - Organized the First Baptist Church Golf League.
- S** - Superhero to his Grand Girls, Abby and Maggie Grace.

—Janet & Franklin Barnett



Earl Slucher
21 August 1922 – 19 April 2020

Earl was a faithful and the second oldest member of First Baptist, where he was Deacon Emeritus. While Sunday School Superintendent/Director he started meeting with Pastor Dr. Harold Mauney for prayer before Sunday School. This special time has continued for many years with a group of deacons meeting with the pastor for a prayer time before Sunday School. Earl enjoyed using his talents and knowledge to help maintain the church facility.
—Tom Willis

Beulah Mae Richardson
22 January 1934 – 28 April 2020

Beulah was a dedicated and faithful member of First Baptist. She attended services each week with her son Junior. She was a member of the Grow In Love Sunday School Class and the WMU. Beulah enjoyed helping others no matter the task. For many years she helped in the kitchen and was known as the "Potato Peeling Queen"! She enjoyed cooking and the fellowship with the kitchen crew. Often Beulah would prepare several dishes of food for church meals. She was a volunteer in the Dare To Care Food Ministry helping prepare boxes for food distribution.
—Sarah Hickman



Ralph S. McDavitt
26 July 1921 – 20 April 2020

I know a lot of wonderful people. I am so happy I knew Ralph because he was at the top of the list. The first time I cut his hay he had to show me a sink hole in the field. He took off in the mature hay. Tootsie told him to stop acting like he was sixteen. She was not happy with him since he was around 90 years old. I will never forget that. He

was so disappointed when he had to stop coming to Sunday School and Church for health reasons. If you had no other blessings in your life, you had one if you knew Ralph.
—David Shelburne

Hilda Jean Greer Snider
15 December 1927 – 9 June 2020

Hilda was a wonderful friend to me! I have many fond memories of her starting while I was in high school when she was my bookkeeping class teacher. In addition to teaching, Hilda enjoyed being with people and helping in both church and community events. For several years, I helped her coordinate the Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Tent and recognition. We worked on Election Day at the Little Mount Precinct where she knew most voters and at church we served on the Counting Committee. Hilda was fascinated with history, family genealogy, and worked diligently to preserve local history.
—Marilyn Sweazy



Mary Elizabeth Spears
13 September 1928 – 21 July 2020

Mary or known to her family as "Mim" enjoyed being with people. She was a proud mother to her only child, Craig. Mim was a faithful member of the Adult Choir and the Inghram Sunday School Class. She was an elegant lady who enjoyed dangling earrings, beautiful necklaces, decorating for each season and baking cookies! Each Christmas Mim would transform her home with the most gorgeous decorations collected for many years from family and friends. Her Christmas tree was always spectacular with hundreds of glass ornaments placed to perfection! Mim enjoyed baking many different cookies at Christmas to serve guests! As the cookie tray was passed around the table, she enjoyed telling the favorite cookies of each family member!
—Ruth Ann Sweazy



Billie Susan Slucher McCarty Williams
25 December 1952 – 29 July 2020

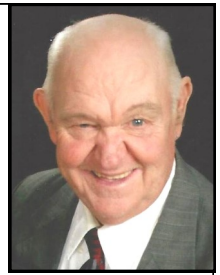
Billie was born on Christmas Day! Kitty shared "Billie's dad, William, borrow the car from my dad Earl, his brother, to go to the hospital for her birth!" Jane shared, "Billie lived near my Aunt Nellie on Reasor Avenue for many years. She was very friendly and had a great sense of humor." For many years she cut and styled hair and was a

realtor. She loved her family dearly, maintained a good attitude, and had much perseverance to overcome many obstacles in life.

— Kitty Lawson, Cousin & Jane Shelburne

Ernest Wilson "Junior" Hardin
17 September 1952 – 1 January 2021

Junior was a precious soul that loved everyone. He was a hard worker, loved Jesus, crossword puzzles, politics and local town talk, his momma and UK basketball. He loved helping us on the farm stripping tobacco. He was always smiling on those days when I picked him up for work, even when I was not. Junior had a somewhat difficult life, but in many ways, he had all he needed. Junior and his momma became our family very quickly, coming for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and cookouts on the farm. Junior, I miss you my friend.



— Jane Shelburne

Ricky Lee Shelburne
19 November 1952 – 4 January 2021

A "volume" we can say about Rick Shelburne. He was always a dear friend and neighbor to us; always there to lend a hand or merely sit on the porch and reminisce. His best description was his willingness and he always treated people with that special smile which evidenced his love for us and everyone he touched base with at church or otherwise. He was always the same as he enjoyed life, family, friends, and relationships as no one stayed a stranger for long around Rick. We saw him grow in his daily walk with the Lord and served every capacity called upon by giving his very best. His life was a testimony in every aspect and his precious memories will ever be prevalent.



— Truman & Linda Monroe

Bettie L. Brookshire
22 September 1937 – 18 January 2021

Aunt Bettie had beautiful, porcelain skin. She was a devoted wife to Uncle Frank. She loved her nieces and nephews like they were her own. She was a wonderful seamstress and made doll clothes for her nieces. She baked the best cookies you ever put in your mouth. Her pineapple filled cookies have become a family tradition, handed down through the family.



— Debbie Jo Riddle

Elizabeth Betty Skaggs
2 September 1930 – 24 January 2021

Elizabeth "Betty" Spears Skaggs was married to Dr. William K. Skaggs for 68 years. For the last several years she had resided at Forest Hill Commons in Jeffersontown. She was my treasure, my Aunt Betty, one of my dad's (Charles Jr.) five siblings. In the last year and a half, we became close, talking almost daily and sometimes five or six times a day. She told me family stories I had never heard before and will treasure always. She was an avid golfer, a schoolteacher, a GA leader, and Sunday School teacher. She was a homemaker, "second secretary" to Uncle Billy, a mother to her beloved Jan who left us too soon and to her son Dr. William Martin Skaggs. Aunt Betty was a grandmother to four and a great grandmother to two, and an aunt to several nieces and nephews.



—Kathy Spears



Anna Marie Donovan Thomas
25 October 1927 – 21 January 2021

Our church and the community lost a beautiful lady when Marie Thomas gained her angel wings. She was beautiful inside and out! Seems like she kept her youth and always had a hug for everyone! She never went anywhere without her make up and always looked lovely! I loved her for many different reasons but the most precious was I was her

namesake! Our families were close neighbors and friends long ago and the Marie in Lillie Marie is after the Marie in Anna Marie! She was also a first cousin to my husband, Edwin, so she was not only friends but family! I have spent many good times with her and always felt better for being in her presence! Her beautiful smile and those sweet hugs were an inspiration to all!

— Lillie Shelburne

Sandra Lynne Miller Buchanan
27 December 1957 – 27 January 2021

Lynne was a caring and kind person with an endearing smile along with unconditional love for her family. God truly blessed Lynne with musical talent that she used to glorify the Lord throughout her life.

— Sandra Stewart



Janis Newkirk Hieb
15 January 1937 – 30 January 2021

One of my first memories of Janis Hieb was when she tapped me on the shoulder at church and said, "I substituted for you when you were on maternity leave." That was the beginning of a lasting friendship. She had a such contagious smile and laugh. Just thinking of her brings a smile to my face.



— Charlotte Nedros



Rebecca Lynn Curtsinger Patterson
1 December 1962 – 11 February 2021

Lynn was our cousin. She was caring, loved to help others, and always had a smile on her face. Years ago, Lynn was severely injured in an automobile accident. She did not let the injuries stop her life. Lynn was a fighter and determined to recover and continue to make a difference in the world. From the experiences of the car wreck and her rehabilitation, Lynn decided to become a nurse. She had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed life.

— Cousins: Connie Williams Young, Michael Williams & Brenda Williams Nethery

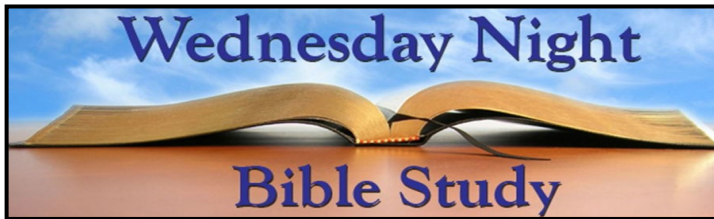
YOUTH CORNER



CROSSINGS CAMP

July 10-14

All students must actively participate
in Wednesday Evening Youth Gatherings
and
at least 1 service project
in order to attend camp.



**Every Wednesday in the Youth Room
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study, Prayer Time and Friendship!
All 6th-12th Graders are Welcome!**

*Meals and transportation
are not being offered at this time*

**Current Study - Sermon on the Mount
Next Study - How To Share Your Faith**

A Youth Service Project will be held on Saturday, March 27 starting at 10:00 a.m. The Youth will be inviting our church neighbors to join Good Friday and Easter Services by sharing a "FBC Loves Taylorsville" neighbor bags.



Please pray for the youth as they meet and invite others to First Baptist Services.

Easter Egg Hunt

All Children and Families Are Invited!



Easter Sunday - April 4th
Immediately Following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Bring Your Basket!

LOVE † GROW † COMMIT † GO

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

ROMANS 8:18

March 9, 2021 – Bell Ring #365

One Year – Daily at 10:00 a.m.

IN REMEMBRANCE . . .

16 Spencer County Residents

Lost their life this year to Covid-19

May we always remember how each person touched our lives, family, church, and community.

Continue to pray
for our community, state, nation, and world
impacted by the Covid-19 virus.
Pray for healing, peace, comfort, and good health.
Pray for the medical and healthcare professionals
along with the first responders as they work
diligently and tirelessly.

**We will get through this
TOGETHER!**



Thank You!

Tom Willis for your dedication and commitment to ring the bell daily and provide the green lights. Mr. Willis has been faithful to the church and community in the rain, wind, heat, cold, and snow.

John Robinson for displaying the American Flags for each life lost to Covid-19 in Spencer County.

The David Nedros Golf League

SCRAMBLE FORMAT

Every Monday



All golfers welcome to join the fun,
fellowship, and awesome golf!

**More Information
Coming Soon!**



The Dare To Care Food Ministry has continued to distribute food to residents of Spencer County and Taylorsville during the Covid-19 Pandemic. First Baptist has distributed more than 2,639 boxes of food to more than 6,670 people!

Many thanks for your help, support, and prayers to this vital ministry of First Baptist! Your generosity of financial support or food donations is greatly appreciated.

Please continue to pray and support the Dare To Care Food Ministry. The distribution is held on the last Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and is currently a drive-thru service following Dare To Care guidelines.



He is Risen!

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP - 8:30 A.M. (Mask Required) ❖ **11:00 A.M.** (Mask Removed when socially distanced)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.

Nursery & Children's Church Available



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