

KBA Senior Adult Revival

At Fort Creek Baptist
April 16-18
10:30 AM

Free Lunch Served at 11:45 AM
Speaker: Charles Drummond

\$5.50 adults - \$3.00 under age 12
Please make your reservations by noon on Mondays

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesdays, 5:15 PM
Fellowship Hall

April 4 No PM Service
April 11 Dru's Home Cooking
April 18 Pork Loin
April 25 Kent's Fried Pork Chops



Young At Heart

Tuesday
April 10, at 11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Program:
Medicine, Prescriptions, etc.

Deadline to RSVP: Friday, April 6, noon

APRIL 15



5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

New This Month: TECH TIPS



West Virginia Mission Trip

July 7-13, 2018



Call the Church Office to Sign Up

For info visit: www.kilpatrickbaptist.net



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
SUNDAY
April 22

Learn more about how the Cooperative Program works in morning worship.

April

Monthly Ministry Donation Items:

PERSONAL HYGEINE
Soap, body wash/lotion/spray,
deodorant, wash cloths, loofahs

Please bring your items and place them in the blue box in the atrium.

YOUR CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN

From 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
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For a copy of the Sunday sermons, call Kathy Hendrix in the church office, at 706-595-4252. You can also listen to us on WTHO (101.7 FM) at 11:00 AM for a live Sunday Morning Worship Service, read our Wordpress Blogs, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor Rev. David A. Lambert
Associate Pastor Dr. Matthew W. Ward
Youth and Family Pastor Rev. Ben Tarver
Pastor Emeritus Dr. Leonard L. Dupree
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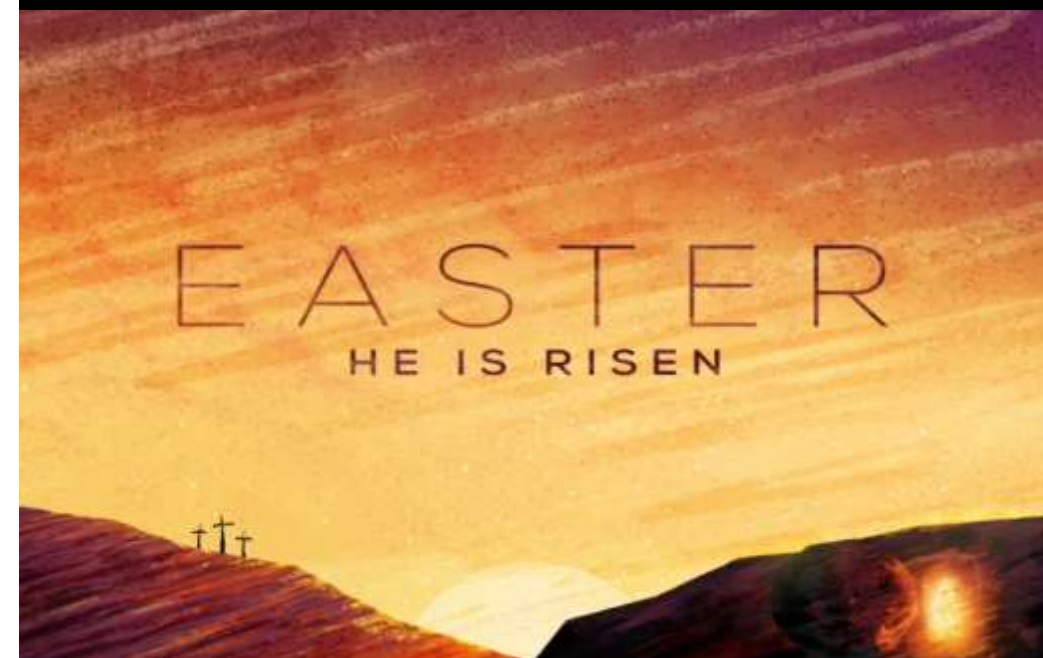
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Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM, Savannah Valley Memorial Gardens
Worship 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Please remember to bring fresh flowers for the living cross for both services.

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GREAT COMMISSION RALLY

Sunday, April 22, at FBC Thomson

Worship begins at 5:30 PM

YOUTH spaghetti
fundraiser lunch
Sunday, April 29
Tickets: \$8.00
Featuring: talent show and silent dessert auction

REV. BEN TARVER

Be in prayer for The Change: Jesus event at The Brickyard this upcoming Saturday, March 24. The event includes games, entertainment, live music, a guest speaker, and giveaways. A volunteer meeting is at 3:30 PM at the stadium for our helpers with crowd control, counselors, and greeters. The event takes place from 5-8:00 PM and doors open at 4:30 PM. The next morning, on Palm Sunday, from 8:30-9:30 AM, we will have a guest speaker and worship leader, Noah Cleveland, to deliver a special message to youth and play a few songs in the Fellowship Hall. Other youth groups will attend and breakfast will be provided!

The youth have a couple more fundraisers coming up in the next two months for the summer mission trip. Please help our youth by providing baked goods for a fundraiser during the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31. Baked items can be dropped off 10:30 AM. The bake sale will be at the church park if the weather is clear, but if not, it will be at the portico. There is also a Spaghetti Dinner, talent show and silent dessert auction fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship on Sunday, April 29. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from the youth or the Church Office. I know we have many talented individuals in our congregation, and we would like to ask you to please consider sharing your talent at our Talent Show at the fundraiser. Please contact me about being in the talent show or providing a dessert for the silent auction.

Sign-ups for the June 30– July 7 Baltimore Mission Trip are going on now through April 15. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due. The total cost of the trip is \$285, but this amount should be offset considerably with the previous and upcoming fundraisers. If you need another information packet please contact me for an email or hard copy. This will be a life-changing summer mission opportunity for our youth as they share Jesus.

The KBA Spring Meeting will be held at our church on Sunday, April 22, at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. At 6:45 PM there will be breakout sessions. I will be leading a "Teens and Technology" breakout session from 6:45-7:30 PM. This will be an important session for teenagers, parents, and others to take an honest look at technology and how it affects our culture and lifestyle.

In Christ,

Ben

	We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	Sunday Evening	We Gave
<i>Last Month</i>	February 25	270	221	200	\$11,437.00
	March 4	288	225	91	\$24,094.20
	March 11	241	208	78	\$15,335.00
	March 18	285	229	80	\$17,122.00
<i>End-of-February Final Finances</i>	BUDGET	NON-BUDGET			
	Required	\$137,870.96	Cap. Improvements		YTD \$1,911.00
	Received	\$121,305.25	Ferguson Property		MTD \$2,323.00
	Disbursed	\$144,894.34	Go & Tell Mission Fund		YTD \$10,150.01

REV. DAVID LAMBERT, LEAD PASTOR

"Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" On Sunday, April 1, we will gather together to say those words and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I look forward to worshipping our Risen Savior with you at one of our two services that morning: 8:15 and 10:45. I hope you will bring someone with you **who is unchurched and/or doesn't know Christ. I am praying they will hear a clear message about the hope, love and peace we can know through Jesus.**

I also invite you to come out a little early to the community-wide Sunrise service at Savannah Valley Memorial Gardens at 7 AM. Rev. Mark Bowers will bring a brief message and Mrs. Stephanie Green will be singing. This is a simple but powerful service, as we stand among the graves to celebrate the empty tomb and look with great expectation toward that day when the dead in Christ will rise!

There are a couple of other important events coming up in April I want you to know about:

Area-wide Senior Adult Revival sponsored by the Kilpatrick Baptist Association
Everyone is invited to come experience this three-day revival being held at Fort Creek Baptist Church on April 16, 17 and 18, beginning at 10:30 AM. Dr. Charles Drummond of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be the preacher. Enjoy singing the great old hymns of the faith and stay for a FREE lunch at 11:45. We will plan on taking a bus for anyone interested in riding together to the revival. Call the church office to reserve your spot on the bus!

Kilpatrick Baptist Association's Great Commission Rally
We are hosting this year's spring meeting of the KBA, beginning at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Brewton-Parker College choir, VOICES OF TRUTH, will be leading us in worship. Steve Parr, Vice-President of Staff Coordination and Development with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, will be the guest speaker and will challenge us on "Choosing to Reach the Next Generation" for Christ.

From 6:45 to 7:30, everyone is encouraged to participate in one of the following breakout sessions:

- Sunday School w/Matt Ward - "A Well-Balanced Sunday School"
- Music Ministry w/Steve Brown - "Worship Ministry in the Small Church"
- Youth Ministry w/Ben Tarver - "Teens and Technology"
- Evangelism w/Steve Parr - "Keeping Your Kids Connected to Church for Life"
- Children's Ministry/VBS** w/Tim Batchelor – "Reaching and Discipling Unreached Children Through VBS and Children's Sunday School"
- Missions w/David Harbeson - "Missions: Local, National, and International Opportunities"
- WMU w/Jeanette Gunn – "Elements of a Strong WMU/Women's Ministry"
- Disaster Relief w/Mike Greenwell
- Church Security w/Police Chief John Seay - "The Coming Storm"

I truly hope that our church will be well represented, not just because we are hosting, but because the worship and message will be powerful and excellent, because of the fellowship with our sister Baptist churches, because we have a fantastic slate of breakout sessions that will be helpful to our church, and because we need your help to greet and direct people who come to visit our campus. If you are interested in helping greet and direct, please contact Summer McDonald in the church office.

"Christ is Risen!" Now we, too, must go and serve and proclaim the Gospel in His name, because Christ will also come again! Let's be found busy at the Master's work when He comes.

David

DR. MATT WARD

Thank You to Our Local First Responders!
Last fall, we planned a simple cook-out lunch for the families of our local first responders (police, fire, ems, etc.). Well, a hurricane interfered with it, so we decided to postpone it until the spring. Spring is here! On April 21, we are going to try this thank-you lunch again. Several of you volunteered to help us last time, and I will be contacting you to see if you are available this time around. If you did not sign up last time but can help us this time, would you please let the office know? We need help with greeting, serving, and cleanup. We are so grateful for the men and women who serve our community—**let's say thank you in a simple, tangible way.**

Campus Updates: Our Walking Track and Park
I would guess that most of our church members think of our sanctuary/worship service as our primary "impression" we give our community. And for some people that's true! But there are many more people in our community who never come to a worship service but come regularly to walk, to play on our playground, and to come to events in our Fellowship Hall. The longer I've been here, the more convinced I am that those parts of our campus are just as valuable to our outreach and relationship with our community as our sanctuary. Last year, we replaced the carpet on our indoor walking track (and it's GREAT). Unfortunately, we have discovered that the natural damage done to our outdoor walking track is too great to clean up; it needs a new layer of asphalt. And so after a yeoman's work of clearing off years of debris and dirt, we are ready to add some new asphalt. If the weather cooperates (and that's a big if), we will have a repaired walking track very soon. Add to that the improvements we've made to the lighting out there, and we want you to tell your friends that our walking track is a good place for them to come for a very long time!



Why Our Facility Is Worth the Work
As long as we keep using our facility to the glory of God and the service of His kingdom, every dollar and hour we invest into its upkeep is worth it. Here's just another example: on April 22, Hope Colrud will be in our morning service to give an award on behalf of Samaritan's Purse for all of the work you guys have done with Operation Christmas Child. Having this facility (and the people to staff it) as a regional collection site makes ministries like that possible. (Plug: keep donating to our Capital Improvement Fund, please—there's still a lot of work left to be done around here!)

Matt