

## Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018  
8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



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

## Cornerstone Preschool Registration

Ages 1-5  
2018-2019 School Year  
**\$110 Early Bird Registration Fee Until May 10, 2018**

Please pick up a registration packet in the church office or online at [fbcthomson.org](http://fbcthomson.org)



\$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*

March 7	Meatloaf
March 14	Dru's Home Cooking
March 21	Breakfast
March 28	Baked Chicken



### Youth Rally

Saturday, March 24, 2018  
5:00 PM-8:00 PM  
The Brickyard

Featuring The Noah Cleveland Band & Guest Speaker Algernon Tennyson

## Gideon Sunday March 4, 2018



**Speaker:  
Ronny Marchman**

Special Offering for Gideon International will be received.

## UPWARD AWARDS

March 3, 2018  
5:00-6:30 PM  
Sanctuary

All players and coaches please meet in the gym at 4:30 PM

*Donations are still being accepted*

Call the Church Office to Order your Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in Memory or in Honor of a loved one for Easter Sunday, please place your order through the Church Office no later than Sunday, March 18. Lilies are \$26 and payment is due when your order is placed.

## March

Monthly Ministry Donation Items:

EASTER CANDY & EGGS  
*NON-Chocolate, individually wrapped candy & gum*

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



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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.




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## Holy Week Lunch

Monday-Wednesday  
March 26-28  
12:00-12:45 PM, First Baptist Church

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 29  
7:00 PM, Sanctuary

### Good Friday Cross Processional

Friday, March 30  
5:30 PM  
First United Methodist Church to FBC

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1  
8:15 AM and 10:45 AM

Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM, Savannah Valley Memorial Gardens

MARCH 31  
11:00 AM

## EASTER EGG HUNT

*- Come Join the Fun! -*



**Week of Prayer for North American Missions:**  
March 11-18

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
Goal: 8,000

*Spring Forward*  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
March 10



# REV. BEN TARVER

This summer the youth are going on a Baltimore Mission Trip, June 30 - July 7. We are partnering with church planter Ron Larson and other area missionaries with the Columbia Crossing, a new church plant located in the strategic corridor of DC-Baltimore. We will lead two mini backyard Bible clubs and canvass areas to help spread the word of the new church. The youth will stay at the Middle River Baptist Church. In addition to mission work, we will also explore the sights of Baltimore including one of the nation's largest July 4<sup>th</sup> firework celebrations at Inner Harbor, attend a Baltimore Orioles baseball game at iconic Camden Yards, explore Fort McHenry (battle site during War of 1812 and birthplace of our National Anthem), visit the National Aquarium and explore other sites and shops around Inner Harbor and surrounding areas. The cost of the trip is \$285, but will be offset with earnings from fundraisers. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 per person is due by Sunday, April 15. This will be an unforgettable and life-changing opportunity for youth to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to a strategic city in our country!

*The Change: Jesus* is a community-wide event being held at The Brickyard on Saturday, March 24, from 5:00-8:00 PM to unite the community through the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The event starts with games and activities for teens and families featuring local musical talents, including our Consumed Youth Choir. A guest worship artist, Noah Cleveland, and evangelist, Algernon "Big Al" Tennyson, will share the hope of Jesus through song and message. The next day, Sunday, March 25, from 8:30-9:30 AM, Noah Cleveland will share a few songs and his testimony to youth in our Fellowship Hall. I encourage all our youth and other family members to attend!

Winter Jam 2018 is coming to James Brown Arena on Thursday, March 22. The lineup of musicians and entertainers includes Skillet, Kari Jobe, Building 429, John Crist, KB, New Song, Jordan Feliz, Nick Hall and more. The cost is a \$15 donation per person at the door and it starts at 7:00 PM. Please let me know by Sunday, March 4, if you would like to go so we can prepare transportation.

Upward Awards Night is Saturday, March 3, for our basketball teams and families starting at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. This is always a fun time of celebration for our participants and families. This year Nathan Dorrell and his family will provide juggling, entertainment and a Gospel presentation. Please be in prayer for Upward Awards Night and for faith decisions made that evening. I invite everyone to join us for this special occasion!

In Christ,

*Ben*

	We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	Sunday Evening	We Gave
<i>Last Month</i>	<b>January 28</b>	388	209	65	\$16,855.60
	<b>February 4</b>	215	187	73	\$22,474.01
	<b>February 11</b>	279	224	54	\$13,485.00
	<b>February 18</b>	260	240	62	\$15,714.11
<i>End-of-January Final Finances</i>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>NON-BUDGET</b>			
	<b>Required</b>	\$68,935.48	<b>Cap. Improvements</b>	YTD \$1,155.00	
	<b>Received</b>	\$58,215.13	<b>Ferguson Property</b>	MTD \$1,221.00	
	<b>Disbursed</b>	\$69,946.88	<b>Go &amp; Tell Mission Fund</b>	YTD \$1,840.01	

# REV. DAVID LAMBERT, LEAD PASTOR

I hope you've enjoyed February's warmer weather and somewhat slower pace than the past few months. March, on the other hand is aptly named, because the pace is picking up a bit as we begin our March toward Easter!

It all starts with a focus on God's Word on Gideon Sunday, March 4, in our morning worship service. Our own Mr. Ronny Marchman will briefly share with us about the good work of the Gideons here and around the world to get the Bible into more people's hands. Come ready to give a special offering for the Gideons as you exit the sanctuary.

The following weekend we "spring forward" by setting our clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time. So on Saturday, March 10, make sure your clocks are right...or you'll be really late to church the next morning! That Sunday also begins our Week of Prayer for North American Missions. Pray about how God would have you contribute to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering this year and support Southern Baptist efforts to reach the lost, plant churches and meet needs right here in North America.

Speaking of reaching the lost at home...please read about the upcoming youth rally, *The Change: Jesus* in Ben's article. And pray for that evangelistic event which will be in the Brickyard on March 24. Pray that we can fill that place with teenagers who need to hear about Jesus' love. Pray for salvations and rededications right here in our community.

March ends with a Holy Week "sprint" toward Easter Sunday! It's a busy week that I pray will be spiritually renewing and rewarding for you and your family:

- Make a special point of worshipping with us on *Palm Sunday* and invite someone who isn't a Christian. I'll preach a special message about the Cross and extend an evangelistic invitation.
- Join us for our *Holy Week Luncheons* on Monday thru Wednesday at Noon in the FBC Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be light and the service will be brief but powerful! Bring your business associates and friends for these under-one-hour lunches!
- Our *Maundy Thursday* service will be a Tenebrae service, helping us reflect on the growing shadow of sorrow, suffering, and death Jesus faced as He instituted the Lord's Supper, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, and was betrayed and abandoned to the authorities for trial. Join us at 7 PM for this meaningful worship time and observance of the Lord's Supper.
- The *Good Friday* Cross Procession will begin at 5:30 PM in the sanctuary at the First United Methodist Church. This is a great experience for families to walk together through Thomson, helping carry the Cross. Bring your children and use this experience to help them think about what Jesus did for us.
- Read Matt's article for details on the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.
- And pray for *Easter morning*!!! Pray for your friends and neighbors who are far from God. Invite them to worship with you that Easter Sunday (8:15 or 10:45). Look for more on Easter Sunday in the April *Cornerstone*.

Let me also ask you to help us pray for God to send us His person to direct our Cornerstone Preschool. Mrs. Alice Gary has faithfully lead this vital outreach ministry of our church for six years. She has been an immense blessing to our church and the preschool. I know that God has the perfect person in mind to step in and continue our strong tradition of excellence in teaching preschoolers and sharing God's love with them and their families. A job description and applications are available in the church office. Applications and resumes are due March 9. Please spread the word. Apply if you feel so led. And PRAY!

*David*

# DR. MATT WARD

The Easter Season and Opportunities to Serve

This is such a great time of year for Christians in our country. No matter how hard the culture tries to make Easter about bunnies and eggs and candy, they're still aware of Jesus and church and worship. Let's use that affinity to connect with our community!

- Volunteer to help us do our community-wide Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday before Easter. The more volunteers we have, the more we can make it about Jesus, not candy. We need help setting up that morning, stuffing eggs in the weeks prior, working with the kids on crafts, and spreading out eggs. If you think you might be able to help in any way, please let me know.
- Invite your friends to an Easter service and then sing in the choir the other service! We make such a big impact through our music on Easter. Help us make it even bigger! You only have to learn two songs, and I have a CD for them. We will practice them at the beginning of choir rehearsal (Wednesdays at 7:10).

And to help nourish us spiritually as we go through this busy season, make plans to join our Tenebrae Service on the Thursday before Easter (Maundy Thursday). Every year, we take a different approach to this service (because there are so many ways that churches have remembered what Jesus said His last night with His disciples). This year, we will do a "service of darkness" and really dwell on Jesus' words as we share the Lord's Supper together.

Missions Opportunities This Summer

In hopes that you haven't already smashed your summer full of plans, we want to make sure everyone knows about the different opportunities we have to be a part of something big. These missions are open to everyone (you can find more information around the church building):

- Honduras / June 2 - June 9 / construction or working with kids / requires passport / ~\$1700 / sign up ASAP
- Mission McDuffie / June 3 - June 7 / construction / local but in the morning / \$25 / sign up by May 13
- Vacation Bible School / June 10-15 / leading and helping kids / in the evening / takes the whole church / sign up soon
- West Virginia / July 7 - 13 / construction or working with kids / \$255 / deposit due by May 18
- Baltimore (primarily for teenagers) / June 30 - July 7 / canvassing neighborhoods / \$285 / deposit due by April 15

If you want to know any more about these opportunities, just contact the church office and we can put you in touch with our leader for that particular event. We hope one of these will fit in your schedule!

*Matt*