

Jay First Baptist Church

April

"A Church Family Serving Christ and Community"

2022



Pastor's Pen:

Wow! We have made it to April already. It seems like each year; the years go by quicker and quicker. This year before I could even take a breath we are already in April. This month, is the month we as a church, and many others, not part of the church community, look toward celebrating Easter. I, over the years, have been accosted by many outside the church who state that this holiday is just made up, and is just all about candy and a bunny. Well, this of course is not so. Early Christians desired to honor the risen savior by, at the time of year when Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, setting aside a Sunday to remember the Savior's rising from the dead. It has become to be known as Easter. Many today refer to this day as the "Resurrection Day." Whatever you call it, it is a day to remember our risen Savior.

On Easter Sunday many will attend church, whether they are regular attenders or not. We will listen to special music, and hear message on the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This is all wonderful. I truly do like Easter and the preceding Sunday, Palm Sunday.

What does it mean for you, the individual? Is it a time off, a time to vacation, a time to truly think on what Jesus did for us, or just another Sunday? This is something that you must decide on your own, but let me leave you with a true story from the past, and some scripture. First the story.

A florist joined an evangelist in his garden a few days before Easter. The preacher said, "Have you noticed that most of the flowers that bloom at Easter time have a cross somewhere in the blossom?" The florist had not noticed this and questioned its veracity. They went to see. The florist examined one blossom after another and found that, due to the arrangement of the stamens, a cross did appear. Wow, what a natural testimony of the saving work of Jesus Christ.

Now, let us look at the outcome for the Christian from the crucifixion and resurrection of our savior the Lord Jesus Christ. In Matthew we read at Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen." This is a very special passage that spells out our duty to God as a Christian. Let me encourage you that, what ever you do this Easter season, you keep its true reason center in your life. Please, keep up with the various special activities we will have during this month to honor our risen Savior.

Dr. George L. Fredericks Jr.
Love-in-Christ,
Brother George



- 5 Robbi Glover
- 10 Mary Jane Young
- 11 June Kuiper
- 12 Trudie Blackmon
- 14 Lou Watson
- 16 Laverne Little
- 17 Dwayne Bond
- 25 Becky Holley

If your birthday is not on the calendar and you would like for it to be, please call the Church office.

MARCH REPORT			
<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>DT</u>	<u>Offering</u>
3/6	37	-	\$9,818.00
3/13	22	-	\$13,213.14
3/20	32	-	\$1,581.38
3/27	33	-	\$2,996.00

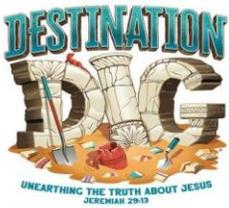


MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Brotherhood breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at 8AM.



Terrace Ministry led by Jolly Jays **SUSPENDED** until further notice



SAVE THE DATE for VBS!
June 6-10, 9:00-12:00
 Rising K'gartners-6th Graders

VBS 2022 is headed to present-day Israel. Kids will dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories and uncover the truth about Jesus. It's going to be awesome!

Contact Mary Jane if you would like to work, need more information or enrollment forms.
 850-207-1660, toulouse95@aol.com.

Please save Pringles cans for the kids to make Scroll Jars. THANKS!



Senior Adult Fellowship

The Jolly Jays will meet Thursday, April 14th at 10:30AM. Bill Bryan will bring a program on Safety. Please bring a dish to compliment ham.



Sanctuary Flowers

FLOWERS FOR APRIL

- April 3: Office
- April 10: Laverene Little
- April 17: Terry & Sherry Diamond
- April 24: Bennie Youngblood

There are many spots still available if you would like to pick a day to bring flowers for our Sanctuary.

"I am the resurrection and the life."
 JOHN 11:25



MANNA
 Volunteers are Not needed at this time

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE
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 ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

"As a _____ looks after his
 H S V K S V I W

_____ when _____ is
 H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V

_____ them, so will I _____ after my _____
 D R G S O L L P H S V V K

I will _____ them and _____ them.
 I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

I will _____ for the _____ and bring back
 H V Z I X S O L H G

the _____ . I will _____ up the _____
 H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W

and _____ the _____ . You are my
 H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

_____ ... and I am your _____."
 H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God



April Schedule

- April 6: April Birthdays
 - April 13: Island Attire Night
 - April 20: AWANA Store (Sparks)
 - April 27: AWANA Store (T&T)
- If you are interested in helping this year please contact the church office.



Pastor's Fishing Trip
Saturday April 30th
9AM-NOON

All children age 1st grade and older are invited to participate.



JOIN US ON SUNDAY'S AT 9:15AM FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWED BY MORNING SERVICE AND ON WEDNESDAY'S AT 6PM.



Children's Church has resumed and we are in need of teachers. Please see Mrs. Trudie if you would like to volunteer so we can get a rotation set up for the new year.

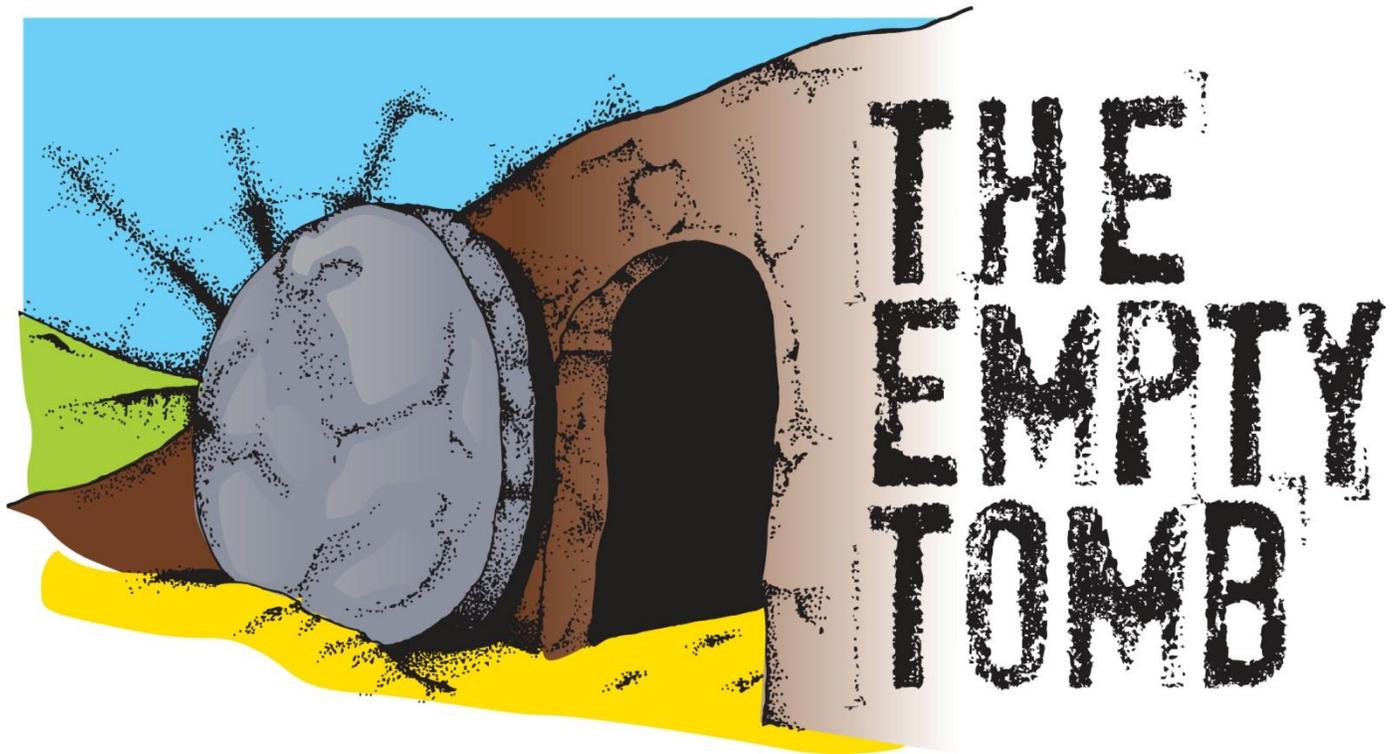


Nursery Workers for the month of April:

- April 3: Janet Lowry
- April 10: Nikki Diamond & Brennis McDaniel
- April 17: Misty & Stephen Campbell
- April 24: Hannah & JD Atkins



Bring you Easter basket and join us for an Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 16th 10AM-NOON. We will have an egg hunt, food, and other activities.



NEWSLETTER NOTES

✝ All announcements for the church newsletter need to be in the church office by the 19th of each month.

✝ If we have incorrect birthdates or addresses please let the office know as soon as possible so this may be corrected in the computer. Birthdays published in the newsletter are of attending church members only. If you would like your birthday added to the calendar please contact the church office.

✝ Please post the enclosed calendar in a convenient place so you will not miss out on all the great ministries and happenings at Jay First Baptist Church.

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. George Fredericks, Pastor
Trudie Blackmon, Ministry Assistant
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Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m.– Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. – Discipleship Training (*postponed*)

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. – Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. – Youth Bible Study

6:00 p.m. – AWANA

-Join us on FaceBook Live Sundays at 10:30AM and Tuesday & Thursday at 10AM.

-Jay First Baptist Church YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdWzbMu1Os1DlclldBaKISQ>