

First Baptist Church of Pinehurst

April Newsletter 2009

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

During the month of April, we will be emphasizing the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This mission offering goes to support over 5,000 North American Missionaries working in the United States and Canada. Each Sunday we will be sharing some information about the work of our missionaries as we challenge each of our members to support this mission emphasis through this offering. You will find a special offering envelope in the seat pockets of the sanctuary chairs.

Operation Inasmuch

Saturday, April 4th, we will be having Operation Inasmuch. We will be working in a number of our area homes that have requested some assistance with a particular project. We hope that you are planning to come and help in this special outreach. There are numerous ways you may be able to help through fixing breakfast to washing cars, to yard work and child care. Pray that we may be able to touch people's lives by sharing in this outreach.

Christian Business Luncheon

Plan to attend this luncheon Wednesday, April 8th at Russell's Seafood & Southern Buffet, 1405 Central Drive in Southern Pines at 11:30 am.

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday evening, April 8th, we will be having a major Easter Egg Hunt. There will be 1,250 Easter eggs hidden around our church for our children to find. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 7:00 pm following our Wednesday evening meal. We would love to have all our children come and enjoy a fun time of finding these "lost" eggs.

Ladies Luncheon – Saturday, April 11th – 12:00 to 2:00 pm

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Comeunity Good Friday Service - We have been invited to join in with the area churches in celebration of Easter on Good Friday, April 10th. This is a contemporary worship service being held at the Pinecrest High School Football Stadium. The service begins at 7:00 pm. They are planning a one hour service with music, prayer and a message from Rev. Joshua Hair, one of our African-American pastors in this area. In case of bad weather, the service will be moved inside to the auditorium.

Easter Sunrise Service - The churches in the Pinehurst area are invited to the Carolina Hotel for a Sunrise Service. This service begins at 6:30 am. If the weather permits, the service will be at the outside gazebo; if it doesn't cooperate, the service will be moved inside the hotel.

Easter Cantata - Our sanctuary choir will be presenting the celebration of the resurrection in song on Easter, April 12th. The cantata is entitled "Alpha and Omega". I would encourage you to make plans to be here to celebrate this great worship experience on Easter Sunday.

Church Business Meeting

Sunday, April 19th, we will be having our quarterly business meeting. Several reports and recommendations will be coming to our church from our different committees. One recommendation is coming from our Building & Grounds Committee dealing with our growth in Sunday school. Another from the Long Range Planning Committee is recommending that First Baptist Church hire Kanoy Architecture to complete a comprehensive land plan. This land plan will help our church better prepare for continued growth and will help meet county requirements for future buildings. The cost of the contract for the land plan is \$ 5,000. This recommendation will be presented, discussed and appropriate action taken during the business meeting.

Discipleship Training

Several of the discipleship classes have finished the sessions that were started in January. We are starting several new classes this coming Sunday evening.

Roy Harvel will be facilitating "What In the World Is Going On?" This is a look at Biblical prophecy from Dr. David Jeremiah. If you are interested, you are invited to join with this group in the sanctuary. You do not have to sign up for this group session.

Jason and Pam Anderson will be offering another Beth Moore series entitled "The Patriarchs". If you would like to sign up for this series, please contact Jason or Pam or the church office.

Michele Fitzgerald is going to facilitate "Fire Proof". The time for this group is still being determined by those interested in taking this course. It is a group study course on how to improve your marriage and the relationship with your spouse. If you are interested in this, please contact Michele Fitzgerald or the church office. The movie "Fire Proof" will be shown April 25th at 6:00 pm to anyone who is interested. Childcare will be provided that evening.

Our children will continue in our Kids Night 320. This is a time of talking with the pastor about God, a time of singing and a period of recreation.

Our youth will be continuing to study "Youth Essentials".

Several adults have been studying the books of the Bible on Sunday evenings facilitated by Tom and Sherry Brown. If you would be interested in continuing the study of the books of the Bible, please contact David or the church office. We may have someone who would be interested in continuing the teaching of this study if there is enough interest.

"Fire Proof" Movie Night

Saturday evening, April 25th, at 6:00 pm the movie "Fire Proof" will be shown here at the church. This is a wonderful movie about marriage. It is produced by the same church that produced "Facing the Giants". There is no charge for this movie and the entire church is invited to come. Childcare will be provided.

Senior Adult Banquet

The banquet will be held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Monday, May 4th at 6:00 pm. The guest speaker is Norman Jameson, the editor of the Biblical Recorder. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are required. Please contact Bill Moore to reserve your seat.

Welcome to Our New Members

Gage Rachels**Grayson Rachels**Jason & Ally Parker

Christian Sympathy

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Jeremy Marsh and his family in the loss of his mother and to Verner Garner and his family in the loss of his sister.

Children's Extended Session Schedule: April 05 – Amy Garner and helper
April 12 – Lori Staples and Stephen
April 19 – Mike & Marsha Apke
April 26 – Steve & Sallie Wofford

Nursery Schedule: April 05 – Craven & Jan Hudson, Gill & Paige Underwood, Mary Smith, Savannah Nall, Ellis Hudson
April 12 – Debbie Marks, Shaun & Ashlee Kerr, Carolyn Moore, Savannah Nall, Bryce Owen
April 19 – Mike & Marsha Apke, Bernie Allen, Donna Burgess, Savannah Nall, Jacob Rea
April 26 – Darlene Lantz, Linda Hemingway, William & Ruth Todd, Savannah Nall, Erin Schiffmacher

Nursery Schedule Wednesday Evenings: April 01 – Patti Wolcott
April 08 – Pam Anderson
April 15 – Lori Staples
April 22 – Patti Wolcott
April 29 – Denny & Betsy Graff