

THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2024

FROM MAJOR TREADWAY

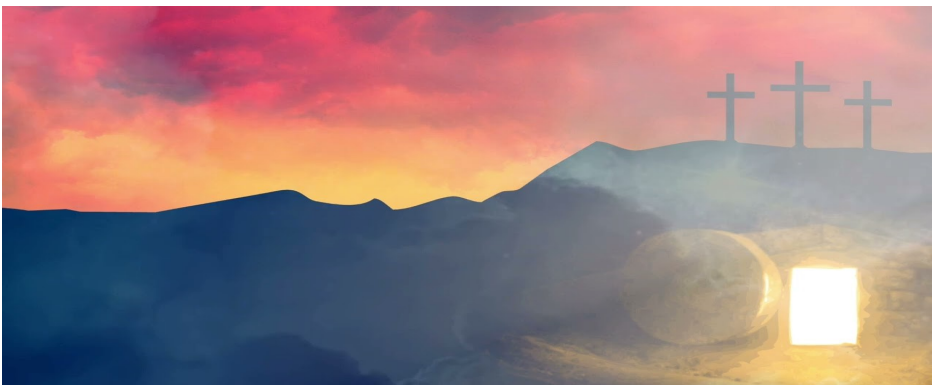
Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

At the Easter Egg hunt this year, an unnamed pastor's kid asserted to the group of children that it made no sense that Jesus had defeated death. In that moment, he gave voice to a statement all of us think at some point or another. Many of us have heard the Easter story enough times that we are no longer shocked by the notion that death could be defeated.



That elementary challenge gave voice to the truth of the matter. For as long as humans have been drawing breath, one truth that has applied to all of them is that one day they will stop drawing breath. To say someone could overwrite this truth is unsettling. It shakes the foundation of our understanding of what it means to be human. And, perhaps, that is the point.

Jesus defeated death that we might have life. God resurrected Jesus from the grave that we humans might be reconciled to God. As a result of the resurrection, we can live a full life in the knowledge that this life is not all there is. The grave is not the end. In that sure and certain hope, there is freedom. And when we live in that freedom, it just might happen that someone will see the way we are living and say "that makes no sense." To which we can reply that it does, because "Christ is risen; Christ is risen, indeed!"

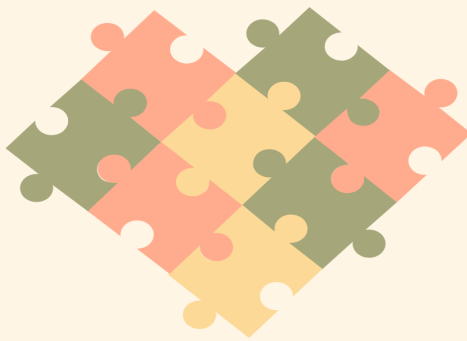


FBC TO HOST TCAT ADULT EDUCATION ESL CLASSES

By Ricke Hester, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Beginning April 1, First Baptist will be providing meeting space for TCAT Jacksboro's Adult Education Program ESL classes. The classes will meet weekly on Monday 6:00pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm, and Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm and 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Here is more information from Adult Education Assistant Director Derick Marlow: "TCAT Jacksboro's Adult Education program is thankful to partner with FBC to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) / Adult Education classes. We are in the first year of our grant from the TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and we are excited to expand our services in Jefferson County. We provide free ESL classes along with Math, Reading, Writing, Science, and Social Studies classes for those seeking a high school equivalency diploma (HSE). We also offer free post-secondary remediation, employability skills, and digital literacy skills training. If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about our program or becoming volunteer tutors, please stop by the classroom or call us at 423-417-8453. Thank you again for your hospitality in welcoming our students and teachers.



Puzzle Room

Attention all Jigsaw Puzzlers!

Come to Room 103 (across from the Fellowship Hall) to participate in an ongoing jigsaw puzzle swap! Bring a puzzle(s), take a puzzle, and enjoy!

Readers: There are also books available! Feel free to bring a book(s) and take a book.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Ricke Hester, Interim Administrative Coordinator

Summary of Operational Budget Income & Expense through February 2024

Items of Interest

- **Online Giving** is simple and convenient, and you do not have to set up a Realm account to give online. Visit: <https://onrealm.org/fbcjeff/give/now> to initiate an online gift today!
- **Designated Benevolence Fund total** (as of 3/25/2024) = \$36.95

	November	December	January	February
Income	\$27,244.46	\$66,584.74	\$18,379.18	\$45,976.42
Expenses	\$23,733.09	\$30,422.48	\$41,733.71	\$30,169.56
Net	\$3,511.37	\$36,162.26	\$23,354.53	\$15,806.86
YTD	\$13,223.76	\$49,249.30	\$23,354.53	\$7,547.67

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY	BIBLE STUDY	IN-PERSON WORSHIP
March 3	51	88
March 10	57	96
March 17	67	109
March 24	65	98

DEACONS & MINISTER OF THE WEEK

April 7: Ken Morton & Peggy Dalton/Major Treadway

April 14: Susan Garber & Betty Watkins/Chad Hartsock

April 21: Leon Shoemaker & Karen Smith/Nenette Measels

April 28: Carolyn Blevins & Mel Hawkins/Major Treadway



CHURCH MINISTRIES MEETING

Sponsored by the Deacons

Church Ministries Meeting will take place immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Lunch from Subway will be provided for all!

The decision to move to this new time has been made in the hopes that our Church Ministries discussions will be more accessible to all of our members and for the opportunity to provide church fellowship around the table before conducting business.

Beginning Sunday, April 7, there will be sign-up sheets located at each entrance to the Sanctuary. If you plan to attend our April Church Ministries Meeting, please sign-up so that we can ensure there is enough food for all. Thank you!

EASTERTIDE *Sermons*

APRIL 7: *Common*

Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-21

APRIL 14: *Witness*

Luke 24:36b-48

APRIL 21: *By What Name*

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; John 10:11-18

APRIL 28: *Redrawing the Lines*

Acts 8:26-40

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Bethany Davenport, Chair, Children and Youth Committee

I just wanted to share a note of thanks to everyone who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt a huge success. From the families who attended, to the committee members and volunteers who helped with set up, clean up, and egg hiding, to the friends who stopped by to eat lunch, the day was made extra special because of YOU! Thank you so much for your continued support of our children's ministry. It means the world, and I look forward to lots more fun as we move into the summer!



FAMILY
Paint Night

Friday, April 5th
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
\$15 per family

Supplies & instruction provided!
Sign up using the QR below!



THANK YOU!

From Robbie Pinkerton

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the help and encouragement you give to the Celebrity Waiter Dinner for the American Cancer Society. When you helped to start this event twenty-eight years ago, I don't think any of us realized what a success story we were beginning.

We raised \$57,775.00 at this year's event to fight cancer. You have been a part of raising \$876,751.27 during our twenty-eight years.

Thank you for your help,
Robbie Pinkerton



THE RESTAURANT OFFERS A BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU. LOCATED IN THE BIG LOTS SHOPPING CENTER. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9:30am Sunday Bible Studies
10:45am Worship Service

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