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Happenings

the MESSENGER

April /// 2025



Holy Week Services & Activities

Palm Sunday (April 13)

10:30 AM - Easter Musical, *From Hosanna to Hallelujah!*

Presented by the FBC Dandridge Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra along with area guest musicians.

11:45 AM - Light lunch and Easter Egg Hunt for families with children in preschool - 5th grade.

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

7:00 PM - Service & Communion

A service of scripture readings and music following Christ through the events of Holy Week from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, His betrayal and arrest.

Good Friday (April 18)

12:00 - Worship service with lunch to follow.

Resurrection Sunday (April 20)

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM - Worship Services

Bible Fellowship classes will NOT meet that day

Use these opportunities to invite family and friends to worship with us throughout the week.

... Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen.

- Luke 24:5b - 6a



FIRST THOUGHTS

Raised to New Life

One of the joys of spring is witnessing the appearance of new life. As the earth's Northern Hemisphere begins its seasonal tilt toward the sun, the cold, gray days of winter are replaced with the warm, sunny days of spring, beginning the revival of nature before our eyes. Little by little, we notice flowers starting to bloom, plants beginning to grow, and leaves covering trees once again. Depending upon the weather, some of these signs of new life can begin as early as late February or early March, giving us a small preview of what will come in the weeks to follow.

While spring is God's design for the renewal of plant life in creation, it's also a picture of the new life that's given to those who are made alive in Christ. Just as flowers, leaves, and vegetation appear "dead" during winter, the Bible describes humans arriving in this world as *"dead in our trespasses and sins"* (2:1), meaning that our desires and actions are opposed to the will of God. However, because of God's grace and love, He *"made us alive together with Christ"* (Eph. 2:5), giving us new spiritual life through faith. Jesus told Nicodemus that such new life must be received if he wanted to spend eternity with God in heaven. Jesus said, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God"* (John 3:3). Therefore, just as God brings new life to plants and trees during spring, so He brings new spiritual life to those who unite with Jesus through faith - new life that is filled with the outward fruit of obedience, righteousness, and love.

Spring also reminds us of another spiritual reality, one of literally being raised from the dead. In 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, Paul writes, *"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ."* Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead not only opened the door for God to save sinners

spiritually, but Christ being raised from the dead made it possible for all believers to be raised from the dead physically. In order to explain this reality, Paul uses the metaphor *"firstfruits,"* which was an agricultural word used to indicate a small sampling of crops being brought in that served as a preview for the harvest to come. Just as Jesus was raised to new life and given a glorified body, so when Jesus returns each believer's physical body will be raised and reunited with their spirit in heaven, which will then be transformed into a permanent glorified body like Jesus that will live on for eternity in the *"new heavens and new earth."* Therefore, Jesus' resurrection was a sampling and guarantee of what those who are born again in Christ will experience at the second coming.

As we celebrate Easter in just a few weeks, I hope that you will think about all that Christ accomplished through His death, burial, and resurrection - the new spiritual life we receive today, and the new glorified life to come. If you haven't received this new life, what Jesus called being *"born again,"* I pray that you will talk to one of our pastors or another believer about how to begin following Jesus. Let's spend this Easter rejoicing in the eternal hope that we have in Christ alone.

He is Risen!

Pastor Justin

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



I'm so excited to tell you about our upcoming Palm Sunday service at First Baptist Dandridge! This year, we've put together something truly special—a worship experience called **"Hosanna to Hallelujah"** that will take us on a journey through the events of Holy Week, from Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to His resurrection.

Our choir and orchestra will lead us in this powerful retelling of the Gospel through music and narration. It's a time for us to reflect on the incredible love, sacrifice, and victory of Christ, and the importance of the Easter season. We'll be reminded of the hope we have because of Jesus' resurrection and the new life He offers each of us.

But here's the best part: it's not too late to get involved! If you've been thinking about joining the choir, we'd love to have you! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just have a heart for worship, there's still time to participate in this program.

Please join us for Choir Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room!

We're also looking for instrumentalists to join our orchestra. From strings to brass—and everything in between—there's a place for you to use your gifts and be part of this meaningful worship experience. If you're interested in joining the choir or playing an instrument, reach out and I would love to get you connected.

I'd love for you to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us. Let's celebrate this Easter season together with hearts full of joy and gratitude for the hope we have in Christ!

Blessings,

Joel

INDIANAPOLIS CHURCH PLANT



Summer Mission Trip to Indianapolis:

- Dates for the trip are July 18 - 22, 2025.
- The "deadline" to sign-up is Easter Sunday (April 20).
- The trip is specifically to Speedway (a small town inside Indy).
- We will be assisting Providence Church with promotion, prayer-walking, and generally prepare for their launch in August.
- The trip is family-friendly and is not specifically a student ministry trip. All FBCD members are invited to participate.
- Elementary children will need a parent to come on the trip.
- The cost is expected to be \$450 for adults and \$300 for students/kids. This is before scholarships.
- For more info or to signup, email info@fbcdandridge.org

STUDENT MINISTRY



GET TO THE BEACH!
REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

This summer we are going back to the beach for summer camp! The cost is \$275 with a \$50 deposit due at registration. Register by scanning the QR code or going to fbcdandrige.org/students.



Student Lock In | April 11 from 10pm-7am
Join us for a great night together!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Crossings Camp - June 21st - 24th

It's already time to start thinking about camp! We're going to have an awesome time at Carson Springs playing games, eating good food, studying God's Word, and making memories! This camp is for children going into grades 3-6 (currently 2nd-5th). The cost of the camp is \$175 with a \$50 deposit due at registration. Registration is open.



Magnified! - June 9th - 13th

Save the Date!

Magnified! VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 13th

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt right after church, with tons of eggs to find and surprises to enjoy! There'll be a free lunch, so bring your friends, and make it a celebration to remember!

Firstkids Memory Verse

But God shows his love for
us in that while we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

APRIL 2025

Sunday Mar - 30	Monday Mar - 31	Tuesday Apr - 1	Wednesday Apr - 2	Thursday Apr - 3	Friday Apr - 4	Saturday Apr - 5
		OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group	OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:15p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 8:30p Orchestra Rehearsal	10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group		
Apr - 6 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:45p Deacon Meeting 5p - 6p Dive! Women's Bible Study OFFSITE 6p - 8p Ogle Life Group	Apr - 7 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 8 OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group	Apr - 9 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:30p Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal	Apr - 10 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	Apr - 11 6p - 8p Fisher's of Men 10p >> FBCD Student Lock-In	Apr - 12 << 7a FBCD Student Lock-In 9a - 11:30a Choir Rehearsal with Orchestra
Apr - 13 ALL DAY Palm Sunday 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 1p Easter Egg Hunt 4p - 5p Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting OFFSITE 6p - 8p Ogle Life Group	Apr - 14 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 15 9:45a - 11:45a Ladies Bible Study OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group	Apr - 16 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Apr - 17 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group 7p - 8p Maundy Thursday Service with Lord's Supper	Apr - 18 ALL DAY Jefferson County & Lakeway Schools Closed ALL DAY Good Friday - Church Office Closes at Noon 12p - 12:30p Good Friday Service	Apr - 19
Apr - 20 ALL DAY Easter 9a - 10a Morning Worship Service #1 10:30a - 11:30a Morning Worship Service #2	Apr - 21 ALL DAY Lakeway Schools Closed 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 22 9:45a - 11:45a Ladies Bible Study OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group	Apr - 23 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Apr - 24 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	Apr - 25	Apr - 26
Apr - 27 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 1p Widow/Widower Luncheon 4p - 5p Women's Prayer Group 4p - 6p 50 in 50 Outreach 5p - 6p Women on Mission OFFSITE 6p - 8p Ogle Life Group	Apr - 28 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 29 9:45a - 11:45a Ladies Bible Study OFFSITE 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group	Apr - 30 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	May - 1 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	May - 2	May - 3

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

If you would like a copy of the April Birthday List, please contact the Church Office at 865-397-3940.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Norm & Judy Walton
3/2/2025



Daniel & Dacey Gonzales
(Trenton, Madeline, & Seraphina)
3/9/2025



Terry & Lori Hartman
3/9/2025



Will, Kristen, Eden, Gabriel & Noah Riches
3/23/2025

FBC DANDRIDGE HAPPENINGS



NEW Ladies' Bible Study

"It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, the concept of Sabbath will change your life."

- Priscilla Shirer

Join us for this study Tuesday mornings from 9:45-11:30, April 15 - May 20. Cost of book is TBD. Use the QR code in the Sunday bulletin to register or go to <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/LadiesBible2025>. Contact Mary Hall for more information.



Parent/Child Dedication Mother's Day - May 11

To participate, please contact the Church Office and email a photo of your child with name, date of birth and parents' names to lauren@fbcdandridge.org by Monday, May 5.

Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting

Our next monthly teacher meeting will be Sunday, **April 13** at 4:00 PM in Room 228. Contact Pastor Cory for more information.

Ladies' Dive! Bible Study

Ladies, let's dive into the treasure-filled ocean of Scripture together! Each monthly session stands alone, so you can jump in at any time. If you are reading along, please read Chapter 7 of *Dwell Differently*. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, **April 6**, at 5pm in Room 216! Check out the Dive! Women's Ministry Resource page where you can access study notes and session recordings from our monthly studies at <https://www.fbcdandridge.org/dive>.



Parents of Graduates/Graduates

Sending Celebration

May 4 during Sunday Worship

If your child or you will graduate this year and would like to be recognized in the May Messenger, please submit a photo with name, school and degree (if applicable) to alicia@fbcdandridge.org by Wednesday, **April 16**.

Prayer Group and Women on Mission

These groups will meet on **April 27** in the Fellowship Hall beginning with the Prayer Group at 4:00 PM followed by Women on Mission at 5:00 PM. Bring a finger food to share and invite a friend!

50 in 50 Outreach

Our next outreach will be on Sunday, **April 27**. Meet in Room 216 at 4:00 PM. After a time of prayer and instructions, we will go out in groups of two or more and try to reach 50 homes in 50 minutes with gospel-centered conversations. For more info, contact Pastor Cory at cory@fbcdandridge.org or call the Church Office.

Journey to the Holy Lands

Join us March 8-17 as we travel to Israel to see the land of the Bible. We will visit all the important sites such as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, the Dead Sea, and many other places. For more information visit fbcdandridge.org/israel2026 or scan the QR code.



Behold 2025 - Save the Date!

Ladies, please save the date and join us for our 2025 Behold Women's Conference at Carson Springs Conference Center August 22-23. More details soon!



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Bible Fellowship Report
Average Attendance

	February 2025	YTD
Preschool	17	15
Children	24	22
Youth	37	33
Adult	230	218
Offsite	0	0
Overall average	308	288

Worship Attendance Average for
February – TBD

Financial Report

	February 2025	YTD
Budget Fund Goal	\$119,267.84	\$238,535.68
Budget Receipts	\$103,946.78	\$187,176.96
Building Fund Receipts	3,530.41	6,055.41
Designated Receipts	<u>15,540.27</u>	<u>40,996.25</u>
Total Receipts	\$123,017.46	\$234,228.62