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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday (March 29)

10:30 AM - Easter Musical, *Hosanna to the King!*

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

12:00 PM - Light lunch and Easter Egg Hunt for families with children in preschool - 5th grade.

Maundy Thursday (April 2)

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 3)

12:00 PM - Worship service with lunch to follow.

Resurrection Sunday (April 5)

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

Could you imagine what that was like to see Jesus come back to life? It's the miracle of miracles. Consider the shock of seeing him on Friday, brutally beaten, tortured, put to death on a cross, taken down and buried in a tomb, only to see him alive and well on Sunday in his glorified, resurrected body. Nothing testifies to God's supernatural power greater than the resurrection.

Imagine being the ladies who went to anoint Jesus' body with spices, only to see the stone rolled away, and hearing the angels say, *"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."* Or think about being Peter and John, arriving at the tomb and seeing it empty, and noticing Jesus' grave cloths and his face cloth neatly folded, knowing that just as he said, Jesus had been raised from the dead. Imagine being Mary Magdalene, as she stood weeping at the tomb, only to see Jesus appear and hear his voice call her by name. Think about the disciples as Jesus appeared to them in the Upper Room, proving that he was alive, even showing Thomas the wounds in his hands and side, removing all doubt that he had risen from the dead. Paul writes that for the next forty days, Jesus appeared to over 500 people before ascending to heaven, where he now reigns in power and authority over all creation. The resurrection of Christ is the greatest event in history, the ultimate display of God's power. It's the miracle of accomplishing our salvation by bringing Jesus back to life.

But did you know that the same power that God used to bring Jesus back to life is what he uses to bring sinners back to life spiritually? Yes, the Bible teaches that when a person is saved, God resurrects their dead, sinful heart back to life, making them spiritually alive and obedient to his will. You see, the only hope we have for salvation is for our hearts to be cleansed and made alive in Christ, for God to change us from the inside out, giving us the desire to live for Jesus. That's the miracle of salvation, and it comes by the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

In Romans 6:1-4, Paul writes, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

These words testify to the life change that always accompanies true salvation. No one who comes to know Christ ever remains the same. No one who truly knows Jesus continues a lifestyle of sin and unbelief. The moment a person first believes they exit the dark tomb of sin and begin living in God's glorious light.

I wonder how many of you have experienced the power of Christ's resurrection in your own life? Have you been brought back to life spiritually? Does your life testify to the new life that only Jesus gives?

As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday this month, let's relive the wonder of God raising Jesus from the dead, and consider all of the blessings that we receive now and forever because Jesus is alive. Let's also think about the multitudes of people who haven't experienced new life in Christ--many of whom will be in our sanctuary during Holy Week. Let's pray for God to open their hearts unto the truth of the gospel and for the Lord to use our personal witness to help them see their need for Christ.

He is Risen!

Pastor Justin

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

We'd love for you to prepare your hearts and join us this Palm Sunday for Hosanna to the King, a special musical celebration focused on King Jesus. Through songs you know, powerful choir and orchestra moments, and Scripture woven throughout, we'll walk through the story of Christ from His triumphal entry to His victory over the grave. It's a time to reflect, worship, and celebrate the One who reigns forever. This is a great service to invite family and friends to as we head into Holy Week together. Come lift your voice with us as we sing, "Hosanna to the King!"

Blessings,

Pastor Joel

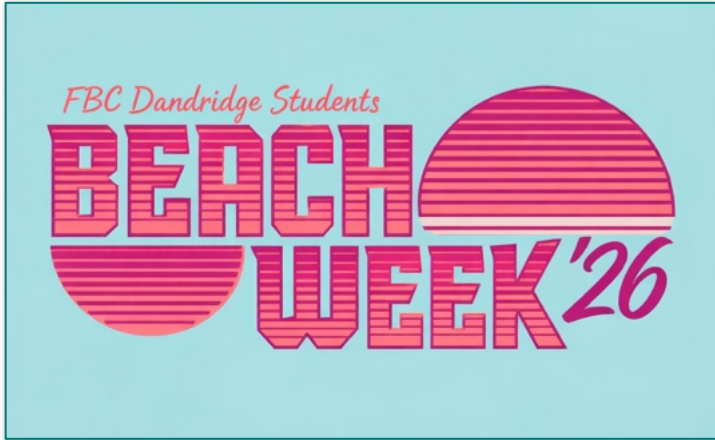


HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- 03.29  PALM SUN CELEBRATION | 10:30 AM
FAMILY EGG HUNT | 12 PM
- 04.02  MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7 PM
- 04.03  GOOD FRIDAY | 12 PM
- 04.05  EASTER SUN | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM



STUDENT MINISTRY



Beach Week | May 31 - June 5 | \$275 by April 30, \$350 After May 1

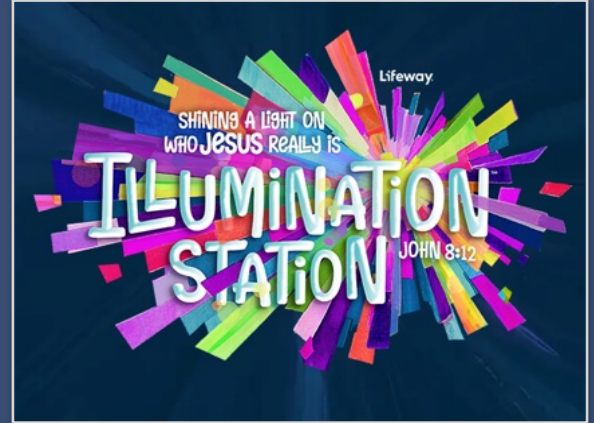
This summer we are going back to the beach for summer camp! We believe this will be an incredible week filled with sand, waves, worship, Bible Study, fellowship, late night events and more. The cost is \$275 with a \$50 deposit due at registration.



Graduates Sending Celebration | May 3 During Sunday Worship

If you will graduate from high school or college 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 Monday, **April 20**.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Save the Date - VBS: Illumination Station, June 8 - 12

Mark your calendars for Illumination Station! Kids will have a blast as we shine a light on who Jesus really is through engaging Bible stories, exciting games, creative activities, and lots of fun with friends. VBS is a wonderful week of learning about Jesus in an energetic, joy-filled environment—and we can't wait to see what God will do! More details and registration information coming soon, so stay tuned!

RA Pinewood Derby - April 1st at 6:00 PM

Get ready... it's race night! 🏁 All elementary-aged boys are invited to join us for our RA Pinewood Derby on **April 1st** at 6:00 PM. It's always a fun evening filled with creativity, friendly competition, and lots of cheering as the cars race down the track. Whether you're racing or just coming to watch, it's a night you won't want to miss!

VBS Volunteer Information Meeting - April 12th (After Morning Worship)

Want to be part of something incredible this summer? Join us for a VBS Volunteer Information Meeting on **April 12th** immediately following morning worship in the youth room. This meeting is for anyone interested in serving at VBS—whether you're ready to jump in or just want to learn more. We'd love to have you on the team!

Kids Choir Special: "Psalms and Psongs"

April 26th at 6:00 PM

Join us for a special evening of worship as our Kids Choir presents "Psalms and Psongs" on **April 26th** at 6:00 PM. Our children have been working hard to lead us in worship through music that points to God's truth and faithfulness. Come support them and be encouraged by this joyful night!

APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar - 29 ALL DAY Palm Sunday 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service w/ Lord's Supper 10:30a - 11:45a Choir Musical 12p - 12:30p Light Lunch & Egg Hunt	Mar - 30 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Mar - 31 OFFSITE 6p - 8p Student Life Group	Apr - 1 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 5p - 6p Kids Choir 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:15p FBCD Students 6p - 7:15p RA Pinewood Derby 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Apr - 2 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group 7p - 8p Maundy Thursday Service w/ Lord's Supper	Apr - 3 ALL DAY Jeff. Co. Schools Closed ALL DAY Lakeway Schools Closed ALL DAY Good Friday - Church Office Closes at Noon 12p - 12:30p Good Friday Worship Service 12:30p - 1:30p Good Friday Fellowship Lunch	Apr - 4
Apr - 5 ALL DAY Easter 9a - 10a Easter Service #1 10:30a - 11:30a Easter Service #2	Apr - 6 ALL DAY Lakeway Schools Closed 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 7 OFFSITE 6p - 8p Student Life Group	Apr - 8 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 5p - 6p Kids Choir 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:15p FBCD Students 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Apr - 9 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	Apr - 10 9a - 11a Quilting Group-FAITH Fellowship	Apr - 11
Apr - 12 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:30p VBS Volunteer Interest Meeting 11:45a - 12:45p Deacon Meeting 4p - 5p Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting 5p - 6p Dive! Ladies Bible Study	Apr - 13 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 14 9:45a - 11:30a Ladies Bible Study OFFSITE 6p - 8p Student Life Group	Apr - 15 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 5p - 6p Kids Choir 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:15p FBCD Students 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Apr - 16 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group 5:30p - 7:30p Secret Sisters	Apr - 17	Apr - 18
Apr - 19 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:30p Widow/Widower Lunches To-Go 4p - 5p Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting 5p - 6p Women on Mission	Apr - 20 8:30a - 5p Deadline to Submit Graduate Info for May Messenger 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 21 9:45a - 11:30a Ladies Bible Study OFFSITE 6p - 8p Student Life Group	Apr - 22 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 5p - 6p Kids Choir 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:15p FBCD Students 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Apr - 23 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	Apr - 24 9a - 11a Quilting Group-FAITH Fellowship	Apr - 25 9a - 11:30a Kids Choir Dress Rehearsal
Apr - 26 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 6p - 7p Kids Choir Special: "Psalms & Psongs"	Apr - 27 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	Apr - 28 9:45a - 11:30a Ladies Bible Study OFFSITE 6p - 8p Student Life Group	Apr - 29 OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:45p - 5:45p Weds. Night Dinner 5p - 6p Kids Choir 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6p - 7:15p FBCD Students 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	Apr - 30 8:30a - 5p Deadline to Submit Info for Parent/Child Dedication 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	May - 1	May - 2



NEW Wednesday Bible Study

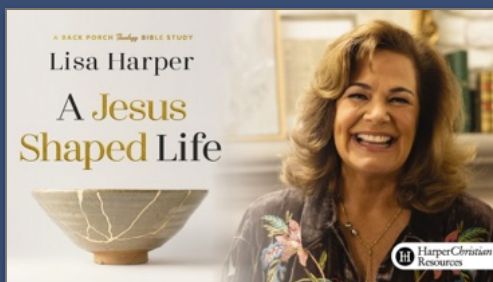
Scripture is clear that God never intended for believers to do life and ministry alone. As followers of Jesus, we've been called to live in fellowship with one another. But what does true fellowship look like? Is it merely saying hello in the hallway, having a cup of coffee, or sharing a meal? Or is fellowship something more? Beginning on Wednesday, **April 8**, we will engage in a new study based on Jerry Bridges' book, "True Community," where we will explore what Scripture teaches about how to do life and ministry together. Books will be available for \$12.



Online Sign Up Information

Have you asked the question, I wonder how to sign up for that event? To get the latest on the FBCD Event Sign Up information, simply use the following link, <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/signup> or scan the QR Code above to take you directly to all the available events to get you or your family signed up.

FBC DANDRIDGE HAPPENINGS



NEW Ladies Bible Study

"This seven-week Bible study by Lisa Harper is your invitation to explore the depths of God's character, God's love for you, and how your relationship with Him transforms you. Ultimately, you will experience how biblically sound theology deepens your relationship with God and each other."

The group will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:45-11:30 AM, **April 14 - May 26**. Cost of book is \$15. Register by going to <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/LadiesBible2026> or using the QR code in the Sunday bulletin. For more information, contact Gail Brosk at tn.brosk@gmail.com.



Parent/Child Dedication Mother's Day - May 10

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 Thursday, **April 30**.

Ladies' Dive! Bible Study | April 12 | 5:00 PM

Join us for Session 7 of *From Garden to Glory* as we continue tracing God's redemptive plan through Scripture. All of Scripture points to Christ – and in this session, we finally see the Hero arrive!

🗨️ Real conversation

📖 Rich study

❤️ Meaningful community

📅 April 12 🕒 5:00 p.m. 📍 Room 216

Bring a friend, and come grow with us as we dive into God's Word together!

Quilting Group - FAITH Fellowship | April 10 & 24 | 9:00 AM

The Quilting Group will meet at 9:00 AM on **April 10 & 24** in Room 216. Contact Debbie Murphy for more info at 863-838-2827.

Women on Mission | April 19 | 5:00 PM

Join us on Sunday, **April 19** at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a regular monthly meeting with emphasis on prayer, Bible review and missionary focus on the Philippines. Please bring non-perishable food items for the area Blessing Boxes. Ladies may bring a snack to share and invite a friend!

Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting | April 19 | 4:00 PM

Our monthly teacher meeting is on Sunday, **April 19** at 4:00 PM in Room 228.

Parents of Graduates/Graduates | Sending Celebration | May 3 During Sunday Worship

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Save the Date!

**2026 Behold Women's
Conference | August
28-29 | Carson Springs
Conference Center,
Newport, TN**

The Behold Women's Conference provides women the opportunity to focus intently on the beauty of the Lord in the fellowship of other believers. Join us this year as we fix our eyes on the

One who gave Himself for us by reflecting on the glory, sufficiency, and hope found in the cross. Additional details and registration information will be available soon. We hope you will prayerfully plan to attend.





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Bible Fellowship Report

Average Attendance

	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Preschool	25	21
Children	26	28
Youth	30	30
Adult	215	220
Offsite	0	0
Overall average	296	299

Worship Attendance Average for

February – TBD

Financial Report

	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget Fund Goal	\$124,300.68	\$248,601.36
Budget Receipts	\$99,335.93	\$187,144.84
Building Fund Receipts	6,360.00	8,540.00
Designated Receipts	<u>11,038.22</u>	<u>50,708.21</u>
Total Receipts	\$116,734.15	\$246,393.05