



First Baptist CROSSINGS

April 2018



If you haven't heard—and this is no joke—Easter is on April 1! We are celebrating the resurrection of

Jesus on April Fool's day! God has a sense of humor. But for those who don't know Jesus, this is no laughing matter as we discussed a couple of weeks ago in Luke 16:19–31. There is an urgent need to “seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10) so that they too will know the One who died for us all, and the One who rose from the dead and will one day return.

We have several opportunities to reach out to the needy and lost. One is through the community dinners at the Candlewood pool house on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30–6:30 pm. Thanks to those who have participated and a special thanks to Jacob for leading our church's involvement. Contact Jacob for more details.

We also have a team heading to Texas on April 8 to help with recovery from hurricane Harvey. No skills are needed—only a heart willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Contact me if you are interested in going.

We have lots of upcoming opportunities for you to get involved with the work God is doing in our world. Stay tuned for more details, and say yes to His call for more workers in the harvest fields.

I also want to thank those who have helped with the flood relief in Watseka. You have shown the love of Jesus to those in need. May God bless you for your loving actions!

With the Love of Christ,
Brian

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

- Luke 10:2 NIV



YOUTH NEWS & VIEWS

In the month of March, the youth group had a busy schedule as our goal to join in the Mission Quest theme for the year kicked into full

swing. On the first Wednesday of the month, the youth group made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for C-U at Home's Canteen Run ministry. Later in the month, Helen Murphy came to youth group and started the process of showing our youth how to turn bed sheets into bandages. She walked them through the whole process, even using the sewing machine. Over spring break, the youth helped with the food preparation and service for the community dinners. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped with the dinners. Both nights were a big success, and we served a combined 85 people between the two meals. Going into Easter and the month of April, the youth group is excited to continue supporting the ministries they've chosen as well as adding new ones. Your ongoing prayers and support are appreciated.

The youth meet for Sunday School at 9:30 and on Wednesdays from 6–8 pm. The Sunday School class has been going through the Gospels chronologically. On Wednesday nights, the youth group is going through a series about “Mission Quest,” reflecting the focus of the church as a whole for this year. Grace and Peace, Pastor Jacob



Wednesday nights & Youth Activities

6:00 pizza for Youth dinner and then 6:30 starts the Youth group. There is youth worship, game time, prayer time, and various Bible studies from 6:30 to 8:00PM.

Jacob Chase, Fran Street, Bruce Swartz, Abby Heckman, Jenny Weiss, and Brian Romanowski provide adult leadership.

Wednesday Nights:

Kid's Club (K-5th): "One Room Curriculum"
Youth Group: Romans

Sunday Mornings:

Kid's Club (K-5th): "One Room Curriculum"
Youth Study: "The Gospel Project "
Adult Study: *The Truth*

Nursery & Children's Church: Childcare is provided during the worship service. Immediately following the children's sermon, the children, ages 5-10, will be dismissed for children's church.



First Baptist Church of Mahomet currently has three small groups meeting, all of which are open to new members. The dates and times are as follows:

Sundays @6 p.m. (Meets every other week)

This small group is currently studying Romans. It is normally led by Bruce Swartz, with Dan Theobald and Phil Labno subbing in as necessary, and meets at the Swartz's house. If you are not currently a member of a small group and are interested in joining, please contact Bruce at (217) 369-0912 or at bswartz105@sbcglobal.net.

Tuesdays @7 p.m. (Meets weekly)

This (mostly young adult) small group is currently studying *Jonah, Joel & Amos* from the LifeGuide Bible Studies series. It is led by Jacob Chase and switches between meeting at the Chases' house and meeting at the Krauses' house. If you are not currently a member of

a small group and are interested in joining, please contact Jacob at (217) 213-4626 or at jacobmarkchase@gmail.com.

Fridays @7 p.m. (Meets every other week)

This small group is currently studying *Practicing the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence, which looks at developing a relationship with God. The group is led by Pastor Brian Romanowski and meets at Pat and Helen Murphy's house. If you are not currently a member of a small group and are interested in joining, please contact Brian at (309) 826-8116 or at bs.romanowski@gmail.com.



Ministries

Each month, Helping Hands provides food and other items for people in need in Mahomet. Our church participates by providing sugar. Our goal each month is 100 lbs. of sugar, dish soap, and shampoo. This month, we collected 95 lbs. of sugar, shampoo, and dish liquid and served 52 families. God bless you for giving.



The American Baptist Men have been asked to provide teams to help our National Baptist friends in Texas with hurricane recovery: installing new insulation and drywall into the homes of needy

families in Beaumont, Texas. We have three people who are willing to go the week of April 9-13, traveling on April 8 and 14. We need at least a couple more folks to make this a viable trip. Arrangements have been made with the National Baptist coordinator there, who we have worked with on other trips, and she has all the necessary plans in place for us to come—we just need the volunteers (men and women). No skills are necessary, only a heart willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. Contact me (Brian) if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed!

This time of year brings on a bit of a campaign to try to get volunteers to help. Many times it is the same volunteers due to the lack of new ones. It's okay if you aren't talented in one area as there are several other areas that need your help. Don't let fear override your compassion to do what is in your heart. FBC needs your help. What will you volunteer for today?

New Commandment Ministry is a group of volunteers who help with projects within the church family as well as outside the church. This is an outreach ministry. If you are interested in helping, have a need, or know someone with a need, please contact Jeremy Rexroad at (217) 649-9810 or Brian Romanowski at the church for information.



April 1	Ann Paul & Katie Chase
April 8	Pat Theobald & Robin Gardner
April 15	Judy McDowell & Amy Krause
April 22	Valerie Brooks & Carol Welch
April 29	Helen & Pat Murphy



Blood Pressure Check
with Jeanny Douglas

None this month

Sunday Morning Prayer Schedule

Volunteers needed!

April 1	Bob Haley
April 8	Chris Ingersoll
April 15	Steve Street
April 22	Bob Haley
April 29	Brian Romanowski

Fellowship Servers

April 1	Adam & Amy Krause
April 8	Bob & Sue Haley
April 15	Jacob & Katie Chase
April 22	Pat & Helen Murphy
April 29	Dan & Pat Theobald

Communion Servers

** Jeff & Debbie Riddle
#Tom & Jenny Weiss

** Set up # Clean up



Happy Birthday!

9	Gilbert Mills
12	Maggie Boles
12	Mary Rexroad
16	McKenna Elizabeth Swartz
20	Helen Murphy
22	Jason Riddle
27	Debbie Jordan (O'Brien)
29	Brad Long

Happy Anniversary!

1	Harrison & Mary Rexroad
8	Jacob and Katie Chase
27	Debra & Paul Jordan



Pray for Our Church Family,
Praise & Thanksgiving

...Sue H. – Lora Thomas finishing radiation this month. Prayers that it was successful.

...For niece Sarah (38 year old single mother of 2) whose tumor biopsy was inconclusive. Next step is lumpectomy.

...Deb R – 3 kids her nephew and wife are raising are thriving under their care. It is looking good that the parents' rights will be severed, and they can adopt them this summer.

For Olivia Brooks who has a Dr. appointment on Tuesday.

...Fran—Praise for the blessing of reconnecting with old friends and that long offered prayers for friends' family members have been answered.

...Carla—Prayers for Jackie Mills who is battling respiratory issues.

...Phil W. – For Kathy who has 5 more weeks of physical therapy following knee surgery. For Phil who has DVT in left calf.

...Bob H. – For Warrens who are facing challenging health issues.

...Olivia T.--Husband Steve's brother, age 58, died during surgery, cause unknown. Pray that this will be a "wake up call" for Steve regarding his own salvation.

...Pastor Jacob--Needs food for a community dinner.

...Chris I.--Friend's son, an actor, Jared. Pray for his salvation.

...Jane DeMoss--Praise for a grant to do her third round of chemo. Prayers for upcoming treatment.

...Bob H.--For Dottie W.--Homebound with chronic illness.

...Brian--For those in flooding.

...Bruce--for Leland C.--Healing and money.

...Jacob C.--Youth to understand the Gospel & safety from gun violence.

...Pastor Jacob--for responsibilities at FBC, school, and marriage.

...For BYBC--Those who serve together and that lives will be saved.

...Steve S.--Work changes in our lives. That we will recognize the call.

...Bob and Sue H.--For Sue's brother who is having heart surgery to replace a mitral valve.

...Roger L.--For issues in the Korean peninsula, that there may be a peaceful solution.

...Fran--Those with flu and health care workers caring for them.

...Steve S.--For success in asking for money for CAC.

...Adam K.—Praise for life we can enjoy together.

Pray for RETIREMENT, NURSING HOME RESIDENTS,
the HOMEBOUND

Maxine Leffler, Judy Harris, Bob & Joan Yecny, Paul DeMoss (Jane's husband)

Pray for MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

Jon & Amanda Good and their four children, to Hungary

The Staff at the CAC (Christian Activity Center) East St. Louis

Chip & Chari Kingsbury, Kenya, Africa

Larry & Becky Stanton, to Hungary

Scott and Tan Coats and family, serving the Lord in Thailand.

Ruth Mooney serving in San Jose, Costa Rica

Doug and Patti Magnuson, missionaries to Amman, Jordan.

Sharon G., serving in North Korea

Pray for College Students

Will Steinlicht, Natalie Douglas, Andi Phelps, Chia-Ying Chan, Jason Gardner, Leah Bice, Josh Brooks, Hannah Douglas, Brette Dow, Katie Russell, Amber Smith, Lauren Weiss, Valerie Brooks and Haley Bridgman.

US and International Prayer

... Lori & Matt Mann, development workers in Laos

...Rachel (Street)/ Jacob Way teaching for two years in China

...Unrest in Middle East, especially refugees fleeing persecution

...Our leaders--Federal, state and local, firemen and policemen, too.

The following have cancer:

Louise Jackson, Lora Thomas, Chris Alben, Julie's aunt, Patty, Carrie, Laura Bice, Michael Welch, Jane DeMoss, Robin Eslinger, Valerie Bloomberg, Susan Florentino, Robert, Erin, Pat Wodka, Jennifer, Shelly Fouss, Gina Hern, Bernadette, Bobi Goodpaster, Shelby Horn, Chris Stevens, Tim, Jeremy--boss' son-in-law & uncle John; Aaron, Ann Reynolds, Tina, Carol

Ware's nephew, Jim & Dennis, Bob Hayward, Tyrone Phillips, Dawn, Melissa, Cheryl, Bob Gifford, Jim;

(PRAY for their families and caregivers, too)

(Notice: current requests may be kept on 2 weeks unless notified.) Phone 586-3304 for additions and corrections

NEW AND ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Information: Chris is updating the contact list for the church's monthly newsletter. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter and would like to begin receiving the newsletter, please send your email or mailing address to Chris Ingersoll (cingersoll62@comcast.net) or Amy Krause (agaasrud@gmail.com). We would also love to be able to celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries with you, so please send in those dates so that we can include them in the appropriate newsletter.

America for Christ Offering: Thank you for generously contributing \$1,406.80 to fund ministries across the U.S.

Please Note: Katie's hours this semester are as follows: Tuesday & Thursday 10 am-1:30 pm & Friday 1:30-6:30 pm.

Save the Date! Sunday, April 15, from 6-7:30 PM Informational Meeting in regard to the March 15-22, 2019 Costa Rica Mission Trip

Important Dates

- April 1 Easter - "He Has Risen!"
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 25 Administrative Professional's Day

GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

- We need God's forgiveness – Romans 3:23
- Salvation & Eternal Life – Romans 6:23
- God's Love & Salvation – Romans 5:8
- Calling Upon God – Romans 10:13
- Confess Jesus as Savior – Romans 10:9



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Bible Quiz

In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. "I am the gate..."
- B. "I am the good shepherd..."
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B



Answer: C (See John 10:9, 11.)

I can do
ALL THINGS
 through
Christ
 who strengthens me.
 PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Recipe of the Month



Cornbread Salad

By

Judy McDowell

Pg. 33 from Taste of Heaven Cookbook


- 1 box Jiffy corn bread mix 1 green pepper, chopped
- 6-7 slices bacon, fried and crumbled
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped 3 tomatoes chopped

Dressing:

- 1/8 c. milk 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. Miracle whip

Prepare corn bread as directed on package and cool. Cut into small squares. Keep all ingredients separate until ready to serve. Mix together and serve immediately.





RESURRECTION HOPE

Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

2+2 = ___ united	2x3 = ___ death	7+6 = ___ resurrection
3x3 = ___ certainly	18-16 = ___ have	4-1 = ___ been
0+1 = ___ if	2x4 = ___ we	13-1 = ___ him
2+3 = ___ in	20-6 = ___ like	2+5 = ___ his
2x5 = ___ be	8+3 = ___ with	

"For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

