



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAYTON COURIER

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The events of Holy Week recall the last days of Jesus' life, from his entry into Jerusalem on a donkey amid crowds with palm branches through his time in the Garden, arrest, and trial to his crucifixion. Take this journey at First Baptist Church this year, through worship, music, and quiet reflection.

PALM SUNDAY (March 25) @ 10:00 AM

The service will include a procession of palms by the children as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. A Palm Sunday Dinner will take place after the worship service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (March 29) @ 7:00 PM

The Thursday before Easter is called "Maundy" based on Christ's command, which in Latin is the word "mandatum," that his disciples should love one another. We will gather in the sanctuary to share the story of the Passover meal that Jesus observed with his disciples and share in communion in remembrance of that sacred night.

GOOD FRIDAY (March 30)

At Noon there is a Good Friday Walk through Downtown Dayton. This is an ecumenical witness for justice and peace issues based on the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Courthouse Square (3rd & Main) and ends at First Baptist Church. Rain or shine, come for all or part.

At 2 PM First Baptist will host those who are participating in the Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace. FBC will be the last station of the cross, and participants will be invited to enter through the sanctuary and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup and water prepared for them.

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At 7PM we will gather in the sanctuary to remember the arrest, trial, crucifixion, suffering and burial of our Lord. In the reading of scripture, in the singing of hymns, and in meditation we will remember the passion of Jesus.

EASTER SUNDAY (April 1)

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE @ 6:30AM CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK

The 77th Annual Easter Sunrise Service will take place, Sunday, April 1, 2018 at Carillon Historical Park at 6:30 am. Co-Sponsored by Dayton History and Greater Dayton Christian Connection (GDCC), this will be a wonderful occasion to celebrate the risen Savior Jesus Christ. And this year's speaker is our Associate Pastor for Children & Youth, the Rev. Jason Alspaugh. So rise a little earlier on Easter Sunday, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and join us for a worship service that has been a part of Easter celebrations in Dayton for decades!

EASTER SERVICE @ 10:00AM AT FIRST BAPTIST

We celebrate the resurrection! Everyone is encouraged to arrive early and help decorate the wooden cross with flowers. Some loose flowers will be provided, but bring some of your own. As the cross is covered with living flowers, it reminds us that from death there comes life. We together declare that Christ is risen. The service will close with the Hallelujah Chorus as the congregational benediction. *(There will be no Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday.)*

The Easter Community

by Pastor Kent Berghuis



As a church our custom is to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month. Some more liturgical traditions celebrate it every week as a regular part of every worship service, while others may observe it less often than we do. I think that how often it is observed is probably less important than how meaningfully we observe it when we do.

There are also different names for the observance. In calling it the "Lord's Supper," we are reminded of the last supper Jesus observed with his disciples, as well as the ongoing recognition that it is his command that we are keeping in fellowship at his table. Traditionally it is called the "Eucharist," which literally means "thanksgiving" in Greek, commemorating how Jesus gave thanks at the last supper and we continue to give thanks for his sacrifice for us. Sometimes we call it "Communion," which emphasizes that together we share in the life and death of Christ for us and enter into spiritual fellowship with God.

The calculation for the date of Easter Sunday is a bit complicated. The basic rule is that it is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring, which also is meant to coincide with the Jewish feast of Passover. Due to some technicalities of lunar months and the timing of the vernal equinox it might even vary just a bit from that. This year, as occasionally will happen, Easter falls on the first Sunday of April, so it is also a traditional communion Sunday for us. We also will observe communion on Maundy Thursday before Easter, in a solemn but creative observance to remember Christ's betrayal, sufferings and crucifixion.

So during this holy week we will observe the Lord's Supper twice, and in different ways. On the one hand, we remember Christ's death and the price he paid in suffering on our behalf. The identification of the elements as the body and blood of Christ bring this back strongly to our minds. But on Easter Sunday, we will also be reminded that we are the living continuation of that story. We are in communion with Christ and one another because we are the Easter community. We have been born into a new family by the Spirit, whose baptism we also remember by the ordinance of baptism on Easter Sunday. So the Easter celebration can be one of great joy at what Christ has accomplished, and in the privilege we have to live out his new life together.

In a very real way, the church is meant to be the Easter Community all year long. We live out the death and resurrection of Jesus as the very basis of who we are as believers. We reflect our fellowship with Christ by being the body of Christ together as the church. Let's remember who we are this season, even as we remember whose we are.



Baptist Youth Fellowship
**SUMMER CAMP
 FUNDRAISER**
 Sunday, April 8th
 During Coffee
 Fellowship

*Enjoy a few sweet treats and help send
 our youth to summer camp!*

DATE CHANGE!



**FROM WINTER
 TO SPRING!**

**A Masquerade Dance Fundraiser
 for the 2018-19 Trip to
 El Salvador**

NEW DATE:

Saturday, April 21, 2018

6 PM – 9 PM

First Baptist Church of Dayton

**Music • Dancing
 Refreshments • Silent Auction**

Tickets are on sale now!

\$15 each / 2 for \$25

**(\$10 for Students and FREE Admission for
 kids age 12 & under)**



Ladies Are Invited to a Baby Shower for Shannon and Kyle Brown

Oh, joy, a baby boy!

Baby boy Brown is expected to join us on June 1. Before he makes his world debut and fills his parents' lives with oodles of joy and zero sleep, please join us in showering Shannon and Kyle with love!

When: Saturday, April 14, 1 p.m.

Where: Home of Linda & Pete Thomson

4031 Hunters Brook Court

Dayton, OH 45424

Gift Registry: Target & Amazon

Lunch Provided!

RSVP to Linda Thomson @ 236-7173

Soup Volunteers Needed for Good Friday

On March 30th there will be a **Good Friday Walk** through Downtown Dayton from 12-2pm. This is an ecumenical witness for justice and peace issues based on the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Courthouse Square (Third & Main) and ends at First Baptist Church. Rain or shine, come for all or part.

Following the walk, **First Baptist will invite participants to enter through the sanctuary and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board asking for donations of soup to serve 10-12 and helpers to set-up, host, and/or clean-up. Or you may call/email the church office.**

February 2018 Financial Report

	Budget	Received	YTD Budget	YTD Received
Loose Offerings	416.66	74.11	208.83	106.11
Pledges	23598.50	16785.00	47197.00	58921.00
Non-pledged Contributions	2110.00	1170.00	4220.00	3309.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY April Celebrants

- 1 Kelley Bartlett, Kyle Brown, Ross Cunningham
- 3 Lynn Chadbourne, Ken Taylor
- 4 Tom Huguley
- 5 Shannon Brown, Benjamin Ryan
- 6 DeAnn Owens, Austin Williamson
- 7 Thomas Cooper, Hannah Craig
- 8 Casey Gruszecki, Treva Jenkins
- 9 James Hornbeck
- 10 Jean Forgy, Angie (Holmen) Jones, Gtain McDivitt
- 12 Chloe Ryan
- 13 Rachel Powell
- 14 Brad Kallenberg
- 15 Bill Gruszecki, T. J. Powell
- 17 Jacob Lindley
- 19 Robert Miles Curry
- 23 Virginia Oligee
- 24 Doris Landis, Meredith Ryan
- 26 Jason Hentschel
- 28 Bob Kerr, Gene Lee



Trustee Notes

The Board of Trustees is moving ahead with plans to complete the **memorial brick walkway** this year.

A **work morning** is planned for Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 to 12 noon to spruce up the outdoor area by trimming, mulching, and general cleaning up. All are invited to help!

Donations for 2018-19 El Salvador Trip

Each time we travel to El Salvador we take along with us various donations for our brothers and sisters at Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo and the community they serve. To help us gather donations, we will be asking for specific items in each month leading up to our departure in December. This month we are asking for donations of **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** (backpacks, notepads, pencils, ink pens, crayons, etc.). **There will be a clearly marked shelving area in the Fellowship Hall where donations can be placed.** Thank you for your generosity!



BYF Gatherings in April 2018

Sundays, April 8th and April 22nd
12:30-2:30

Youth in grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to join us for our regularly scheduled BYF Gatherings here at First Baptist, generally on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. We will have lunch together in the upstairs dining hall, and then have time for fun and fellowship.

For any/all BYF gatherings please RSVP to Pastor Jason at jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org to help us prepare enough food, etc. Parents, you can also email Pastor Jason if you have questions or would like to provide lunch for any of our gatherings. And friends are always welcome, but all BYF participants need to have a completed and signed *BYF Medical-Transportation* form on file (available outside the church office). Thanks!



Thank You from the Alma College Choir

Dear Bill:

The Alma Choir started our tour on Feb 23 and returned nine days later, tired but happy. From beginning to end the tour was a great success. The students had the experience I had hoped they would have — and we came home with the same number of students we started with!

Thank you for all you did to make our visit to Dayton so wonderful. You had everything arranged perfectly! Will you please pass on our thanks to the many families who provided the marvelous dinner and lunch, and to all the overnight hosts. I wish you could have been on our bus Sunday afternoon to hear the students talking about their homestays. Everyone was convinced they had had the best hosts!

On a personal note, I am very grateful for our friendship, and hope we can share many more musical moments. Let's start with getting you back up to Alma College next year to work your magic!

Will Nichols
Conductor, Alma College Choir



Last Call for Easter Flower Orders!

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 1st. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. Please turn in your order and payment by Friday, March 23rd. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church and note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line. To place an order, contact Linda by email or phone (lindablair@fbcd Dayton.org or 222-4691).

RSVP for the Palm Sunday Dinner

The Board of Deacons will be serving up a delicious ham dinner after worship on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Other menu items will include scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks. The cost for the meal is \$5/person; free for children under age 8. Let us know if you are planning to come!

Layreaders Wanted

Are you looking for a way to engage in worship more actively, but not sure how? Is Scripture more engaging for you, if you are able to read it aloud? Have you always wished that someone would ask you to read or tell Scripture and pray during the time of Offering? Consider this your invitation! If you would like to be added to the list of layreaders, please contact WMA chairperson, Mark Craig (937-371-9656). He would love to add you to the list. If you think you should be on the list already, but haven't been contacted in a while, check with Mark to make sure your contact information is correct. Mark is waiting anxiously to hear from you!

Volunteer Sound Technicians Needed

Ever have a secret desire to travel with a rock band and manage the soundboard? Now is your chance! We don't have a rock band. And, there is little traveling involved (except to church and back, which we hope you are already doing). But, we do have a soundboard, and we could use some enthusiastic and interested volunteers to help manage it for worship services and special concerts. No experience is necessary (helpful, but not necessary). Extensive training and guidance will be provided. If you have an interest in living out your soundboard dream, please contact WMA chairperson, Mark Craig (937-371-9656). We look forward to hearing from you.