

Staff

Bro. Craig Forque
Music Minister &
Associate Pastor

Bro. Sean Slate
Interim Youth Minister

April Van Driver
Terry Williams
397 7454

April Birthdays

- 1 – Sheri O’Neal
- 2 – Ethan Ghazanchian
- 3 – Suzette Endris
- 5 – Mark Skinner
- 6 – Jacob Suire
- 7 – Bonnie Hicks
Erin Hebert
- 9 – Anden Wilson
- 11 – Robbie Bailes
Aidyn Hoffpauir
Allisa Manasco
Aaliyah Manasco
- 14 – Cade Moore
- 17 – Loretta Poe
- 18 – Mellionee Flores
- 19 – Brycen Dowden
- 20 – Mitch Thompson
Cameron Endris
- 21 – LaVean Marze
- 23 – Karen Robertson
Kayli Cook
- 24 – Belinda Reed
Caleb Hurley
- 25 – Travis Brians
- 27 – Diane Barney
Kendra Moss
Leslie Moore
- 30 – Esther Stephens
Kenzie Cryer

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Deacon on Call

April 5-11, 2020
Leonard Endris
337 238 9217 (h)

April 12-18, 2020
Robert Pynes, Jr.
337 238 4222 (h)
337 208 6302 (c)

April 19-25, 2020
Randall Smith
337 238 9615 (h)
337 397 7733 (c)

April 26-May 2, 2020
Roger Rolon
337 238 2509(h)
337 397 0117(c)

May 3-9, 2020
James Ward
337 208 4381 (h)

**Until further notice due to
COVID-19
Sunday**

TV Sunday School Class only 9:45 AM can be
viewed on Suddenlink Channel 61 & streaming
on our Facebook page.

Sunday morning @ 10:45 AM and evening
Worship Service @ 6 PM can be viewed on
Suddenlink Channel 61 and streaming on our
Facebook page.

Wednesday

Testimony Service @ 6 PM can be viewed on our
Facebook page.

**When situations change, we will notify you. Until
then, may God bless you and keep you safe.**

FBC State of Affairs

2019 Monthly Budget Required	\$41,780.00
Received March 1, 2020	\$12,365.29
Received March 8, 2020	\$ 7,981.25
Received March 15, 2020	\$ 5,860.34
Received March 22, 2020	\$ 3,298.10
Received March 29, 2020	\$ 2,596.41
Total Received Month to date	

Sunday School Report

	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
Members Present	166	118	121	No Service	
Visitors	15	10	10	“	“
Worship Attendance	184	---	180	“	“

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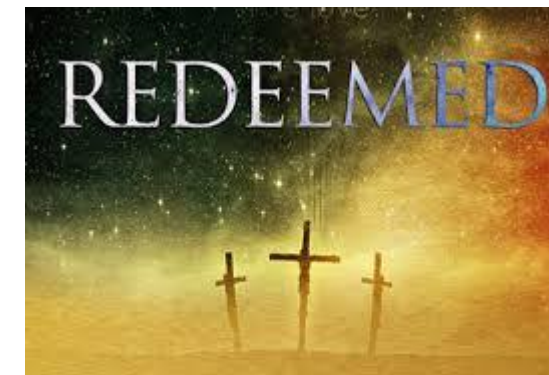
Serving God Loving People

Tapestry for April 2020 will be
cancelled in compliance with the
directive by our government officials
to “Shelter in Place.”
(May God bless you and keep you safe)

April Deacons’ Meeting
POSTPONED
Until the first Sunday Evening in
May due to
COVID-19.

State Children’s Honor Choir - **Cancelled due to COVID-19**

Easter Egg Hunt cancelled due
to Coronavirus.



Join us Easter Sunday morning at 6:30 AM
for a unique sunrise service-
(Drive In Church Service!)

Everyone must stay in the cars and if you come in a truck, no one can be in
the bed of the truck.

Bro Craig's Notes

"Unprecedented", that would be the word to describe the situation that we now find ourselves in. If you had told me a year ago that we would be in the situation that we now find ourselves in, I would have thought that it was some sort of bad April Fool's joke. Gatherings limited to 10 people; non essential stores and services closed; Churches meeting on-line; fear of visiting our loved ones because of the possibility of contaminating them or of becoming contaminated ourselves; alarming shortages of (of all things) toilet paper; cessation of organized sports and most other forms of entertainment; the rightful elevation of health care workers, truck drivers, grocery and food service providers as more important than high paid entertainers and athletes, all these have brought us to a place that we never thought we would be. Even though we were originally hoping that it would be over by Easter, it now looks like that will not be the case.

"Faith", that would be the word to describe the reaction that the we as Christians should have to this crisis. It would be very easy for us to respond in fear, but Joshua 1:9 tells us, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." As Christians, we should trust Jesus. Now, this does not mean to just throw caution to the wind. Remember, when Jesus first sent his disciples out into the world (the time before his resurrection) he encouraged them to be both wise and innocent. So, it important for us to respond to the situation around us with innocence and with wisdom, but most of all, it is important for us to respond with faith. That faith is what will give us peace even when the storm is swirling around us.

"Prayer", that would be the word to describe the best action that we as Christians can be doing right now. Elijah prayed and it didn't rain for three and a half years, and then he prayed again, and it rained. Moses prayed and God spared the Israelites in their rebellion. The church prayed and Peter was freed from his chains and from prison. Jesus prayed and Lazarus was raised from the dead. We serve a God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than all we ask or think. Let us not drop the ball by ceasing to pray for healing and/or protection from this virus and for God to move in the world around us. Let us be diligent in continuing to pray for revival in our own lives, in our church, our city, our state, our nation, our world.

"Opportunity", that would be the word to describe what God has given us in the midst of this crisis. In a world where people have less time and less interest in hearing the message of Christ than ever before, they are now in a place where they have nothing but time and they are looking for an answer. He has given us the opportunity and the means to provide that. Thank the Lord for our television ministry that has been able to reach people in their homes via channel 61 on Suddenlink. Also, Kaplan Rolon has been streaming services on Facebook and Walker Dillon has been doing the same on instgram. Tim Cyr has been working the television and sound booths. Joshua Forque and Kyle Smith have worked television cameras. Seth Forque and Robbie Giles have run projectors. Elizabeth Cyr and Daniel Arnold have provided instrumentation for music, and Sean Slate has led music and preached as needed. Thanks to all of these folks for their work in letting the message of Christ go forth in a dark time. You may not be aware that on Wednesday nights, we have been having the Wednesday Night Witness posted on our Facebook page and on youtube, in lieu of the regular bible study. This is simply a different way of trying to reach the world during this time by having one of our members share their own personal story of salvation and of God's faithfulness. Deedee Slate shared on March 25; Wanda Pynes shared on April 1, and Mike Corley is set to share on April 8. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Bro. Craig. Look for the opportunities that God is providing you to be the light in the darkness. This might be the very opportunity for the revival that we have been praying for.

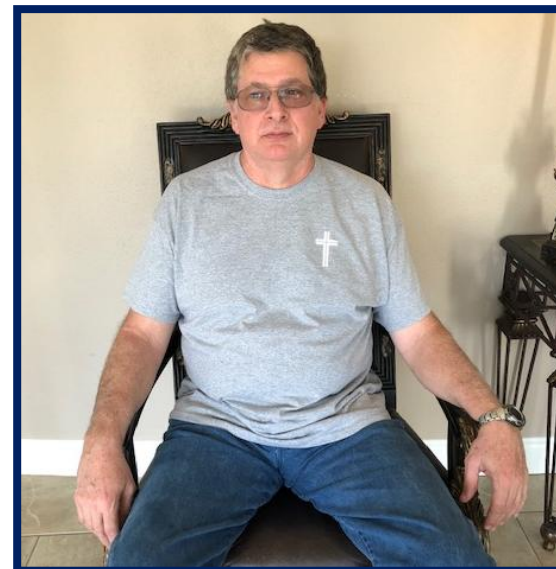
I know everyone is wondering, "What about Easter?" If the shelter at home order persists, we will provide the Easter Morning service as we have been doing the last couple of weeks, via Suddenlink, Facebook, and Instagram. However, we will try something different with the sunrise service. The Shelter at Home Order allows for "Drive Up" church services, and we will try to do this with our sunrise service. The regulations are that everyone has to stay in their vehicles. People who come in trucks cannot sit in the bed of the truck-the idea is still to keep social distancing. But it will be an opportunity to worship together in person. We will try this for a different kind of sunrise service than we have ever had before. So, I hope to be able to wave at you in your car at 6:30 AM on Easter Morning.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank God for wonderful revival services even in the midst of confusing times. Bro. Gene Douglas presented spirit filled messages that challenged our hearts, and as always, it was wonderful to have Brenda Douglas with him. Our Adult Choir did wonderful as always. I pray that this was the beginning of true revival in our hearts. Please be praying for Bro. Gene and other evangelists at this time as this is really the heart of the time that churches offer revivals and so many of them are cancelling.

I want to offer Christian sympathy to the Mary Hayes family in her homegoing ; to the Trelvis Thomas Family in her homegoing, and to the Don Scoggins family in his homegoing, and to the family of Ada Lou Haymon. Please continue in prayer for these precious families.

I want to say a word of congratulations to Corey and Mindi Cooley and boys in the birth of their precious little girl, Evelyn Elizabeth Cooley, on February 27. May we be a church that will love and encourage this young family as they raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Continued on page 2)

Welcome New Members



David Gordy



Frankie Howard



Love and Condolences to:

Randall Smith and family in the death of his father, Kenneth Smith.

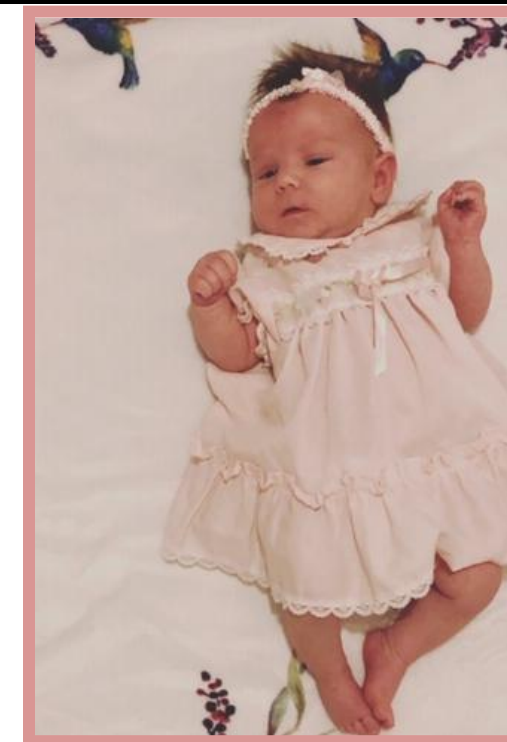
Sherrie Wiggins family who passed February 22, 2020.

Geraldine Crosby's family. Mrs. Crosby passed away March 4, 2020.

Ada Lou Haymon's family in her death March 3, 2020.

The family of Trelvis Thomas in her death.

The family of Don Scoggins in his death.



Congratulations to Corey & Mindi Cooley and boys on the birth of Evelyn Elizabeth on February 27 weighing 8 pounds and she was 21 inches long.

Bro. Craig's Notes (continued)

Parents of graduating Seniors, don't forget to get a thumb drive with photos of your graduate to me by April 15 if possible. We will be having a special service to honor them when we resume meeting together.

If you are wondering how you can continue to contribute to the ministry of FBC during this time, you can go to our church website listed on the front of this newsletter and follow prompts for on-line giving. You can also mail contributions to the church at FBC Leesville, P.O. Box 1568, Leesville, LA 71496.

Finally, let me say, that I love you all and I am looking forward to a great reunion very soon. Please call me at 225-287-3735, if I can do anything for you or pray for.

Remember, our God is always more than enough. May He bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:17 PM

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Comments: My wife and I were going through some of my dad's old papers today and found a bulletin dated April 18, 1943. I think my dad must have worshipped with your folks on that Sunday. I believe he did some of his training at Ft. Polk prior to his being sent to the South Pacific. I just wanted to thank your church, although there is likely no one from that era still there, for serving those young men as they prepared to serve our country. I'm sure many who visited you did not return, thankfully, my dad made it. It is good to see you are still serving God in Leesville. Sincerely, Dave Nelson, Moore, SC

(This email was received through the website, and we thought you would be interested in knowing that what we do here in Leesville, Louisiana for our Lord is carried down through the years.)