

first family

First Baptist Church
of Salisbury, North Carolina

April 7-13, 2020

223 N. Fulton Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

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“Light to Darkness” Service April 8 - 6:30 pm
Maundy Thursday April 9 - 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday April 12 - 11:00 am

Links for the online services can be found on our website and Facebook pages

Easter Services at First Baptist

From The Pastor

Dear Faith Family,

We've been adjusting to the reality of the Coronavirus for almost a month now. We are learning how to gather remotely for worship, Bible study, and a variety of other endeavors--even prospective pastor interviews! Ministry continues to be shared, including helping to feed Rowan County children during their spring break this week. Let's continue to pray for one another and look for opportunities to love loud for Jesus.

I want to thank the congregation for your continued faithfulness in supporting God's work through your tithes and offerings. Your heart for the Lord and His church shines through the cloud of this epidemic. Here are our financial numbers for March:

Monthly Budget Needs for March.....	\$134,615.40
Monthly Budget receipts for March.....	\$120,972.09
Monthly budget shortfall	(\$13,643.31)
Year to Date Budget Goal.....	\$350,000.04
Year to Date Budget Gifts.....	\$333,521.05
Year to date shortfall.....	(\$16,478.99)
Vision 2020 gifts: March gifts for 2020	\$11,643.20
Year to date 2020 gifts	\$47,404.46
Vision 2020 Loan balance (as of April 1, 2020)	\$189,594.07

Let's celebrate the fact that we now owe less than \$200,000 on the Vision 2020 loan and thank God for His goodness to us! Let's remember the challenge presented by the Trustees to pay the debt off before a new pastor arrives. Let's pray that God would enable and lead each member of FBC to continue to do their part as a member of the body of Christ.

- Pastor Jon

Annie Armstrong Offering

Many North American cities could reasonably be called pre-Christian. Even in the traditional "Bible Belt" Christianity is being pushed to the margins. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel.

The Church in North America is also the primary source for funding and sending missionaries, so the spiritual health of North America impacts mission work around the globe.

At the North American Mission Board, we see a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. With your partnership, we're committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses.

Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® provide support for thousands of missionaries. These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and meeting needs through compassion ministries. Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed.

The needs are great, but the living hope of Christ is greater. Thank you for reaching out with hope to your own community and for your passionate support for North American Missions.

Our 2020 Annie Armstrong goal for First Baptist Salisbury is \$20,000. That is an aggressive and optimistic goal for times such as these. But now, more than ever, people need the knowledge of the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Let's prayerfully give so that more will know Him.

To learn more: <https://www.anniearmstrong.com/about/the-mission/>

OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Salisbury First Baptist family is to intimately know Christ and increasingly make Him known through authentic worship, intentional nurture, spirited fellowship, and compassionate witness in our community and around the world.

Pastoral Ministry

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We plan to stream our services live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., and post it on our YouTube channel later in the day. We hope this will offer families an opportunity to worship together in a memorable way.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Novant-Rowan Medical Center is restricting hospital visits to family members only. Please be aware that in lieu of pastoral visits during this time, we will be required to make phone calls.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHURCH

With changes happening so rapidly, consult your email regarding any messages from the church. If we need to communicate, an email will be sent out to the congregation and membership.

Second Act Ministries

MARTHA'S CHICKEN & RICE SOUP

Free for senior members or those in need. Please contact Leslie at 704-213-4469 to make arrangements.

WEEKLY READ THRU THE BIBLE SCRIPTURES

Week of April 6-12

Monday - Judges 10-12
Tuesday - Judges 13-15
Wednesday - Judges 16-18

Thursday - Judges 19-21
Friday - Ruth 1-4
Saturday - 1 Samuel 1-3
Sunday - 1 Samuel 4-8

Week of April 13-19

Monday - 1 Samuel 9-12
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 13-14
Wednesday - 1 Samuel 15-17

Thursday - 1 Sam. 18-20; Ps. 11, 59
Friday - 1 Samuel 21-24
Saturday - Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
Sunday - Psalm 56, 120, 140, 142

Copies of the complete yearly schedule are available by email.



Mary Helen McCoy..... April 5, 2020

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to FIRST FAMILY, 223 N. Fulton Street, Salisbury, NC 28144-4223.

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information on church activities,
monitor your email, check our
website, or contact the church
office at 704-633-0431.**

Minister On Call: 704-798-0547

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 29, 2020

This Week's Gifts to Budget..... \$20,596.05
YTD Budget Gifts..... \$333,521.05
YTD Budget Goal..... \$350,000.04
Over/Under Budget..... \$(16,478.99)
Sanctuary Renovation Debt..... \$204,964.39

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