

## perspective



Can you believe it is already March?! The sun is shining, temperatures are starting to rise, and everything is covered in thick yellow pollen – Spring is here! Not only do I love spring for the changing of the weather, but also because it means Easter is almost here. Some of the most special and important times in the life of our church are the events of Holy Week and the worship on Easter Sunday. I wanted to quickly remind you of all the opportunities you have available to worship and celebrate the Risen Christ with us.

**Palm Sunday** – This Sunday is a preview of the celebration to come on Easter Sunday. This will be the first Sunday that Pastor Mark will return, and we will have a full orchestra, the children will process with the palm branches, and our hearts will be full of anticipation and joy.

**Maundy Thursday** – One of my favorite times of Holy Week is when we gather in the FLC around tables and share a meal as a church family. This is where we turn our hearts to remember the agony and pain of the crucifixion and the sacrifice of Christ. We will have a reverent and holy worship that includes hand washing, communion, and the draping of the cross. This will be a meaningful and moving service you won't want to miss.

**Flowering of the Cross and Egg Hunt**– If you've been in the sanctuary since Ash Wednesday, you've seen the large and imposing cross on the stage. It has been draped in purple, the color of Lent, and it will be draped in black during the Maundy Thursday service. On Saturday, however, the cross will be totally transformed with beautiful fresh flowers that will help us proclaim Jesus is alive on Easter morning! Please bring fresh flowers to the grassy area on our East parking lot near the parlor. We will start at 4:00PM sharp and once we let the kids go it will move FAST, so don't be late or you might miss the cross transformation! After the flowering of the cross, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It is such a fun sight to watch the kids hunt and enjoy their candy. You won't want to miss this special day!

**Easter Sunday Worship** – This is the cornerstone of our faith, and we will celebrate the Risen Lord! There will be **no** Sunday Morning Bible Study to allow families to gather as one and celebrate together! Plan to get to worship early as the sanctuary will be full of friends, families, and church members. Our worship will be the best it is all year as the orchestra and choir will lead out in joyful praise. Bring your neighbors and invite your friends, as you won't want to miss this amazing morning of worship and celebration! He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

Thank you, church family, for journeying in the wilderness with us during this 2024 Lenten season. I hope your hearts have been challenged and prepared to celebrate with us on Easter Sunday and all the Holy Week events!

*Walter Williams*

## PALM SUNDAY

March 24  
10:30 AM

Dynamic worship with children's processional of the palms.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28  
6:00 PM - FLC

Join us as we share a family meal together around the table, remember the events of Maundy Thursday and drape the cross in black. Communion will be celebrated.

## -HOLY WEEK 2024-

## FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

March 30  
4:00 PM - Parking Lot Grass Area

All church members are encouraged and needed to provide fresh flowers to decorate the large wooden cross. Adults come and participate or simply watch as the old, rugged cross is transformed into a living symbol. Children will have an exciting time decorating the cross and participating in an Easter egg hunt.

## EASTER SUNDAY

March 31  
10:30 AM

Bring your family and invite your friends to a glorious worship celebration.

\*\*No Sunday Morning Bible Study

## memorials & honorariums

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts have been given to the following Funds & Ministries of FBC:

**Building Fund  
In Memory of:**  
Richard Donovan  
Randy Ware  
Ernest Hudgens

**Building Fund  
In Honor of:**  
Mark and Aurelia Newton

**Valley Build Missions Fund  
In Memory of:**  
Rosalinda Velasquez  
Gayle Tompkins  
Concepcion Mortero Villanueva  
Marjorie Kidd  
Arine Anderson  
Garland McWilliams

**Valley Build Missions Fund  
In Honor of:**  
Lewis Kidd

**Organ Repair Fund  
In Memory of:**  
Ernest Hudgens

**Preschool Ministry  
In Honor of:**  
Bob Sowell

## Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1 in observance of the Easter holiday.

## Deacons for the month of March

Caleb Beames:  
936-404-4802 (cell)

Matt Lowe:  
936-366-0295 (cell)

Pat Oates:  
936-229-1182 (cell)

wednesdays@first  
Spring 2024 - Session 2

*"My Life... God's Grace"*

Sessions with FBC members sharing life stories of God's amazing grace.

WEDNESDAYS // 6:15PM // GAME ROOM  
(begins April 3rd)

### STAFF Spotlight

Title: Office and Pastor Admin. Asst.

Early Life: I was born and raised in Houston and moved to Lufkin in October 2012. I attended Houston Baptist University, now HCU.

Family: Caleb and AJ Beames

Favorite Vacation Spot: Disney or the beach

Favorite Movie: Cinderella has been my favorite movie since I was a little girl. I just wanted to have the princess fairy tale ending along with the big, sparkly ballgown.

Interesting Fact: I earned my Girl Scout Gold Award in 2005.



**STEFANIE BEAMES**

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### Wednesday Night Meals

- April 3  
Grilled Hamburgers
- April 10  
Firecracker Casserole
- April 17  
Pizza
- April 24  
Pot Roast
- May 1  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- May 8  
Stuffed Baked Potatoes

### Sympathy to

- Patricia Cabrera in the loss of her father, Concepcion Mortero Villanueva.
- The family of Gayle Tompkins.
- David and Kelley Moore in the loss of his brother, Alan Moore.
- The family of Rosalinda Velasquez (FBC kitchen employee).

### Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed during the lunch hour (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### Financial Report Year to Date

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Budget Needs       | \$331,968.30 |
| Budget Receipts    | \$319,826.77 |
| Building Fund      | \$27,258.35  |
| Other Designations | \$21,994.00  |
| Other Receipts     | \$40,408.06  |

### Staff

- Mark Newton**, Senior Pastor
- Katie Baker**, Minister to Preschool & Children
- John Lassiter**, Minister of Music
- Walker McWilliams**, Associate Pastor/ Minister of Missions
- Truett Newton**, Minister to Students



JOIN US

# EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 - 10:30 AM

(NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY)