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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

Monday, March 25
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 26
 10:00 AM The Margaret Williams Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27
 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday, March 28
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion

Good Friday, March 29
 No School
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 30
 11:00 AM Church-Wide Easter Fellowship

Sunday, March 31 - Easter
 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service followed by
 Easter Breakfast
 9:30 AM Easter Worship

Monday, April 1
 No School (Spring Break April 1-5)
 Church Office Closed

MEMBERS IN ACTION

<p>March 24</p> <p>Deacons of the Week: Dale Ellenburg, Offertory Prayer Anne Whitney, Visitor Outreach</p> <p>Children's Worship: Jeri Liles</p> <p>Nursery: Tracey Ramsey</p> <p>Security: Alan Oxendine and Greg Shore</p>	<p>March 31</p> <p>Deacons of the Week: Jeff Neal, Offertory Prayer Kelly Neal, Visitor Outreach</p> <p>Children's Worship: Children will remain in the service.</p> <p>Nursery: TBD</p> <p>Security: Charlie Ballentine and Chad Waters</p>
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JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
 March 24 - 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION
 March 28 - 7:00 PM
 (child care will be provided)

CHURCH-WIDE EASTER FELLOWSHIP
 March 30 - 11:00 AM

This time of church-wide fellowship will include a story time for children, Easter Egg hunt, and lunch. Bring a side or dessert and join us as we spend time together and prepare to celebrate Easter!
Please call the Church Office to sign up by Friday, March 22.

EASTER SUNDAY
 March 31

7:00 AM - **Sunrise Service followed by Easter Breakfast**
 9:30 AM - **Easter Sunday Worship**

From One Minister to Another...



Two-year-old Oliver Garza-Pena was on a shopping trip with his mom a few years ago when something unexpected happened. When the two of them entered the boy's clothing department at Target, Oliver whipped his wheelchair around to stare in awe at an ad above a clothing rack. In it was a boy like him: smiling while sitting in a wheelchair.

"He couldn't stop looking at it," Oliver's mom, Demi Garza-Pena, told *The Arizona Republic*. "I could immediately see that he knew he had just seen a boy like himself. Something he has never seen before," she said of the ad. "It made me realize that he needs to see more of this," Garza-Pena said. She snapped a picture of the moment.

The gospels tell of Jesus' post-resurrection encounters with his followers, and of his resurrected body bearing the scars from his crucifixion. In fact, it was the scars that convinced Thomas of Jesus' resurrection. "My Lord and my God!" he said upon seeing the wounds. Could it be that we identify with the wounds of Jesus?

In his book *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Philip Yancey writes:

"One detail in the Easter stories has always intrigued me: Why did Jesus keep the scars from his crucifixion? Presumably he could have had any resurrected body he wanted, and yet he chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?"

"I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus. When human beings fantasize, we dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and sexy ideal shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin was the unnatural state. The scars are, to him, an emblem of life on our planet, a permanent reminder of those days of confinement and suffering."

"I take hope in Jesus' scars. From the perspective of heaven, they represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, Easter turned into a memory."

"Because of Easter, I can hope that the tears we shed, the blows we receive, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones, all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. We will have re-created bodies, a re-created heaven and earth. We will have a new start, an Easter start."

May it be so.

Peace of Christ,

Josh

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

March 26 - 10:00 AM - Room 212

The mission focus for March
First Light Child Advocacy Center

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JACK JOSEPH STROUD

Born March 4, 2024

7lbs 4ozs

Proud Parents: Mitchell and Leigh Stroud

Grandparents: Tracey and Don Ramsey

Great-grandmother: Libby Hendrix

CONDOLENCES

Debbie Allen and family on the passing of her son, Jonathan Allen, on March 14, 2024.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

ANNIE ARMSTRONG AND CBF MISSIONS OFFERING

Through the Month of March

Given to Date: \$1095

BIBLE STUDY

LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 11
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Turkey and Dressing, Sweet
Potato Soufflé, Green Beans, Apple Dumplings

Please call the church office to make a
reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 4.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THIRD THURSDAY Senior Adult Ministry

Thursday, April 18
Noon in Fellowship Hall

Sonny Reed's Gardening Tips

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Hamburger Steak with Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Apple Cake

Please call the church office to make a
reservation by 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 11.

COMING SOON!

CHURCH

CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please call the church office or visit andersonfbc.org/community
to make reservations by 3:00 PM, Wednesday, April 24.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Graduate Recognition Sunday is rapidly approaching! If you have a student who is connected with our church and graduating this year from either high school or a post-secondary institution, we would love that information so we can recognize them on Sunday, May 5, in worship. Please forward their name, school, degree (if applicable), and future plans, along with a picture for the cover of the Beacon, to Sharon at sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org, so we can celebrate all of their hard work. Please have all pictures to Sharon by **Monday, April 26**.

