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LOVE GOD—LOVE EACH OTHER—LOVE THE WORLD

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Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus
Christ as we love, learn and live the
word of God.

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FBC Food Collection:

April—Soup

MAY—Cold Cereal

June—100% Juice Boxes or Large Juice



God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

Sunday, March 16th we bid Godspeed to Heather and Jared. Pastor Paul met Heather at a Karaoke bar and asked if she sings and the rest is history. She has been faithfully leading us in song, organizing and conducting the choir and sharing her musical gifts with us. She has played the trumpet, shofar, and piano. We received a double blessing when she and Jared got married. He joined her with playing the guitar and singing in the choir. God has called them to Hawaii. We sent them off with love and blessing. We pray for traveling mercies and that God prospers their ministry.



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World Day of Prayer

Kia orana (Key-ah-o-raah-nah) May you live long. May you live well. May you shine like the sun. May you dance with the waves – a Maori greeting from the Cook Islands

World Day of Prayer Service is a women led, global, ecumenical movement that takes place the first Friday in March every year. This year it was held at Baker Church. The women led us through the service which focused on the Cook Islands. The theme was Psalm 139 1- 18, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made. We learned about the people of the Cook Islands and heard stories about women who were strengthen by the Psalm. Marge Lowry read the scriptures and various women shared stories of three women from the Cook Island with the themes, God Knows Us, God is with Us, and God Made Us Wonderful. The congregation was invited to take a sea shell, put it in a vase and shared who was on their heart. The congregation responded by saying “God Made Us Wonderful”. It was very moving and heartfelt. The church altar and surrounding area was filled mementos of cloths, flowers, tropical hats, boats and sea shells. And the reception after the service featured food that represented the Cook Islands. Our offering totaled \$361 and there were 49 people in attendance. Women from Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of East Aurora, St Matthias Episcopal Church and St Nicodemus Lutheran Church participated in the planning and served. Next year, Elma United Methodist Church will be the host church. We hope you will attend next year.

Help for Haiti Continues

While setting up for the March birthing bag sewing event, a group of us looked at the supplies on hand and thought there was no way all those hats, onsies, pads, and blankets would be used. Were we wrong! The group of volunteers who came on the 6th worked steadily and utilizes all those supplies to fabricate and fill hundreds of clean delivery bags for the women of rural Haiti. Sewing machines buzzed, scissors blades clicked, baggies zipped, and strings strung. There was something for everyone present to do. We took a break for a healthy salad bar lunch and then went right back to work! At the end of the day Sue Allen and crew had filled more than a dozen large shipping boxes to send to Haiti. Well done, Volunteers! The next workday for Helping Hands 4 Haiti is Thursday, May 8, 9 AM-2PM. We will be making simple dresses, skirts, and fabric toys. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and beverages will be provided. All are welcome.

Souper Bowl Sunday

We delivered eight boxes and bags to FISH the week after our annual Souper Bowl Sunday (without the Bills in the Super Bowl). In those bags and boxes were cans and boxes of soup, vegetables, broth, noodles, rice, crackers, cereal, applesauce, and more. In addition, cash donations totaled \$145.00. That's quite a few meals for some of our needy neighbors. Thank you. Every week we take two or three bags of donated groceries to the FISH building. FISH puts out a list of suggested items for each church in the area for each month of the year. That helps them fill their shelves without having to purchase items to restock popular foods. Our suggested food items are listed in the LINK each month: March is tuna, and April is soup. Of course, anything is acceptable. Wouldn't it be great if we could fill five or six bags every week?

Fresh Flowers for Easter

There will be lilies, hyacinths and Easter mums decorating the altar on Easter Sunday. What better way to celebrate spring and the promise of new life with Christ. Please consider honoring or remembering a loved one by placing an order for an Easter plant and then taking your plant home for your Easter table or to plant in your garden. Order blanks are on the table at the back of the church. Orders can also be placed by calling the church office or Chris (655-1042)

Easter Services

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." Luke 22:19-20
Join us Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm as we gather in the church parlor to share this sacred meal in remembrance of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

The Walk An Interactive Experience of the Way of the Cross.

Churches Together invite you to join us Good Friday at noon at St Matthias Church, Main Street, East Aurora as we journey through the stations of the cross.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
Luke 24: 1-3



Easter Sunrise Service

On April 20th, Easter Sunday, at 6:45 am, we will gather in the large parking lot and celebrate that Jesus is no longer in the tomb, Hallelujah!! He defeated death and brings salvation and eternal life to everyone who put their faith in Him. The agony of the cross has been replaced by the ecstasy of the Resurrection. As Paul declared in his first letter to the Corinthians: ...*"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* 1 Corinthians 15; 54-57 ESV
Shortly after service we will gather in the parlor for refreshments. We hope you will join us.

Easter 11: 00 am Service

Join us as we will celebrate our risen Savior, Jesus Christ at 11:00 am. Our service will be filled with songs, joy, and good news, He Has Risen! Come celebrate with us.

Pastor's Thoughts

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

From the time of Moses, written laws have guided God’s people, providing structure and direction. The Ten Commandments, inscribed on stone, laid the foundation for moral living. Yet, even as the Law was given, God’s desire was never just for outward compliance but for inward transformation. He has always longed for His people to live out truth, not merely follow written instructions.

When Jesus walked the earth, He confronted a culture that had elevated the letter of the law above its spirit. The Pharisees meticulously obeyed every command but often lacked love, mercy, and true righteousness. Jesus rebuked them, saying, “*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me*” (John 5:39). His point was clear: knowing the words wasn’t enough—truth had to be lived.

Living truth means embodying God’s principles in our daily lives. It means loving God and loving others, not because we are commanded to, but because our hearts are transformed by His love. Paul captures this idea when he writes, “*You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone*” (2 Corinthians 3:2). We are not meant to be walking rulebooks but living testimonies of God’s grace.

There’s all the difference in the world between describing what it means to ride a bicycle and actually helping somebody get on the seat and pedal away. Making a cake seems to be fairly straightforward when I look at the recipe books, but I haven’t had much success in making one that actually tastes right! What I need is hands-on guidance: somebody to do it in front of me and then allow me to try my hand at it too. This doesn’t mean we discard Scripture. The Bible remains our foundation, but it is not meant to be a checklist; it is a guide that leads us into a deeper relationship with God. As we grow in faith, the written word becomes a living reality in us. We don’t just read about kindness—we practice it. We don’t just study forgiveness—we extend it. We don’t just learn about God’s love—we reflect it.

Jesus Himself is the ultimate example of living truth. He didn’t just preach about God’s love—He embodied it through His actions, His sacrifice, and His compassion. He is “*the Word made flesh*” (John 1:14), showing us that God’s truth isn’t meant to stay on the page; it is meant to be lived out in everyday life.

As followers of Christ, Easter reminds us that we are called to go beyond written instructions and live the truth in a way that draws others to Him. When people see us, may they not only hear words of faith but witness lives transformed by the power of the risen Christ.

What is EPP?

EPP is English Paper Piecing. It is a traditional hand-sewing technique where fabric pieces are wrapped around paper shapes, secured, and then sewn together to create intricate designs, with the paper removed once the shapes are joined.

Why do I need to know this?

Well, a group of 8-10 women meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the parlor. We gather to work on projects, share sewing techniques, and show our WIPs (work in progress) and completed projects. We are grateful to First Baptist for allowing us to meet in the parlor.

Want to find out more?

Come join us. If you enjoy hand sewing or want to learn the technique you are welcomed to join us. For more information contact Kathryn Smith.



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Please Pray For...

Tim Lowrey*

Jill Schuhmann

Adam Kamff

Kendall Johnson—Smith

Pastor Gary*

Geoff Begley

*Indicates illness

Happy April birthday to

2– Abigail Vorhis

3—Lois D’Archangelo

4—Doug Sernoffsky

8– Katie Kress

13—Sarah Dziak

21—Jackie Novick

24—Richard Wertman

25—Maria Wertman

27—Paul Stolzenberg

Happy April anniversaries to John & Meg
Hausauer , on the 4th and Jim & Jan Nowak on the
5th!!