



# First Baptist Church of Tellico Village

## WEEKLY UPDATE

March 16, 2023

### A WORD FROM YOUR INTERIM PASTOR

Why is faith so hard? The Bible speaks of the necessity of faith in relating to God. Trust, confidence, belief, are involved in faith. I recently read an article about antelopes in captivity. One would think that wild animals known for their speed and leaping ability would be difficult to control without tall, bulky fencing. But the opposite is true – most zoos successfully keep these strong beasts under control with modest fences. How is this possible? The theory is that these leapers instinctively jump great distances onto a landing which they can see but will not venture to leap to an area they cannot see in advance. Zoos and animal sanctuaries carefully construct their fencing on high ground or bordering nearby wide ditches, thus confusing the antelope. That's how it seems when God calls us to please Him by faith (Hebrews 11:6). We hesitate when we cannot see our way forward. After all, God never asks His child to take a 'leap of faith', only to 'walk by faith, not by sight'. He will never lead you where He has not prepared a safe place to land.

Brother Charlie

March 12

*"Watch, Work, Wake"*

Mark 13

### Pastor Search Team Update

The Pastor Search Team is meeting regularly to work out the logistics of the Zoom interviewing process. We will begin the Zoom interview process very shortly. One of our team members will be giving an in-person pulpit update this Sunday, March 19, at both services. Please pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will.

### Special Called Church Business Meeting – Online April 2, 2023

The purpose of the online meeting is to vote for a new Music Ministry Accompanist and Co-Chairs for the Missions Ministry Team to serve on the Leadership Council. Names to be given on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FBCTV Members will receive a request to vote via email on April 2.**



### Annie Armstrong Mission Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

At First Baptist of Tellico Village, we will be receiving this offering in February and March. You can use a regular offering envelope; please write the amount you are giving to AAEO in the Mission line on the envelope.



## Passover Seder Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday evening, after dinner, Rabbi Ritchey will be with us to teach and demonstrate a Jewish Seder. Some of you may be asking "What is a Seder?". Simply, it is a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial dinner for the first night or first two nights of Passover. Rabbi Ritchey is the Congregational leader at the Olive Tree Messianic Fellowship in Madisonville, Tennessee. Consider attending that evening.



## March 31, 6:30 p.m. "Running the Bases"

When a small-town baseball coach gets an offer to coach at a large school, he uproots his family and leaves the only home he's ever known. But as a man of faith, he soon faces opposition to his coaching style from the bitter superintendent. Through the turmoil, the season takes its toll on the coach and his family. Now faced with feelings of regret over his move, the question is, will his faith be enough to help him turn things around?

Come join us Friday night, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Mission Impact Celebration 2023 – April 28-30

The Mission Impact Celebration (MIC) is a weekend, churchwide celebration and conference of what God has done and is doing around the world reaching Internationals. Information, Tickets and Sign Up will begin Sunday, March 26.

DECLARE HIS GLORY



April 28-29-30, 2023

# LOUDON COUNTY CONCERT BAND

**SONGS OF THE HEART**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, AT 4:00 P.M.  
First Baptist Church of Tellico Village  
Admission is FREE. No tickets required.

## April Core Values Class

Core Values Class begins April 2. The three weeks of classes meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. at the Lindsay's home. During the study you will learn more about our church's purpose and core beliefs. Here is the schedule for the study: **April 2** – The Bible, **April 9** – Salvation, **April 16** – The Church & Connect and Serve.

Dinner is at 5:00 each week, followed by a time of teaching and discussion. Please let us know you are going to be a part of the Core Values Class.

If you have any questions, please contact Kem + Carol Lindsay, 704-913-6543, [klindsay@fbctellicovillage.org](mailto:klindsay@fbctellicovillage.org).

## Easter At First Baptist of Tellico Village 2023

Jesus' resurrection confronts the deepest fears of men. His disciples throughout history are challenged to be at peace, rely on His power and boldly proclaim the Gospel. Join us for each Easter Service to remember what Jesus has done for all of us.

April 2, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Services

April 7, 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

April 9, 7:30 a.m. Son has Risen Service followed by Breakfast\*

April 9, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Services

\*Easter Breakfast — to help know how many people are attending, you will need to **sign up on March 26 or April 2 by circling "E" on the bulletin tear-off.**



**Sunday Morning Coffee on the MOVE** – March 26 the coffee will be moving around the corner to the entrance nearest the Fire Station.

## Bible Studies – March 19, 2023

### Our Bible Study Classes on Campus

9:00 AM Studies

Rob Walker - Co-ed Class

Fellowship Hall

1 Corinthians

Nancy Christensen - Ladies Class

Classroom 200

Holy Spirit

Adult Bible Study - Co-ed Class

Classroom 100

Divided Kingdom

Wanda Henderson - Children

Children's Room

10:15 AM Studies

Open Arms - Co-ed

Classroom 100

Mark

Roman's XII Christians - Co-ed

Classroom 300

Hebrews

Wanda Henderson - Children

Children's Room

Wednesday Bible Study for Ladies

Fellowship Hall

7 Last Words of Christ

10:30 a.m. led by Kathy Freshwater

from the Cross

### Our Bible Study Home Groups

Bob and Joyce Wold

100 Okema Pl.

Sermon based discussion guide

Contact information — 224-239-7291 or [robertandjoycewold@gmail.com](mailto:robertandjoycewold@gmail.com)

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Sermon based discussion guide  
Contact information — 704-913-6543 or kem.lindsay57@gmail.com

### **A Call to Pray**

Sunday Morning Prayer Group	Classroom 300	8:30-8:50 a.m.
Monday Prayer Group	Library	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer Group	Larkin's Home	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Men's Prayer Group	Conference 600	10:30 a.m.
Friday Women's Prayer Group	Conference 600	10:00 a.m.

### **No Wednesday Online Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, March 15**

### **Wednesday Night Meal and Prayer Meeting – March 22**

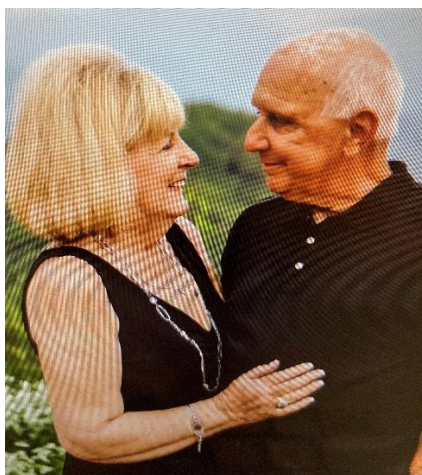


*Wednesday*  
**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

Biscuits  
California Salad  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Fried Chicken  
Coleslaw  
Assorted Desserts

**The cost is \$10 per person.** You can sign up by calling the church office (865) 408-0110, online at [www.fbctv.org](http://www.fbctv.org) or on Sunday morning circle “A” at the bottom of the bulletin tear off and indicate how many will be attending. Cash or check accepted on Wednesday night.

### **Welcome New Members Dick and Carol Davis**



**Joined March 12, 2023**



**Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Dave and Nancy Slaughter!**

## **Church Events**

March 19, 4:00 p.m. Loudon County Concert Band in Concert. No tickets required.  
March 22, Passover Seder - Rabbi Ritchey after Wednesday dinner  
March 29, David Crain (CRM) speaking after Wednesday dinner  
March 30, Golden Girls' trip to Cumberland Theatre  
March 31, 6:30 p.m. Movie Night "Running the Bases"  
April 2, Palm Sunday  
April 7, 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service  
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April 28-30, Mission Impact Celebration

## **Statistical Blessings**

### **March 12, 2023**

Bible Study	157
Worship	(9:00 a.m.) 94
	(10:30 a.m.) 204
Budget Receipts	\$24,433.98
Missions	\$2,335.00

## **Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: Closed

## **Contact Information**

Church Office	(865) 408-0110
Kem's Cell	(704) 913-6543
David's Cell	(865) 335-1543
Charlie Campbell's Cell	(865) 304-4257