

April 2024  
Vol 44

# The MESSENGER

INSPIRE ■ INFORM ■ ENCOURAGE

# BLUEGRASS & BBQ

Sunday, April 28  
@ 6 pm

## a note from Pastor Brian

The writer of Hebrews wrote in Hebrews 12:1-2, "Therefore, since we have a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hinderance and the sin that so easily entangles us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of God." This has been our focal verse this year at Marietta First Baptist Church. We are already in the month of April. My prayer this year has been that we as a church family would run with "endurance" the race that lies before us. We will be finishes the book of Hebrews in the first few weeks of April on Sunday mornings. We will return to the book of Romans this month. I am also praying that we will continue to reach a lost a dying world with the greatest news we have which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must do "whatever it takes" to be the church that God has called us to be. Please pray about ways that you can connect with the ministries that we have at Marietta. May God continue to bless each and every one of you!

Pastor Brian

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@ 6 pm

MUSIC PROVIDED BY **NEW RIVER**

WE'RE TAKING DONATIONS TO BUY  
PORK BUTTS FOR THIS EVENT.  
SEE BRIAN IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP.

A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE  
ACCEPTED FOR  
CAMERON'S HOUSE

## SERVANTS ON CALL APRIL

### DEACONS

- Roger Stegall - 561-5376
- Jamie Epps - 419-3927
- Matthew Wilkey - 630-7673
- Chris McCarrell - 905-5574

**F.A.S.T. TEAM MEETING** Apr 21 / 4:30 pm / Adult 5

## APRIL Birthdays

- 1 Jo Singleton
- 2 Nancy Welborn  
Debbie Epps
- 5 Nancy Plumblee
- 6 Nancy White  
Michele Pirie  
Kathy Wilkey
- 8 Angela DeWease
- 9 Jeff Grant
- 11 Lucy Lark  
Margaret Ballenger  
Jake Youngblood
- 12 Iris Cisson  
Collier Garrison
- 13 Tasha Cisson  
Deborah Hinson
- 15 Shanye Snow  
Lily-Ann Crisp
- 16 Lilly Poore
- 17 Mark Stroud
- 18 David Craig  
Ben Nix
- 19 Ashley Looper
- 20 Mark Garrett  
Holley Tankersley
- 21 Alexandra Durham
- 22 Kelly King  
David Timblin
- 23 Kim Green
- 24 J.W. Minter
- 25 Kevin Hinson
- 26 Lauren Johnson
- 27 Ema Crum
- 28 Benny Ford  
Sam DeWease
- 29 Retta Looper
- 30 Liz Nix

# Baptism Service

April 28 - 9:30 am Service

See Brian For Details



Thanks For Giving  
To Our  
Free Bibles  
Ministry!



## SALT

SENIOR ADULTS LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY

## GAME DAY

IN THE PARLOR

April 2 & 16



## Love Thy Neighbor

MEAL MINISTRY April 3 & 17



# THE Lighthouse

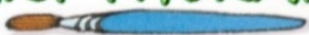
## APRIL SCHEDULE

### SET FREE TUESDAYS @ 6:30 PM

- Apr 2 - Celebration Night
- Apr 9 - Regular Meeting
- Apr 16 - Regular Meeting
- Apr 23 - Regular Meeting
- Apr 30 - Regular Meeting

### DAY ACTIVITIES Apr 9 & 23 10 AM - 1 PM

### ART THERAPY



Apr 8  
@ 6 PM



## GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Site Training  
April 23 / 8:30 am - 5 pm

# ADULT PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 20 / 8 am - Until

All Proceeds Go To  
CAMERON'S HOUSE OF HOPE

Come Join the Fun & Fellowship!

- 01:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball
- 02:** 9:00 am, SALT Game Day  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 03:** Love Thy Neighbor  
6:30 pm, Organizational Night  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)  
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- 04:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 07:** 9:30 am, Worship Service  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 08:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball  
6:00 pm, Art Ministry
- 09:** 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 10:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 11:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 14:** 9:30 am, Worship Service  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:30 pm, Evening Worship
- 15:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball
- 16:** 9:00 am, SALT Game Day  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 17:** Love Thy Neighbor  
6:30 pm, Mid Week Service
- 18:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 21:** 9:30 am, Worship Service  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 22:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball
- 23:** 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 24:** 6:30 pm, Ignite
- 25:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 28:** 7:30 am, Sunrise Service  
9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 29:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball
- 30:** 9:00 am, SALT  
6:30 PM, Set Free

**WORSHIP CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR APRIL**

- 03..... Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 07..... 9:30am Worship
- 10.....Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 14..... 9:30am Worship
- 17.....Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 21.....9:30am Worship
- 24.... Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 29.....9:30am Worship

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. -Col.*

3:16

**MFBC**  
**BUILDING**  
**and GROUNDS**

**Meeting - April 25 / 7 pm / Conf. Room**

**Storehouse** **APRIL**



**REGULAR SIZE**

**DRIED  
BUTTER BEANS  
OR  
PINTO BEANS**

**STOREHOUSE WORKERS**

**EVERY WEEK WORKERS** Nancy Welborn / Dorothy Thompson / Gary Glenn  
Ronnie Hipp / Johnny Foster

- APR 4** Edwina Ervin
- APR 11** Zeb & Jo Singleton / Bobby Harbert / Teresa Dyer
- APR 18** Doris Albright / Beverly Ford / Woody McJunkin
- APR 25** Judy Chambers / Gwen Chambers / Olivia Chambers  
Jeanne-Marie Tipton

# Widows & Widowers — LUNCHEON — Hosted by Your Deacon Servants

Sunday, April 14  
Right After Sunday School  
In The Fellowship Hall

Sign Up In The  
WELCOME CENTER



CREATION  
MUSEUM

## SALT Trip Interest Meeting

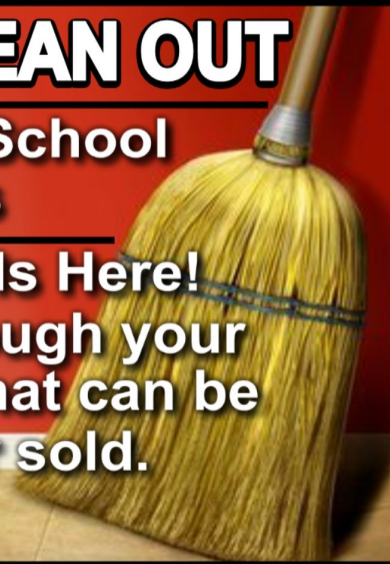


Interested in a trip to the Ark & Creation Museum?  
April 7 / After Sunday School / In The Sanctuary

## CHURCH-WIDE CLEAN OUT

Church Staff / Sunday School  
& Ministry Leaders

Spring Clean Out Time Is Here!  
Time to start going through your  
storage areas to see what can be  
trashed, reorganized or sold.  
Details Coming Soon!



COMMUNITY  
**IGNITE!**  
STARTS BACK  
APRIL 24

Whatever  
it Takes

TRBA  
Development  
Training

Saturday  
April 13  
9 am - 2 pm

See Brian  
For More  
Details



## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Our gym will start opening at night on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 pm on April 9th. Right now, this will be for Church Members only. We plan on opening back up to our community on Tuesday, May 7th.



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the Storehouse  
**SERVE NIGHT**  
**APRIL 25TH**

APRIL 19 | 7PM (EDT)

SECRET CHURCH 24

THE BOOK OF **RUTH**

Marietta  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

INDOOR SOCCER CLINIC

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH**

K5-2ND GRADE: 6:00-7:00PM  
3RD-5TH GRADE: 7:00-8:00PM

2936 GEER HWY.  
MARIETTA, SC 29661  
(864) 836-3518  
MFBC-SC.ORG

BRING YOUR OWN SOCCER BALL IF YOU HAVE ONE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

# Christ's Kidz Ministries

## Nursery Workers

SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7  
Jeanne-Marie Tipton

Sunday, April 14  
Kailyn Wilkey

Sunday, April 21  
Kathy Wilkey

Sunday, April 28  
Emily Wilkey

## Preschool Children's Church Workers

SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7  
Beverly Ford & Evy Craig

Sunday, April 14  
Kayla & Corbin Cannon

Sunday, April 21  
Ali & Ema Crum

Sunday, April 28  
Amy Logan & Ady Craig

## Grades 1-3 Children's Church Workers

SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7  
Debbie Holtzclaw & Danielle Payne

Sunday, April 14  
Matthew & Emily Wilkey

Sunday, April 21  
Emily Moats & Kendra Cox

Sunday, April 28  
Kim & Walker Craig

# STRAWBERRY COBBLER

## ingredients

- STRAWBERRY MIXTURE**  
 3 cups fresh ripe strawberries, hulled & diced  
 ½-¾ cup granulated sugar
- COBBLER CRUST**  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 2 teaspoons baking powder  
 ½ teaspoon sea salt  
 ½ cup granulated sugar  
 1 cup whole milk, warm (I used almond milk)  
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

## directions

Preheat oven to 375. F. Grease a 1.8-liter casserole dish and set aside. (my oval baking dish was 11 x 8½ x2)  
 In a medium bowl, add strawberries and sugar, tossing until syrupy. Set aside.  
 3 cups fresh ripe strawberries, ½-¾ cup granulated sugar  
 In a large bowl whisk together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar.  
 1 cup all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon sea salt, ½ cup granulated sugar

Add in milk, vanilla extract, and melted butter.  
 1 cup whole milk, ½ teaspoon vanilla extract, 8 tablespoons unsalted butter  
 Stir gently just until combined. (A few lumps are preferred, so don't over stir, or your crust will be dense instead of fluffy.)  
 Pour batter evenly into the prepared dish.  
 Using a slotted spoon, spoon strawberries evenly on top of the batter, leaving extra syrup in the bowl. Do NOT stir.  
 Baked for 35-40 minutes on the middle rack or until golden brown. (may need to adjust time if using a different size dish)  
 Remove from oven and let cobbler rest for a few minutes.  
 Spoon into a bowl and top with vanilla ice cream if desired.

**BILLY GRAHAM**

NEW INTRODUCTION BY FRANKLIN GRAHAM

**WHO'S IN CHARGE**  
 of a  
**WORLD THAT SUFFERS?**

TRUSTING GOD IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

Book recommendation:

Who's In Charge of a World that Suffers? Author Billy Graham

This book is a perfect book for right now! I would encourage you to check it out. It is teaching us to trust God in difficult circumstances.

## For The Record March 2024

Morning Worship, 9:30 A.M.

03: 279 10: 222 17: 245 24: 256 31: 346

Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

03: N/A 10: 143 17: 81 24: 171 31: N/A

Tithes and Offerings:

<u>Reg. Budget</u>	<u>Bldg. Fund</u>
03: \$22,966.00	\$691.00
10: \$13,187.50	\$662.00
17: \$10,802.00	\$397.00
24: \$12,451.00	\$595.00
31: \$20,013.00	\$726.00

\*Some dates or financial info may not be available at the time of printing.

Your **Church Staff**

*We're here to Serve!*

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**Dr. Brian L. Spearman, Senior Pastor**

**Scott Holtzclaw, Worship & Administrative Pastor**

**Stephanie Epps, Interim Worship Leader**

**Chandler Moats, Associate Pastor of Families & Discipleship**

**Tedd Barnette, Building & Special Projects Coordinator**

**Melissa Crum, Administrative Ministry Assistant**

**Carol Ellis, Financial Ministry Assistant**

**Rachael Snow, Nursery Coordinator**

**Jessica Newman, Christ's Kidz Junior Assistant**

**Office Hours 8:30 am–1:30 pm M-F**

Church.....836-3518

Child Development Center.....836-7027

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Hebrews 12: 1-2

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