


If the resurrection isn't true, we are fools and our faith is useless (1 Corinthians 15:14). If the resurrection is true then there is life after death and we need to take the claims of Jesus seriously. We welcome you to our Easter Service. We have been making our way through the Gospel of John this year and we are in chapter 20 today. We hope you will do more than take a casual glance but truly investigate the evidence for if the resurrection is true it changes everything.

We offer 4 Services today (two are going on simultaneously, worship and student center). After John's Gospel, we are doing a short message series entitled; "We are the Body." We will take three Sundays and consider what the church should look like and be doing in the community. We have even picked a Sunday, April 22, where we will head out after a Sunday afternoon cookout to go serve those in need. We would love for you to join us. We are in the process of putting together a list of projects, if you have an idea email scheri@fblex.org.

Thanks for coming. You are welcome here and we hope to become your friend.

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9:00 AM Celebration Service
10:30 AM Contemporary Service

Please help us create an atmosphere for worship...

- Take a moment to silence your mobile devices.
- We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Take advantage of our Preschool & Children's Ministry.

New to FBC?

How to become a Member

Before joining FBLEX, we ask that you attend our "Discovery Class." In this class you will become familiar with our history, beliefs and different ministries.

Next class is May 20th in the Student Center Conference Room. One day class from 9:00 - 11:45 AM. Sign up at fblex.org.

Small Groups - Join one today!

Happy Easter to you! Life Groups will not meet today. Let's share the message of our resurrected Lord with someone today.

April 22 -- Will be a day of Church Wide Community Service. We are asking all of our Life and Home Groups to decide upon a mission or service project your group would like to do together on that day.

Need help connecting at First Baptist, please stop by and meet with our friendly staff at Connection Point in the Lobby. Someone would be happy to guide you. We can also be reached at (803) 957-0686 Ext. 115 or Reynold@fblex.org

No Wednesday Events April 4

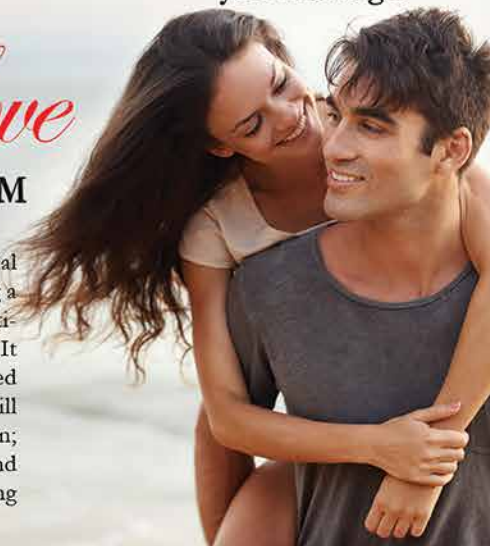
Preschool - Puggles & Awana Cubbies.....	6:30 PM
K5-4th Grade - Disciple Zone.....	6:30 PM
5th - 6th Grade - Area 56.....	6:30 PM
Jr./Sr. High - the Fallout (Student Center)	6:30 PM
Adults - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 PM
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center).....	6:30 PM

Building Homes of Love

Looking to strengthen your marriage?

April 11 - May 30 at 6:30 PM
(In the Upper Room)

Gina Votion, a licensed professional Christian counselor, will be teaching a Wednesday night marriage class entitled, "Building Homes of Love." It will feature an 8-week Christian-based curriculum where participants will learn the art of couple conversation; personal and couple wellness; and how to have a lasting and satisfying marriage. **Childcare provided!**



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES... BEGINS APRIL 15



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEXINGTON PRESENTS...

The LeFevre Quartet & Jordan River



APRIL 29 AT 6 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM)

A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN AT THE END OF THE CONCERT.

Holy Land Trip

Members of our church traveled to the Holy Land in 2016, walking where Jesus walked. Many have expressed interest in another FBC Trip. If you are interested, please email your contact information to Scheri@fblex.org. The tentative plan is for a Fall 2018 or 2019 trip, based on member interest.



Volunteers Needed

Our kitchen crew is looking for a few new members to volunteer on Wednesday nights as we provide a meal for our church. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Shafer by calling or texting 803-446-9486.

Volunteers Needed!

2018 High School Graduates

High School graduates will be recognized May 20 during the 10:30 AM service. In Realm, go to events and scroll on the calendar to May 20th and select the "High School Graduate Recognition" event and provide graduate information OR scan the code using the QR Reader on your phone/device (no Realm account required). Deadline is May 6. Questions, contact theresa@fblex.org.



Spiritual Spotters

Zechariah 14 - 1 Corinthians 1-4. Reading schedule and Spiritual Spotters group list is available at the Men's Table in the side Lobby. Join in on one of the groups!



Cafe' Wednesday - 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 AM (Student Center) and 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall) will not meet this week as our families enjoy spring break together. Our next Bible Study Series begins on April 11, The Beatitudes: Keys to A Blessed Life.



CWP Meeting

Our security team is comprised of police officers [active/retired] and military personnel. They make up our A team. The B team will be comprised of CWP holders who qualify and attend training. **All CWP folks who are carrying must attend a briefing either on April 8th or 15th at 12 noon in front of the Sanctuary (even if you do not wish to be on the security team).**



"We Are the Body"

Upcoming Message series: "We are the Body."

- April 15-** Hands and Feet
- April 22-** Heart that Serves ("love on Lexington" community project).
- April 29** - Mouth that Speaks.

Financial Peace

FBLEX will be offering a Financial Peace Class beginning Sunday April 15, from 5 - 7 PM. This class will meet in the Ladies Room Upstairs of the Worship Center. Childcare will be provided for all sessions.

To register and order materials for this class visit fblex.org and click on the Financial Peace University link.

Men's Ministry



Men's Breakfast...Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 AM. \$3.00 at the door and no charge for kids. We'd like to share some news about our Men's Ministry with you!

Prayer Need?

If you have a pressing prayer need, fill out a prayer card (pew pocket) and place it on the altar at the invitation. The prayer team will lift your request to the Lord. If you would like to be a part of the prayer team, email Noel Fields (fun4fields@aol.com).

Connect Card

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift of chocolate covered pecans.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Sub-division: _____

Phone (home): _____

His: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Hers: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

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Did your children attend with you today?

Yes No

Please check all that apply:

First-time Guest Returning Guest

Regular Attender FBC Member

Visiting Family/Friends

New to the Community

Looking for a New Church Home

Married Single College

How did you hear about us?

I would like information about:

Beginning a relationship with Christ

Baptism

Membership at FBC/Discovery Class

Life/Home Groups



2018 College Grads

We would like to recognize our 2018 College Graduates on May 20 during the 9 AM service. If you would like to be included, please email Theresa Parker at theresa@fblex.org.

Counseling Center

Are you or someone you know in need of counseling services? If so, contact the church Counseling Center at 1-803-957-0686 ext. 125 or email jason@fblex.org.

Women's Ministry

A ladies craft night will be on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be selling spaces for this event on Sunday, April 8 & 15 in the Worship center foyer. Spaces will be limited. More details will be provided soon. For questions, email women@fblex.org.

Celebrate Recovery

We have a Christ-centered 12-Step recovery program to help people deal with their hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Join us on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM and find your safe place to heal. Contact Jason if you have any questions. jason@fblex.org

Service Project Days

April 22 after the second Service, we will have a hotdog cookout at noon and head out with your Life/Home Group or your family to do an act of kindness. Wear your work clothes to church. You will need to line up your project (ideas: help a disabled person with yard work, plant flowers at the entrance of a school, love on a nursing home, do house repairs for a needy couple or widow, deliver a meal for a shut in, etc). You will need to do some prep work so get started lining things up. Take a picture (hold smartphone long ways) & email to mmartin@fblex.org.

Weekly Update

Last Week's Attendance:

Worship AM.....944
 Life/Home Groups.....587
 First Time Guests.....3

Last Week's Giving:

General Fund **\$34,747.58**
 Budget Goal to date..... \$408,000.00
 Giving to date \$409,594.89
Missions **\$2,476.00**
 Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$48,000.00
 Missions Budget Given to date..... \$46,828.70

Message Series: The Gospel of John
Today's Scripture: John 20

We will work our way through the passage, meet Mary Magdalene, watch John and Peter have a foot race to the tomb, gather with the disciples behind locked doors and take note of John's purpose for writing this Gospel.

John 20:1-18

1) A struggling woman becomes a devoted _____.

a) When following the Lord, don't let the unknown _____ you. God specializes in moving large boulders.

• Take a look at the tomb, what do you see?

- Blepo – a _____ glance.
- Theoreo – to _____ carefully.
- Horao – to _____, comprehend.

2) Ordinary men are _____ out into a broken and needy world. (John 20:19-29)

- Notice Jesus' first words: _____ be with you.
- Vs. 21 – just as my Father sent me, I am _____ you.

3) John wrote his Gospel so you might _____ and have _____ life. (John 20:30-31)

Three titles:

- Jesus – He was a _____.
- Christ - _____.
- Son of God – He is _____.

Next Week: "The Suffering of the Son of God" series (John 21)
"Failure Isn't Final." Have you ever felt like you have messed up so badly that God will not be able to use you again? Peter could definitely relate to this after denying Jesus three times. It was important to Jesus that He let Peter know his time was not over and that God had plans for him, even after denying Jesus. Perhaps God wants to encourage you next week, as well. No matter how badly you have messed up, God has a plan and failure is not final!

Listen to sermons online at fblex.org/resources

OUR PURPOSE
LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD

