



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Don't Miss the Cross on Your Way to the Tomb

The season of Lent is underway and we journey together up the difficult road ending at the cross atop Golgotha. This journey is a very personal experience, but it is not taken in isolation. We take these steps together. You have heard me say this before, but it bears stating again: we will celebrate an empty tomb on Easter Sunday at the end of this month. We will rejoice together in the victory Jesus has won – over death and over sin. But we must not rush to the empty tomb to see the stone rolled away without first stopping at the foot of the old rugged cross.

We find it difficult; we find it painful to look on that cross and what it means. And we should. What happened there was horrific – made even more so in knowing we are the reason Jesus was there. So, we recoil from the sight and sounds. But do not rush past the cross to get to the empty tomb. Take time this Lenten season to contemplate the sacrifice of Jesus. Take time to think about where you would be

without Jesus and His offer of mercy, forgiveness, and salvation. I want to challenge you to consider what Jesus has done and give Him the praise and gratitude He deserves. Commit to live each day as worship – serving Him. One way you can do this is to look around for needs that need to be met. Who in your daily sphere of influence needs an encouraging word or a smile? Who around you needs Jesus? Begin praying for them today. Look for ways to invite them to church. Look for ways to share Jesus with them.

I can't think of a better way to honor Jesus and His sacrifice than to bring others to Him!

Be a blessing!  
Brian



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### BOOK CLUB MEETING

*March 17, 2024 @ 5:30PM*



Join us in our next book club read as we move from an Agatha Christie mystery to an American thriller. In the latest Brad Thor novel, America's top spy is sent to war-torn Ukraine after a Russian military unit comprised of violent, insane criminals goes rogue. Multiple American aid workers have been killed, and Havarth is sent to contain the unit before any more deaths occur. Discover whether he will be able to find the men in question and stop them before more killings occur.



# IT'S ABOUT THE MOMENTS

#EveryMomentMatters

I received a text from The Station Church - urgent need for men's and women's clothing. I put out a message on a group text of just a few friends. The next day we were able to deliver 6 large bags of clothing. Pure joy to us as we were able to see the expressions on faces and witness their thankfulness in that **moment**.

EVERY  
MOMENT  
MATTERS

At a birthday party of Braxton's classmate, I told the father about Upward and wonderful kids church. I invited them to church!

I read the Bible every morning Monday-Friday with Braxton before school to talk about Jesus.

On Saturday, your youth minister loaned four of his youth who were at Disciple Now to help with yard work at Koinonia. They were great help and I really appreciated their efforts. Plus, it was fun getting to know each of them.

## BAPTISMS

Braxton Cheek, Maevyn Solis, & Luke Streich  
baptized on February 11, 2024



# WORSHIP CENTER FLOWERS

March 3  
Given by Sherri Randol  
in memory of  
Dr. Steve Hartwick

March 10  
Given by Linda  
Weldon in honor of all  
of the great members  
of Adult 5 'Wild Bunch'  
SS Class

March 17  
Given in memory of  
John Wilson and Penny  
Diane by Barbara, Patti,  
and Craig

March 24  
Given by Veronica Weaver  
in memory of a  
wonderful husband,  
Jonathan Craig Weaver

March 31  
Given by Nick Soliz  
in honor of Easter



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Lisa Franklin

Earl & Marilyn Kronk

Timothy & Nicole Potter

Ricardo & Ariana Zavala



## MODERN WORSHIP

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE  
LAUNCHING  
April 7, 2024  
11:15 AM  
FIRST CORPUS @ THE CHAPEL  
JOIN US AND CHECK OUT  
THE NEW SERVICE!

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Please pray for our food pantry ministry as they meet and serve families in need each week in our community. Pray that God will use this ministry to meet both physical and spiritual needs. If you are interested in serving with this ministry, contact Ed and Mary Jo Cooke.



# DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND 2024



# EASTER EVENTS

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MARCH <span style="font-size: 36px; font-weight: bold;">28</span>	Maundy Thursday Service 6PM	
MARCH <span style="font-size: 36px; font-weight: bold;">29</span>	Good Friday Tenebrae Service 6PM	
MARCH <span style="font-size: 36px; font-weight: bold;">30</span>	Arise N Run 5K 8AM  Journey to the Cross: A Family Easter Experience 10:30-12:30PM	 
MARCH <span style="font-size: 36px; font-weight: bold;">31</span>	Easter Sunday Worship 10:45AM	

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# Arise-N-RUN

## Easter Wknd 5k Run

5k Run & 2M Walk | Sat. March 30, 2024

**First Baptist Corpus Christi**  
**3115 Ocean Drive**  
**March 30, 2024 / 8:00 AM Start**

Come enjoy this beautiful USTA certified course along Ocean Drive with bay views. Family-friendly event including post-run awards ceremony. Hosted and organized by First Baptist Church since 2004.

**EARLY BIRD PRICING** (received by 3/27/24)  
 \$25.00 /adult  
 \$20.00 /age 17 and under  
 \$30.00 late registration as of 3/28/24

**AGE DIVISION AWARDS**  
 Overall Male and Female  
 Top 3 Male & Female in age groups  
 Runners (Male & Female):  
 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19, 20-24,  
 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54,  
 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70& over

**T-SHIRTS**  
 Dri Fit T-shirts are guaranteed to all pre-registered participants. Not guaranteed for late registrants.

**PACKET PICK-UP**  
 Packet pick-up is Friday, March 29, 9 a.m. to 4 pm at the Frist Baptist Recreation Center located behind the church. (Late registration available at packet pick-up.)

**DOOR PRIZES**  
 Several door prizes will be given at the awards presentation. You must be present to win.

SCAN ME



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# Journey to the Cross

An Easter Experience for Families

MARCH 30, 2024 | ELMORE HALL

JOIN US ANYTIME FROM 10:30AM-12:30PM!

# Welcome March

## WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

### MONDAYS

#### Flower Ministry • 8:30am-11am

Help to break down the worship center flowers and deliver to our members who are unable to attend services. To participate, contact Glenda Bailey @ 361-986-9793.

#### Pickleball • 9am-12pm

#### Ceramics • 9:30am-2:30pm

This is strictly ceramics – some molds and slip available. (No pottery wheels.) Beginners welcome!

### TUESDAYS

#### Library Open • 9am-4pm

#### 55+ Basketball • 11:30am-2pm

#### Open Basketball • 2pm-4:30pm

#### Bible Study Fellowship • 6:15pm-8:15pm

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Preschool Play Day • 9:30am-11:30am

Free and open to children kindergarten and younger. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Pickleball • 11:30am-2pm

#### Choir Rehearsal • 6:45pm

This is the perfect time to see if music is a fit for you. All are welcome to attend our weekly rehearsals!

### THURSDAYS

#### Déjà vu Crew • 9:30am

Come join the rowdy group playing Mexican Train at the Rec Center!

#### Sewing Ministry • 10am-12pm

#### 55+ Basketball • 11:30am-2pm

#### Open Basketball • 2pm-4:30pm

#### Street Ministry • 7pm

To participate, contact Jeff Chilcoat @ 361-944-8952.

### FRIDAYS

#### Food Pantry • 9am-11am

We are a distribution site for the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Help us serve our community.

To participate, contact Ed Cooke @ 361-991-8253.

#### Pickleball • 9am-2pm

### SATURDAYS

#### 55+ Basketball • 9am-11am

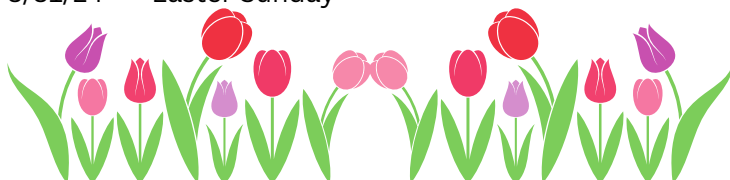
### SUNDAYS

#### Bible Study • 9:30am

#### Worship Service • 10:45am

## NEW THIS MONTH

- 3/1-3/24 Women's Retreat
- 3/10/24 No SND
- 3/15/24 Parents' Night Out
- 3/28/24 Maundy Thursday Service
- 3/29/24 Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- 3/30/24 Arise N Run
- 3/30/24 Journey to the Cross:  
A Family Easter Experience
- 3/31/24 Easter Sunday



### Upcoming Golf Fellowship | March 2, 2024

8:00 am Tee time, please sign in by 7:45 am

Contact Billy or Jerry Jo Largin to register

For more info 361-737-1653 or [jjlargin@yahoo.com](mailto:jjlargin@yahoo.com)

NO ENTRY FEE - Regular course greens fees and cart fees apply. Team Placement & Individual Proximity Prizes. Mulligan tickets available & Mulligan ticket drawing for a free round of golf.



2024 Dates  
March 2, June 1, August 3, October 5



# Senior Adult Newsletter

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## Elmore Class News

March will begin with a Women's Retreat at the Mustang Island Conference Center March 1-3, a Golf Fellowship at 8:00 am March 2, Daylight Savings Time on March 10, and the official arrival of Spring on March 19. The Arise-N-Run 5k and 2 mile walk will be held on March 30 with an 8:00 am start.

Happy 99th birthdays to Faye Smith on March 1st and Janet Bobo on March 31st.

We send our deepest sympathy to Tillie Abrego on the death of her brother Oscar Escamilla and to Helen Gaines on the loss of her son, Danny Dobbs.

Please continue to pray for the following members of our class who are ill and unable to attend bible study and church: Pat Stewart, Faye Smith and her son Don; Ellen Rossi and her friends Susie and Bonnie; Margaret Parks and her daughter Susan; Quince and Bettie Mitchell; Mamie Medlin; Marie Marshall and her sons; JoMae London; June Littlefield; Helen Lingo; Lila Huling; Kim Huling; Jody Heymann; Peggy Hall; Richard and Brenda Guerra and Brenda's daughter Aimee and grandchildren Annalee and Ethan; Clydell Gilmore; Helen Gaines and her sister

Linda Woods; Shirley Eads; Ray Duvall; Barbara Dufrain; Burford Duckworth; Faye Creely; Dr. Joe and Carolyn Christina; Patsy Bucey; Janet Bobo; Lucile Biles and her son-in-law Cedric Peters; DonEtta Beaty; and Elaine Bates.

Please continue your prayers for the April 7 launch of the Modern Worship service. Volunteers are needed.

Thought for the day: Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change. Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change!

## Open Door Class News

The focus of the Open Door class is serious Bible study. Singles and couples are welcome.

Most of the members of the Open Door class are retired business people, teachers, medical workers, military personnel, and attorneys. And now that they are retired, many of them have exciting hobbies. We have musicians, singers, quilters, carvers, scrapbook and greeting card creators, bakers, fishers, bird watchers, and more. Recently, two of these hobbyists have made contributions to our classroom.

## Open Door Class News (continued)

Audrey Ferguson has been doing needlework much of her life. This includes sewing bibs, baby blankets, aprons, quilting, embroidery, and counted cross stitch. She is famous for her stuffed bears. She recently finished 11 months of work on a counted cross stitch of the Last Supper. It is now installed in our Sunday School classroom.

Less than two years ago, our director Bill Humphries took up painting with watercolors after he was gifted a set of the paints. At this point for fun, he really enjoys copying things he sees in print. He has donated three framed prints for display in our classroom.

At the last church craft show they shared a booth to sell her stuffed bears and his watercolor greeting cards.

Please drop by room 156 in the Adult Education wing and take a look at their work. You won't be disappointed.



## Happy Birthday

- 1 Richard Ingraham, Fay Smith
- 3 Marsha Wheless
- 4 Jo Ingraham
- 5 Jan Barber
- 7 Dan Smith
- 8 Hattie Dunlap
- 9 Hyla Lott, Mary McComb
- 10 Raymond Tovar
- 15 Jeanette Gordon
- 16 Carolyn Burch
- 20 Mary Nell Day, Tommy Strealy
- 22 Charles Moore, Butch Pressley
- 23 Dick McAvoy
- 25 Melinda Lyles
- 27 Margaret Schroeder,  
Susie Zdansky
- 30 Larry Hutchinson
- 31 Janet Bobo

## Happy Anniversary

**Bill & Andranette Humphries**  
March 21, 1981