



April 2021

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A Message from the Pastor

Yeah!!!! The mandate was lifted this month! Facemask and social-distance standards have been relaxed and we are a little closer to "normal." However, just because a "mandate" has been lifted does not mean that we stop being vigilant. Covid-19 is not over. Please, maintain social distancing as much possible, be diligent in using the hand sanitizing stations located around the church, wear a mask if you would like and be respectful of the decisions of others.

One mandate that will never be lifted is the Lord's mandate:

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

To that end, congratulations to the Outreach Committee for holding a remarkably successful Resurrections Eggstravaganza! Hundreds from our community attended and were treated to an incredibly fun time and all heard the gospel!!

All the ministries of the church are firing on all cylinders! Go, FBC Seabrook, go! Both the Men's Monday study and the ladies Elijah study have been well attended, Wednesday evening services are a blessing to those who attend in person and those who watch on the internet. The Community Garden is coming along nicely! Saturday Young Adult study is doing awesome as well. It's amazing watching you all serve the Lord!

Let's talk Sundays for a moment. Have you noticed that our worship seems different? I have. God's Spirit is being manifest in each of our services and it is evident! Praise the Lord for a skilled and dedicated worship team! This is not limited to the sanctuary; the Children's department is rocking every Sunday! And the youth? WOW!!!!!! GOD IS GOOD!

Do you have any idea how blessed I am to be able to say, every day, with all sincerity;

Psalms 122:1

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

God bless,
Pastor Rob

April Calendar

Thursday, April 01

- VBS registration open for all

Friday, April 02

- Good Friday Service at 7 pm

April 03 — 04

- Youth Lock-in

Saturday, April 03

- Live Stream Phil Wickham Concert at 8 pm

Sunday, April 04

- Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am
- Lord Supper and TWO Celebrate Easter Family Services at 9:30 & 11 am

Wednesday, April 14

- Church Council Calendar Information Deadline

Tuesday, April 20

- May Newsletter Deadline



Saturday, May 01

- Church Garage Sale

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	1st Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 AM.....	Children's Church **starts April 11th	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Berean Adult Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	Youth Bible Study	1506A Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Annex
9:30 — 10:30 am	Women's Sunday School	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	1st Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Monday

6:30 pm.....	Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 pm.....	Young Adult Fellowship	1506A Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Annex

Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Kid's Club (PreK—6th grade)	1506 Bayport Blvd. (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades)	1506A Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Annex
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Saturday

6:30 — 8:00 pm	Young Adult Fellowship & Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd. (Hwy 146)
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Regular Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281 or 281-474-3282. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible or email fbceabrook@yahoo.com.

April 2021 Tellers

Apr. 04.....	John & Cheryl Harrison and Mike & Cindy Treece
Apr. 11.....	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Apr. 18.....	John & Cheryl Harrison
Apr. 25.....	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett, Linda Long

<i>Tithes & Offering</i>	
<i>A look at the church finances...</i>	
General Funds	
February 2021 Contributions	\$24,064.00
Building Fund	
February 2021 Contributions	\$18,684.00
Missions Fund	
February 2021 Contributions	\$200.00

*Thank
you for
your
faithful
giving!*



Do you need prayer?

We will be happy to pray for you!

Send Us Your Prayer Request

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Birthdays

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Mark Fancher
Colleen Thomas
Ashley Pettyjohn
Lee Rodriquez
Juliet Wall
Sally Williams
Luke Kerry
Mike Treece
Mary Lyon
Michael Stephens

Michael Clark
John Streeter
Colleen Jackson
Cairyn Thomas
Louise Abernathy
Scooter Miller
Rick Martinez
John Mayes
Ellen Snow



Good Friday Service
April 2nd
7:00 PM



FBC-Seabrook South Parking Lot

Family Easter Celebration Services
April 4th at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Come celebrate Easter with us on Sunday, April 4th at 9:30 or 11:00 AM. There will be no children's church or pre-k church on this day so families may celebrate together (nursery and the cry room will be open).

Sunday, April 4, 2021



OBSERVANCE OF
**THE LORD'S
SUPPER**

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service



Men's Monday Night Ministry
Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship
Meets Every Monday

6:30 pm ~ Snacks, 7:00 pm ~ Bible Study
Dinner and fellowship immediately following bible study

Deadline
for May 2021



Tuesday
April 20

IMPACT

Student Ministries

6TH - 12TH GRADE
YOUNG DISCIPLES OF FBC SEABROOK

IMPACT Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade)

IMPACT Student Ministry Sunday School meets every Sunday, 9:30—10:30 am in the Annex.

IMPACT Student Ministry Wednesday Discipleship and Activities
Youth meet in the Annex starting at 6:30 pm and ends at 7:30 pm.



Things are certainly changing. We are noticing new families and the return of many others now that COVID restrictions have been lifted here in Texas. It is truly exciting!

Youth are in the process of moving from the modular/portable building to the Annex. This is by no means a small undertaking. Extensive re-modeling needs to be done before we can completely move in. With that said, we have already started the process of restoration. It will not be an overnight fix, but I believe it will be worth all the hard work in order to give the teens a fairly permanent place to meet.

We also witnessed the passing of Spring Break 2021 and enjoyed a very busy and fruit-filled week of activities and trips. We were able to take a trip to Surfside Beach and taught a few in the group how to body surf. We were also generously treated to a fantastic lunch provided by John Mayes at El Toro Mexican Restaurant in Clute. Next we had a community pizza party at Meador park behind the church and made a lot of new friends. We also took a 7+ mile hike through the beautiful Seabrook trails ending up at Pine Gully Park and then back to the church. We ended the week on Saturday (after the fabulous Resurrection Eggstravaganza) by having a small water balloon fight with 2 three-man launchers and a few balloons.

We are looking forward to our Easter Lock-In on April 3rd — 4th. It will be a fun and God-filled all-nighter that will include a live stream Phil Wickham concert and a bunch of other games and activities. We will end the Lock-In with our youth here at the sunrise service to worship our GREAT GOD.



YOUTH LOCK-IN

Saturday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm thru Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 am
FREE ♥ fun ♥ food ♥ games ♥ on-site & off-site activities ♥ Concert
SIGN-UP TODAY! PERMISSION SLIPS REQUIRED!



Live Stream Concert

Featuring

Phil Wickham

Living Hope Night of Worship

Saturday, April 3, 2021

8:00 – 9:30 pm

at First Baptist Church of Seabrook

FREE!! EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

Congrats to all our winners of the 14th Annual Skip-a-beat

Chili Cook-Off!



Congratulations to Jennie Kivch who not only took 1st place but beat our 4 year reigning champ. Deacon John Mayes came in 2nd, Pastor Rob Purdy took 3rd and Alli Mayes and Janice Gardner tied for 4th. Joni Roubion won The People's Choice and was given a \$50 gift certificate to El Toro's Mexican Restaurant.

Thank you to all who participated and especially the hospitality committee for their stellar work and assistance.



CALENDAR INFORMATION DEADLINE
Wednesday, April 14

The Church Council will be planning for the busy summer months of May, June, July and August. It is imperative that the servant leaders, administrative staff and all Ministry/Committee Leads and Directors take the time to plan for these months.

The purpose of the Church Council is to correlate and coordinate the activities of the church, in other words... plan and outline the church calendar.

Vacation Bible School 2021



Mark your calendars!
June 7—11, 2021
9:00 am — 3:00 pm

VBS will look a little different this year, but we are planning to make it happen with COVID protocols in place. Pre-screening for fever and symptoms for everyone must happen daily before anyone is admitted. The number of kids per class will shrink. Frequent handwashing and sanitizer will be available between classes. There will be no Friday Family Night and there will be a more thorough list of protocols as we get closer to June.

VBS is open to all kids going into Kindergarten through the 6th grade for the 2021/2022 school year. We will also be accepting youth volunteers (7th—12th graders) to help assist the teachers and leaders. REGISTRATION forms are available in the church foyer and online at fbcseabrook.org.

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to sign-up as soon as possible. We always need teachers and assistants for all class levels and all the different ministries such as recreation, lunch crew, music, missions etc. We also need a team dedicated to sanitizing and cleaning routinely throughout the day. Please sign-up to volunteer before March 31st.

Keep checking the website www.fbcseabrook.org for continual updates. Also, please prayerfully consider volunteering as a teacher or leader this year as we always need willing hands to help. Contact Ashley VanDerbeck, VBS Director, for any questions at 281-844-4546 or fbcseabrookvbs@yahoo.com.



Church Garage Sale

Saturday
May 1, 2021
8am — NOON

VOLUNTEERS are needed before the garage sale to pick up donations, receive donations at the church, organize and price items. **VOLUNTEERS** will also be needed on the day of the garage sale from 7am until everything is cleaned up. There will be a sign-up in the hallway of the church building. Please sign-up to volunteer! Proceeds from the garage sale will benefit our Mission Fund.

Donations will be received throughout the of April. To schedule a drop-off, schedule a pick up your donations, or if you need more information contact John Henry at 713-591-3840.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fellowship ♥ Sharing Jesus
Monday Nights at 6:30 pm

Young Adult Fellowship & Bible Study

The Book of
JAMES
VERSE BY VERSE

Saturdays at 6:30 pm
Nursery is available 6:30—8:00 pm

YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY



April 2021 Lamplight - Please Wait

It's been a couple of "Please Wait" days for me. Have you ever noticed that "Please Wait" days always happen when you are in a hurry? I am usually a patient person, except when the little spinning circle shows up on my computer and tells me to "Please Wait." I must admit that patiently waiting for technical issues to clear up is not my spiritual gift.

A few days ago, I watched that little spinning circle for almost five minutes. Then my computer notified me that a restart was needed. I clicked restart and then waited for a few more minutes when a black screen appeared with some computer language that basically meant... your computer has crashed. Did I mention that this happened on a brand-new computer?

After a few hours on the phone with tech support, I learned that my new computer somehow lost its operating system. In other words, my computer had lost its mind. The good news is that I had only been using the computer for a few days, so there was not much of my data to lose.

A tech support person helped me install a new operating system; however, I think this computer needs to be returned to the store. In my opinion, a computer that loses its operating system is a computer that will probably lose my files.

So here I type... on my 13-year-old computer... as I "wait" for my new computer to remove my personal information. There must be a lot of activity in the background because the "Please Wait" circle is spinning, spinning, spinning.

Life is a series of starts and stops sprinkled with a lot of hurry up and wait situations. By nature, we prefer activity. We don't like to be put on hold. We hate traffic and we don't like standing in lines. So... now we have call-waiting, traffic lights, self-checkout, and any number of express-delivery services.

By the time this article goes to print, the Women's Bible Study group will have completed the Elijah study. God's plan for Elijah required a lot of obedient waiting. Elijah waited...

He waited at Cherith until God told him to go to Zarephath.

He waited In Zarephath until God told him to go to Mount Carmel.

He waited for the people to gather at Mount Carmel.

He waited for the false prophets of Baal and Asherah to grow weary of crying out to their false gods.

He waited for the fire.

He waited for the rain.

Isaiah 40:31 – *But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

God uses moments of waiting to grow and strengthen our faith. We may not be able to see clearly, but God is accomplishing His plan in the background.

2 Peter 3:9 - *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

There may be a lot of obedient waiting in our future, but it's okay... we have a promise-keeping God who finishes what he starts.

Revelation 22:20 – *"He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."*

Wait for it...

Remember this, you are loved, and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ, Cheryl

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Sunday Services 8:15-9:15 AM..... Adult Bible Study 9:15-9:30 AM 1st Adult Coffee Fellowship 9:15-10:30 AM 1st Nursery 9:30-10:30 AM..... Berean Adult Fellowship & Women's Sunday School Class 9:30-10:30 AM Youth Sunday School 9:30-10:30 AM 1st Worship Service 9:30-10:30 AM Children's Church *beginning April 11th 10:45-11:00 AM 2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship 10:45-Noon 2nd Nursery / Children's Church / Pre-K Church 11:00-Noon 2nd Worship Service				1  Worship Schedule	2 7:00 PM  GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday Church Office Closed	3  YOUTH LOCK IN "THE SLEEPLESS SLEEP OVER" 6:30 pm through 6:30 Sunday morning
4 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 9:30 & 11:00AM Celebrate Easter Family Services	5  6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	6	7 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Youth Group Bible Study (6-12th grade) Kid's Club (PK4 - 6th grade)	8	9	10 6:30 PM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Bible Study
11 New Study Begins 9:30 am Women's SS Class 	12  6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	13 Church Council Calendar Information Deadline is tomorrow	14 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Youth Group Bible Study (6-12th grade) Kid's Club (PK4 - 6th grade)	15	16	17 6:30 PM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Bible Study
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25	26  6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	27	28 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Youth Group Bible Study (6-12th grade) Kid's Club (PK4 - 6th grade)	29	30	GARAGE SALE ALERT! 8am -- NOON

