


Thank you for all your help last Sunday (Easter). I was thrilled to see you greeting, loving and making our guest feel valued and welcome. We enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating the resurrection. Our attendance was 1373 in our 4 Services. We met some new folks, made some new friends and we shared the Gospel message. Let's be in prayer that many of our guests will return and that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in hearts.

We are going to finish our study in the Gospel of John this morning. I hope you enjoyed John's eyewitness account and got to know Jesus better. We are moving on to "We are the Body" series. We will be talking about how we are the hands, feet, heart and mouth of Jesus. We want to do more than talk though; we will head into Lexington (April 22) and demonstrate the kindness of God. Your challenge: find a project you and your small group or family might be able to accomplish together. We will come to church in our work clothes that day (April 22), provide a quick lunch (hotdog cookout) and head out to accomplish out act of kindness.

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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!

All our Life and Home Groups return this week. Being a part of a Small Group helps you to grow and connect with others. People of all ages, stages of life, and spiritual maturity are welcomed.

Mark your Calendar! April 22 – 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.

Stop by and meet with our friendly staff at Connection Point in the Lobby. We can also be reached at (803) 957-0686 Ext. 115 or Reynold@fblex.org

This Wednesday Night at FBC

Menu: Ravioli Casserole and garlic bread.
 Dessert | Marcos Pizza, Potato Bar, Salad Bar and Hot Dog Bar.
 Prices: \$4 (ages 13 and above), \$2.50 (ages 6-12), \$1.50 (ages 3-5)
 2 and under are free. (Family max of \$15.00)

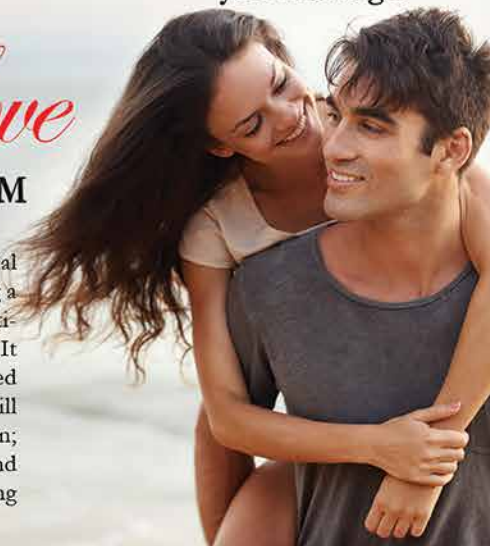
Preschool - Puggles & Awana Cubbies.....	6:30 PM
K5-4th Grade - Disciple Zone	6:30 PM
5th - 6th Grade - Area 56.....	6:30 PM
Jr./Sr. High - the Fallout (Student Center)	6:30 PM
Adults - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 PM
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center)	6:30 PM

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!**



Ladies Craft Night

Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 PM
 in the Fellowship Hall



- Come join us and paint a wooden cross to hang on a wall or door of your home
- Activities will include the craft, dinner, and a devotion from Gabriela Bargeron
- Cost will be \$20 per person; sign-up will be required & available in the worship center foyer between worship services on Sunday, April 8 & 15
- Spaces will be limited; payment will be required at sign up

Event hosted by FBLEX Women's Ministry Team, email women@fblex.org for any questions



"We Are the Body"

Upcoming Message series: "We are the Body."

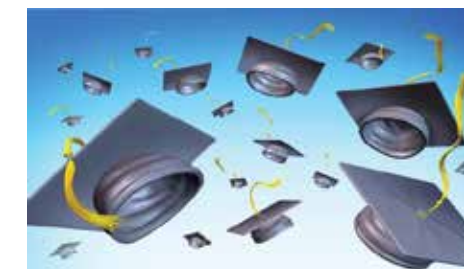
- April 15- Hands and Feet
- April 22- Heart that Serves ("love on Lexington" community project).
- April 29 – Mouth that Speaks.

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.

College Graduations



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.

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).

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).**



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.



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

1 Corinthians 5-9. Reading schedule and Spiritual Spotters group list is available at the Man UP kiosk in the side Lobby. Join in on one of the groups! Learn more by attending the MAN UP breakfast on April 28, 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.



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

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 AM (Student Center) and 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall) we will begin a new study in the Matthew 5 on the Beatitudes: Keys to A Blessed Life. This week we will introduce our series by looking at what it means to develop the attitude of a disciple.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 28, 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. \$3.00 at the door with no charge for kids. Come experience what's up in our revamped Mens Ministry with the spotlight on Spiritual Spotters and The Man Cave as well as other upcoming events.



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.

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



We Need Your Input

The counseling center continues to grow and plan for the future. We are excited about how God is blessing our ministry and expanding our reach into the community. As part of this process, we are developing a new "name" for the center and would like your input. Please visit <http://www.fblexcounseling.com/name/> and provide your suggestions for the center's name today!

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.

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 Love on Lexington projects (possible 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 to a shut in). You will need to do some prep work so get started linin things up. Take a picture (hold smartphone long ways) & email to mmartin@fblex.org.

Men's Anxiety Group

Are you interested in an opportunity to meet with a licensed counselor about anxiety issues over lunch? Contact Reid for more information at 478-984-6949 or reid21381@yahoo.com

Weekly Update

Last Week's Attendance:

Worship AM.....1373

First Time Guests.....3

Last Week's Giving:

General Fund \$42,353.24

Budget Goal to date..... \$442,000.00

Giving to date \$451,948.13

Missions \$3,129.00

Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$52,000.00

Missions Budget Given to date..... \$49,957.70

Message Series: The Gospel of John

Today's Scripture: **John 21**

Failure is not Final! Have you ever felt like you blew it and that God could not use you anymore? If so, you will relate to Peter in today's passage. We will see how Jesus sought him out and wants to seek us out to let us know that failure is not final!

• **The reality of Peter's failure.**

• Failure as a _____.

Luke 22:59-62

• Failure as a _____.

John 21:1-3

• **The response of Jesus to failure.**

• He _____ us.

John 21:4, John 21:15

• He _____ us.

John 21:6, John 21:12

• He _____ us.

John 21:17-19

• **The restoration after failure.**

• _____ our limitations.

1 Corinthians 10:12

• _____ forgiveness.

Ephesians 4:31-32

• _____ our faith.

John 21:15-17

• _____ on our mission.

John 21:20-23

Next Week: "We are the Body." Jesus has ascended and has sent the Holy Spirit to empower the believer. We are to accomplish Heaven's work on earth. The world gets to know God by observing our actions. We are to show His love and proclaim His truth. We are not just to come to church but we are to be the church. We huddle together for worship and instructions and leave to carry out God's game plan.

Listen to sermons online at fblex.org/resources

OUR PURPOSE
LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD



The Gospel of John