

The Flora Scope

MARCH 2020

The mission of FBC Flora is to lead people to Seek, Serve, and Share Jesus Christ.

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To our new Church FAMILY at FBC, Flora . . . WE ARE SO EXCITED!!!

First and foremost, I want to thank the Lord for His faithfulness in all of our lives, especially over these last several months of this faith journey that we've been on with you, our new Church FAMILY! Your Pastor Search Committee treated us with such love and support throughout this process as we all fervently prayed through this decision. We loved our Country Woods FAMILY so much, and wanted to be absolutely sure that we were clearly hearing the Lord's voice in our decision. The committee members were patient, compassionate, and understanding as we sought the Lord's will together with them.

But, **GOD HAS SPOKEN** (Isaiah 30:21)! And we are **THRILLED** that He made it clear to us and to you that it is His will for us to join with you, our new church FAMILY, in doing the work of the Great Commission here at FBC, Flora! I am so thankful that He has called me to be your Pastor! I truly believe that God has some incredible plans for us as we seek Him and His direction for our Church and community.

Vicki and I are looking forward to getting to know you in the days ahead. We can already tell that our love for you as our Church FAMILY is going to grow deep in the days to come, and we can't wait! I'm a big coffee drinker, so just let me know when and where you want to meet for a cup, and we will make it happen!

So, let's get ready, Church! Let's pray **BIG**, seek Him with all of our hearts, obey Him completely, and step out in faith confidently! There's no time to waste because **PEOPLE NEED THE LORD!**

I love y'all, and am so honored to be your Pastor...

In His Grip,

Jon



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DEACONS MEETING
 March 11 - 7:30 p.m.

POINTS FROM POWELL...

“Seeing the people, Jesus felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field.’”
Matthew 9:36-38

“My commandment is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12

“Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not do what I say” Luke 6:46

The month of March finds us in the season of Lent and in the Season of Prayer for North American missions. The emphasis in the Lenten season is to remember the life and teachings of Jesus. He displayed compassion and love to all. And He commanded us to go and make disciples. He commanded His children to love one another and to love the unlovely. Jesus commanded us to meet the needs of others. We are challenged to have the heart of Jesus, to be His hands and feet. During the Season of Prayer, we need to do more than pray and give to the offering. These are so very important, but we can't stop there. We want to see others as Jesus' sees them. To recognize that God created them all and Jesus died for everyone. What are we called to do?

40 DAYS OF LOVE AND PRAYER

Lent is a season on the church calendar that is similar to Advent. It began on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and lasts until Easter, April 12. The 40 days, not counting Sundays, are to prepare us for Easter, they symbolize the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness and the traditional 40 hours He spent in the tomb. This is a time of spiritual preparation during which we remember the life, teaching ministry of Jesus. It is a time of confession, repentance and sacrifice to remind us of the love, grace and sacrifice of Jesus.

During the season of Lent all members of FBC are encouraged...

1. to intentionally Pray for our Church, our mission and ministries.
2. to covenant and commit to spend 30 minutes in prayer daily.
3. to seek new areas of service and worship.
4. to share “**LOVE**” as we put our prayers and faith into action.

SONSHINERS *Mature Adult Ministry*

SONSHINER LUNCHEON: Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 10. One of our own, Tina Lakey, will be our speaker. This will be a covered dish meal and we will enjoy a wonderful time of food and fellowship. Plan to be here and invite a friend!

JOYFUL NOISE: We will sing in March on the 5th at the Blake and the 19th at Magnolia. The bus will leave at 9:15 a.m. We will wear our usual outfits of white shirt and black pants. We are always looking for more folks to come and minister with us. Come and join this great group.

SPRING TRIP: There is still room on the bus for our April 27 – 29 trip to Branson. We will travel on a charter Bus from BSCI and spend 2 nights at the Hilton Promenade Branson Landing. The NOAH show is the main focus of the trip and we will go to the Tuesday afternoon matinee. There will be plenty of free time to shop and explore! We will share several meals together! As well as other surprises. The trip is Monday to Wednesday and the cost per person per room will be: Double - \$440; Triple - \$385; Quad - \$360. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due by February 24.



New Staff Position Approved

In the Quarterly Business Meeting on February 19, the Deacons and Personnel Committee brought a recommendation to add a Staff position of EXECUTIVE PASTOR. This position will have both administrative and ministry responsibilities. The Executive Pastor shall be responsible for managing the ongoing daily operation of the church and church activities. He will be responsible for the Christian Education Program of the Church. He, with the aid of the Missions Committee, shall be responsible for the comprehensive mission program of the church. He will be directly supervised by, and work in close coordination, with the Senior Pastor. The job description can be viewed online and copies are available at the Welcome Centers.

The Church approved the position and a Search Committee will bring a recommendation of the person to fill the position will be brought to the church for approval. The Search Committee is comprised of: Dr. Jon Daniels, Gil Powell, Fred Grogan, Kent Boothe, Paige Chandler, Cathy Lewis and Kerri Utroska. Please submit recommendations of applicants to the Church Office.

From the Minister of Youth, Education and Missions

There is so much that comes to mind as I begin writing this Scope article. First and foremost, I want to say WELCOME to Jon and Vicki Daniels. God's faithfulness in calling Bro. Jon is evident as you hear his story and the stories of the pastor search committee. God's faithfulness deserves our praise, as well as, our continual prayers for Bro. Jon and Vicki. Also, I want to say THANK YOU to the Pastor Search Committee. Thank you for your service to our Lord and FBC Flora. Thank you for the countless hours you spent meeting, praying, and seeking God's will.

Second, I should be in Japan by now, but the heightened anxiety regarding the coronavirus led to the cancellation of the trip. Even though the flight was canceled, I still believe that God has a purpose for First Baptist Flora in Japan. Join me in praying the Lord will reveal that plan to us, and we will be obedient to follow. Also, pray for those serving our Lord in places like Japan, China, Korea, and other areas. Many of them have or will come face to face with the coronavirus. Pray for their health and, most importantly, pray for the doors that will be open for them to share the gospel.

Third, we are entering a season of prayer for North American Missions. Each Sunday of March, we will hear stories of missionaries serving and how our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is providing them with the tools to serve. In your prayer time, use the prayer guide provided on March 1, to pray for those serving. Pray about giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and pray about going on a mission trip. I am praying that you and I will be faithful to the Great Commission.

Serving Him Together,

Dwayne

It's all about the gospel

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
for North American Missions
Our Goal: \$12,000

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. Every gift to the AAEO—100 percent—goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada, and their territories. Our partnership with Southern Baptist churches makes this work possible. Prayerfully consider what you can give to support home missions.



Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service at FBC Flora
10:00 a.m. - Celebration Service at
Tri-County Academy

First Baptist Flora
SEEKING SERVING SHARING

CentriKid camps

There are 64 children signed up for CentriKid Camp at Livingston, AL the week of July 13-17. They are ready to go NOW! Parents have received a letter about earning camp points for attending Sunday School. The camp points start March 1, and end May 31. Please make sure your child checks in electronically, because this is how we will determine attendance. We are still in need of male chaperones. Please see Cindy if you are interested in investing in the lives of children at camp by being a chaperone.



24 families received food through our Food Pantry during January. The next distribution is March 21, at 9 a.m. Jeffrey Lewis' Sunday School class will be assisting this month. Please be at the Jones House by 8:30 a.m.

First Baptist Flora

8th Annual Golf Tournament
for Missions

April 30, 2020
Live Oaks Golf Club

To play or sponsor a hole
contact Dwayne

More Information to come

CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Preteen Ministry We had 27 Preteens on February 8, at our Bible Study. We enjoyed lots of pizza, playing games, and putting together Valentine treat bags for the Kearney Park Community Center. We looked at the book of James and discussed how to face temptation. Thanks to Jessica Borne, Bridget Gonzalez and David for helping.

Our next Preteen Bible Study will be Friday, March 20, from 6-8 p.m. in the CLC. We will have tacos and participate in a ministry project. We will continue our Bible Study in the book of James. Friends are invited!

Children's Missions Day 28 children and 13 adults participated on Saturday, February 15, in our Children's Missions Day. We baked and delivered cookies to 28 businesses in Flora, made sugar scrub for our area school teachers, decorated food pantry bags for Easter and made nursing home tray favors. Your children brought smiles to people's faces that day. A huge thank you to the adults who helped that day, and made this event possible! It is a blessing to serve with you.

Children's Ministry Bake Sale Our February project was to collect money to purchase water filters for Cambodia through a bake sale. I set a goal of \$300 which would buy seven water filters. I am overwhelmed to report that we raised \$1,566 at the bake sale because of your very generous donations! Now we will be able to purchase 39 filters! Thank you to everyone who bought an item. We want to help provide clean water for those living in Cambodia, but the bigger picture is that we need to pray that these filters will open the door to the Gospel for this Buddhist nation.

Easter Emphasis Our 1st—6th graders will begin their Easter emphasis on Sunday, March 1, at 9:15 a.m. in CEC 105. We will participate in the Service of Diminishing Lights as we draw closer to the dark days of Holy Week. Parents, let me encourage you to have you children in Sunday School as we prepare ourselves for Easter. Our children will be collecting money for Annie Armstrong and encouraged to do acts of service.

RA Racer Our annual RA Racer Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 29 at 5 p.m. in the CLC. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served for \$5 per person. The money raised will go toward our Haiti/DR construction team project in May. The entire congregation is encouraged to come and support our RA's. You will definitely enjoy the race between the boy and even our leaders.

Vacation Bible School The 2020 VBS theme is **CONCRETE AND CRANES: BUILDING ON THE LOVE OF JESUS.** During VBS, the children will learn that just like skyscrapers need a strong foundation, so do we. Our foundation is Jesus and we need to build our faith on Him. The dates for VBS are **May 31—June 4.** begin now praying about your role in our VBS. Lots of teachers will be needed! Don't miss this opportunity to help lay a firm foundation for Jesus in the lives of our children. Mark your calendar for the Metro VBS Clinic on Monday, April 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Once again we are privileged to be the host church for this event. Be on the lookout for sign up sheets in the CEC Welcome Center.

NURSERY WORKERS

Early Worship 8:00 a.m.
Please be in place by 7:45 a.m.

- 1 *Melanie Nance & Katie Nichols*
- 8 *Jason & Trish Perry*
- 15 *Scott & Ginger Lynn*
- 22 *JoAnna Hildebrand & Rena Lunsford*
- 29 *Spincer & Sandra Harrell*

NURSERY WORKERS 10:30 a.m.

Please be in place by 10:15 a.m.

PRESCHOOL I - Infants - Room 103 CEC

- 1 *Brian & Laura Asbill / Sunny McCullough*
- 8 *Kelly Rivers / Clair Irwin / April Grantham*
- 15 *Mike & Janice Green / Dee Davis*
- 22 *Janice Stevens & Becky Burgess*
- 29 *Taylor & Addie Stanford / Lauren Milner*

PRESCHOOL II - One's - Room 105 CEC

- 1 *Gina Bozeman & Melissa Presley*
- 8 *Kim Webb & Laura Hines*
- 15 *Winston & Janae White*
- 22 *Sandra Giddy / Becky Moak / Brenda Phillips*
- 29 *Robert & Jessica Hawkins*

PRESCHOOL III - Two's - Room 104 CEC

- 1 *Spence & Pam Shepherd*
- 8 *Kim Hardin & Christie Saxton*
- 15 *Kim Simmons & Jami Risher*
- 22 *Clint & Shannon Brown*
- 29 *Demetria Raper & Kelsey Lancaster*

J.A.M. Zone (Jesus and Me)

Children 3 thru 2nd grade during 10:30 a.m. Worship

YOUNGER CHILDREN 3 year olds

3's & 4's Stay in the CEC following Sunday School

- 1 *Mark & Maghen Lee*
- 8 *Casey Spence & Nicole Jones*
- 15 *Jameson & Christy Haygood*
- 22 *Ken & Charitie Meacham*
- 29 *Stephanie Paul & Amanda Queen*

YOUNGER CHILDREN 4 year olds

- 1 *Wendy Powell & Lisa Davis*
- 8 *Josh & Trista Zerbe*
- 15 *Laurie & Tori Cuevas*
- 22 *Dave & Elizabeth Shipp*
- 29 *Curtis & Kerri Utroska*

OLDER CHILDREN K-5 thru 2nd Grade

Come to worship and dismiss during the offertory hymn

Tina & Jessica Lakey

MARCH DEACON ON CALL

Friday thru Sunday should a critical need arise

6-8 Fred Grogan	601-672-5978
13-15 Ricky Hardy	601-506-6493
20-22 Gregg Logan	601-573-1000
27-29 Dwayne Parker	601-946-5616

WELCOME CENTER

- 1 & 8 *Sam & Mae McKinley*
- 15 & 22 *Jason & Trish Perry*
- 29 *Ray & Betsy Aycock*

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Early Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Classic Worship	10:30 a.m.
REFUGE: Contemporary Worship in the CLC	10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Prayer Breakfast	6:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Supper	5:45-6:30 p.m.
Mission Friends, GA's & RA's	6:30 p.m.
CrossOver Student Worship	6:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Served 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the CLC
\$5 Regular / \$3 Alternate (\$16 Max per family)
Please sign up by noon on Monday

4 *Hamburger, Fries, Salad, Dessert*
Alternate: *Same*

11 *Tacos, Spanish Rice, Salad, Dessert*
Alternate: *Same*

18 *Red Beans & Rice with Sausage, Garlic Toast, Dessert*
Alternate: *Corndog & Chips*

25 *Loaded Baked Potato with Fajita Chicken, Salad, Dessert*
Alternate: *Pizza & Chips*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER ASSISTANTS

Delivering at 5:00 p.m.

4 *Ray & Betsy Aycock*
11 *Jeff & Deborah Williamson*
18 *Tim Stewart*
25 *Wanda Shepherd & Linda Loper*

Assisting at 5:30 p.m.

4 *Keith & Kim Simmons*
11 *Jonathan & Shelle Cedotal*
18 *Cindy Giddy & Theresa Nutt*
25 *Peggie Burges & Dee Davis*



To receive text message updates about church events text FBCFLORA to 95577