

From the Pastor

What will you be doing the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the vernal equinox this year? You will probably be celebrating Easter. In 2024 Easter is March 31. How in the world did we come up with this formula for setting the date of Easter? As hard as it may be to believe, this formula came not just from a committee, but a **church committee**! And all of this happened 1,300 years before there were any Baptists around!

Professor Steven Ware gives a short version of the story:

In 325 A.D., Constantine, emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, convened the Council of Nicea. Among the business before the council was to establish a uniform date for Easter. Out of the discussion and debate came the "Easter Rule," setting Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. As is often the case with church councils, the decision was not unanimous. The eastern bishops wanted to schedule Easter in conjunction with the Jewish Festival of Passover since, after all, Jesus went to Jerusalem, in the first place, to celebrate Passover. The Western bishops preferred a date corresponding with the beginning of spring, because that was the time already established for a lot of pagan celebrations, and they figured to capitalize on the momentum. This is why, to this day, we have such things as the Easter Bunny and colored eggs associated with Easter. Well, on this, and other issues, the church eventually split. To this day, we, who are decedents of the Western line of Christendom, use a different calendar than the eastern Orthodox churches. Sometimes our celebration of Easter falls on the same day, and sometimes it varies by as much as five weeks!

The date we choose to celebrate Easter really doesn't matter. What matters most is the resurrection. This is the greatest truth in all of history. Without this, Christianity would be an interesting piece of first century history to study, but there would be no impact on the world. But the truth of the resurrection changed the world and continues to change the world. The most important question is not when we will celebrate Easter, but does the Risen Christ live in our hearts? In order to help you and your family celebrate Easter we have several opportunities scheduled and I look forward to celebrating with you.

In God's Grace,

David Vess



Join Us at CBC

Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 am with Breakfast to follow

“And Now a Word from Dave”

Q: What is the only day of the year that is a command?

A: March 4th

Okay, it's the only March riddle I know. An eyeball roller, to be sure, but I just couldn't resist.

March is a very busy month, made more so by the fact that Easter arrives earlier than usual. I prefer my Easters to be in April....kinda gives me something to look forward to, but it's okay. I really don't have any soapbox to stand on with matters on my heart that need sharing this month, so let's skip right to the things that are happening that hopefully will be of interest to you.

Sunday, March 3rd is the deadline to sign-up for the following:

(1) We need to know if you're planning to attend the FREE CBA Senior Adult Luncheon “A Taste of Italy” at Pleasant Plains Church March 12. If we have enough going from here, we will take the CBC bus. We'll leave at 10:30am, fellowship, eat lunch, have fun and return. Are you interested? Sign-up!

(2) Scriptures on the Sidewalk. Easter Sunrise Service, March 31 at 6:30am, any who wish to go to downtown Whiteville and get an assigned section of sidewalk & some chalk, we (along with many others) will be writing out the entire New Testament along Madison Street. Are you interested? Sign-up!

Palm Sunday is going to have not just the children entering and waving palms but the choir, also. We want our people, young and mature alike, to commit to helping to begin the service Sunday, March 24th at 11:00am. We'll have the palm branches available in the narthex that morning.

We have a container in the narthex to collect small individually wrapped candies we need to stuff inside the eggs we'll be hiding the day of the **Easter Egg Hunt**. The hunt is Saturday, March 23rd from 10-12 with lunch. We hope you'll bring lots of candy as we had a HUGE turn-out last year. The hunt will take place indoors or out, along with crafts and the Easter story. There will be an **egg filling party** Wednesday, March 20th right after prayer meeting. It shouldn't take long to fill the 100s of empty eggs. Everyone works quickly.

We have a group that will be going to Passport this summer. Over the next few months, there'll be opportunities to help raise funds for our group to go. Look for details. It's been a while since we've gone to Passport and we're grateful for an open slot this year.

Finally, you and I are celebrating an anniversary. Ten years ago, I began my ministry here. I've had some great and “not so great” experiences, and met so many loving people I'm happy to call my church family. You've been there when I lost both my parents and my dear precious wife, Ruth Ellen, whom you loved as well. God has certainly blessed me by placing Chadbourn Baptist Church in my life at just the right time. I look upon the future and however long the Lord allows us to minister alongside one another with great eagerness and hope. Thank you for being a great church family. I'll be here next month. In the meantime, Happy Anniversary.



EVERY SUNDAY - 9:45 AM

We have a class for YOU!



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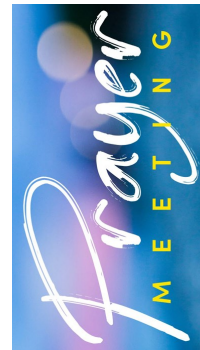
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WEDNESDAYS



6 PM



7 PM

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Office Hours

Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm



The family of:
John Peal, Sr
Shelby Hodge



**March 28 - 6:00pm
in the sanctuary**



Cheryl Butler- 2
Carol Byrd- 2
Pug Williamson- 4
Stephen Dyson- 5
Jan Hinson- 6
Phillip Edwards- 8
Carolyn H Leeds- 9
Callie Noble- 9
Shannon Britt- 10
Tracey Petitt- 10
Anne Duncan- 13
Wyatt Powell- 15
Linda Nance- 16
Chase Dyson- 18
Christa Fowler- 19
Lisa Wolfe- 21
Carl Samford- 23
Kathryn Beaver- 24
Amy Williamson- 25
Larry Bass- 26
Georganna Fisher- 26
Brittany Frias- 26
William Blake- 28
Kay Honeycutt- 28
Chris Russell- 31
Daniel Russell- 31



**David and Angie
5 years at CBC!**

**Dave
10 years at CBC!**



THRIVING
TOGETHER

MARCH 14-15, 2024
CBFNC Annual Gathering | First Baptist, Greensboro

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive
April 18
2pm-6:30pm**

CBC Fellowship Hall
Sign-up online or call
Pat Nealey
910-640-8157



**Sunday Rehearsals
Joyous Singers - 4pm
Children's Choir - 4:30pm**



Renew / Subscribe
If you would like to receive the
Biblical Recorder at your home,
please contact the office by March 10.

March Nursery Calendar

**03 - Amy Jalyn Williamson
10 - Kathryn Beaver / Gwen Sanderson
17 - Ron / Jan Hinson
24 - Janice McRae / Amanda Britt
31 - Stephen / Tasha Dyson**

Ladies Spring Retreat March 16

9:00am - 2:00pm
Camp Anchorage, Lake Waccamaw
\$40 per person.

Mrs. Tiffani Dodd
Antioch Baptist Church, Lumberton
will be speaking on
A Heart for Christ to Dwell In
Crafts, axe-throwing, air rifles,
rolling skating and other fun events
will be featured during the retreat.

Call 910-642-2155
to register by March 11.

**Boston Butt Sale
March 9 - 11:00am - 2:00pm
Porter Swamp Baptist
Proceeds will send RAs and GAs
on summer mission trip.
Cost is \$30**

CBC March 2024 Calendar

Friday, March 1

Office Closed
Dr Edwards Piano Festival-7:30

Sunday, March 3

Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11
Joyful Singers-4
Children's Choir-4:30



Wednesday, March 6

Community Lenten Service CUMC-12
Prayer Meeting-6
Choir-7

Saturday, March 9

Allie Thompson Bridal Shower-2
Set clocks ahead 1 hour
before going to bed

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Saving Time begins
Deacons Meeting-8:45
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11



Tuesday, March 12

Senior Luncheon at PPBC-10:30

Wednesday, March 13

Lenten Service-Chad Presbyterian-12
Prayer Meeting-6
Choir-7

Thursday - Friday, March 14 -15

CBF NC Gathering- FBC Greensboro

Saturday, March 16

Ladies Retreat / LW-9

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11
Joyful Singers-4
Children's Choir-4:30



Monday, March 18

CBA Backpacking Party-6:30

Tuesday, March 19

Elderberries-11:30



Wednesday, March 20

Prayer Meeting-6
Egg Filling Party-6:30
Choir Rehearsal-7

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11
Joyful Singers-4
Children's Choir-4:30

Wednesday, March 27

No Prayer Meeting
Choir-7

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Service-6

Friday, March 29

Good Friday
Office Closed

Saturday, March 30

Egg Hunt / Lunch-10 - 12

Sunday, March 31

Easter
Sunrise Service-7
Breakfast
Sunday School-9:45
Worship-11

March Deacon of the Month

Sandra Nobles

Welcome / Ushering Team

Elaine Honeycutt / Linda Nance



Join us for Worship & Lunch

March 6 - 12pm
Chadbourn United Methodist
Speaker - Dr. David Vess

March 13 - 12pm
Chadbourn Presbyterian
Speaker - Pastor Joe

*He is not here:
for he is Risen,
as he said.*



Pianist, Jialin Yao, guest artist

45th Dr. Sharyn Edwards Piano Festival

March 1 - 7:30pm

SCC auditorium

Admission: Adults - \$10

Children, College students w/ID - free



Easter Story Crafts - Hotdog Lunch

Rain or Shine!
Toddlers thru 5th grade

**Saturday, March 30
10:00am - 12:00pm**

CBC Fellowship Hall

**Bring your basket
and a friend!**



Klondyke Elderberries

**Tuesday, March 19
11:30am**

**Chadbourn Baptist Fellowship Hall
On the menu: *Covered Dish***

Come and bring a friend.

ITALY

Join us for a free

Taste of Italy Senior Luncheon

March 12 - 11:00am

Pleasant Plains Baptist Church

Help write the New Testament in chalk
on the sidewalks of downtown Whiteville

Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30am

Begin at the Co Co Government Complex
(old BB&T building on Madison St)

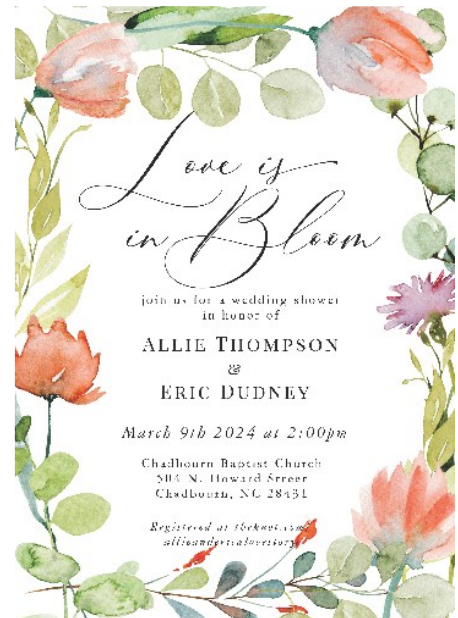
7:00am everyone will disperse
throughout Madison St to write your section.

What an awesome way
for our entire community to come together
and celebrate the Resurrection!

**Please bring
individual wrapped candy
to fill 100's of eggs for the**

**Egg Filling Party
March 20 at 6:30pm**

**We have a basket in the
narthex for you to drop
your candy.**



YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING

