

First Baptist Church Newsletter

*March 23, 2022*

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## **The Secret of Abiding is Obeying**

This past Sunday I stated that there is still something within every Christian that has nothing to do with our growth and progress. Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit will have nothing to do with it. Scripture calls it our "old sinful nature," "the old man," or "the flesh." This nature cannot be transformed, changed, or grow spiritually. It must die; we crucify the flesh under the blood of Jesus shed on the cross.

Followers of Jesus love to quote the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22-23. But when was the last time someone quoted the next verse? "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal. 5:24). Our old sinful nature is completely evil and can never produce anything godly or good. All believers who try to abide in Jesus by the power of the flesh, will be cut off as branches (cf. Jn. 15:2, 5-6). They will wither spiritually and eventually be removed from the vine.

Think about Peter as a branch. He swore to Jesus that He would remain or abide with the Lord no matter what. Peter was trusting his old sinful nature. Soon he denied even knowing Jesus, when being questioned by a young lady. Peter was cut off as a branch and ran away from the Lord. He wept in deep repentance. This was the necessary death to the old sinful nature. When Jesus brought him back into the vine, to reconnect with Himself, Peter was trusting his new godly nature, able to obey, and prepared for Pentecost.

Together with you,  
Les



On the Thursday before Christ's suffering and resurrection, He celebrated a Passover meal with his disciples. To help us remember that special time, the Deacons are preparing a soup meal to be followed by communion. Please plan now to join us on Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. for this meaningful time of fellowship and remembrance.

We now have coffee available to enjoy on Sunday mornings. Grab a cup and enjoy some conversation before worship. Please use the lids that are in the rack with the cups.



### PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

I pray for protection and provision for those who suffer,  
and for peace to be restored, in the name of Jesus.



### Call For Graduates

We are making a list of all students that will be graduating from high school or college this year. The Christian Education Board plans to honor them on Sunday, May 15. Please let us know of graduates in our church family by signing up their name and school on the bulletin board in the foyer.

### EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Christian Education Board is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Saturday, April 9 at 3 p.m. All children are encouraged to come and have fun.



Teachers Sunday March 27, 2022

Kids' Time

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Deb Klopfenstein and  
Noah and Logan Zoll

Loren Wanner



## Mark your calendars for celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord!

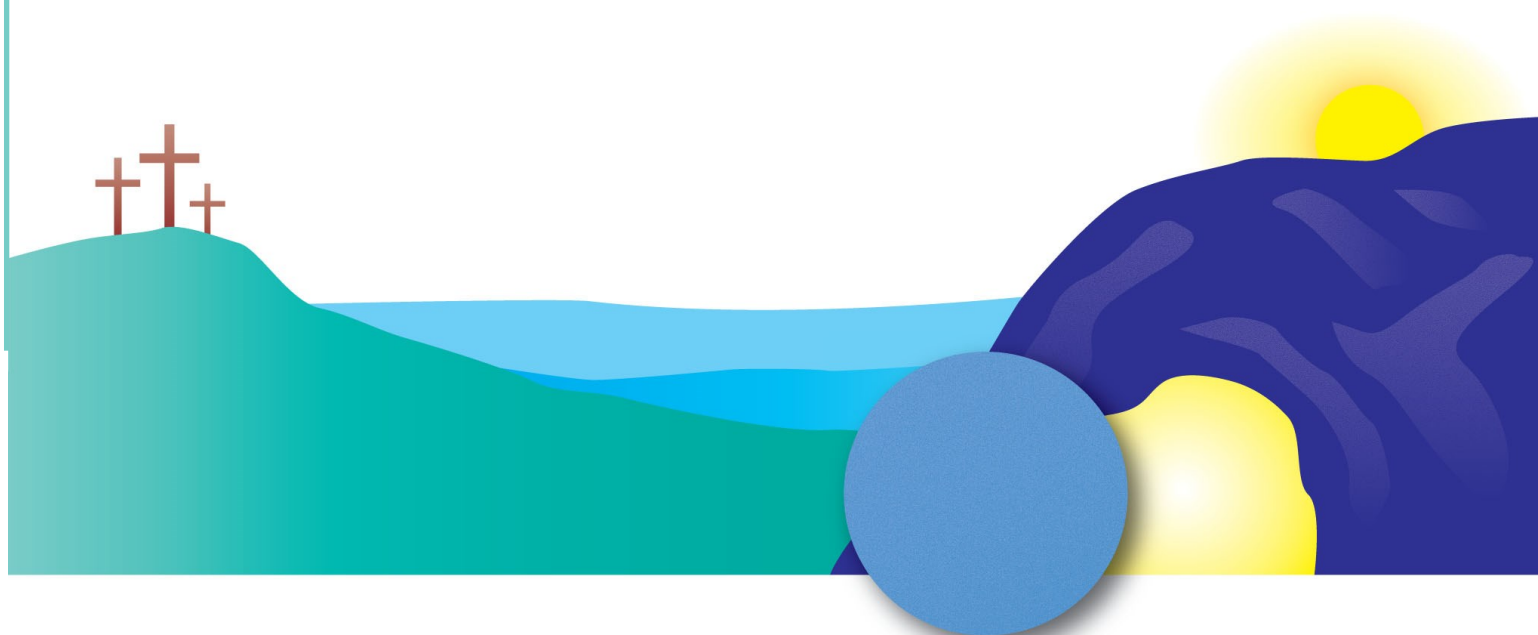
Easter Egg Hunt for children at FBC - Saturday, April 9 at 3 p.m.

Palm Sunday - April 10, worship 10:15 a.m.

Soup Meal and Communion at FBC - Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m.

Community Good Friday Service at Life Church - Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Resurrection Sunday - April 17, worship 10:15 a.m.



### Stewardship

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

#### **March 13, 2022**

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$1,274.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Missions	\$25.00
Ukraine - One Great H S	\$3190.00
Flowers	\$36.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,565.00</b>

#### **March 20, 2022**

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$5459.93
Building Maintenance	\$65.00
Missions	\$115.00
Ukraine - One Great H S	\$100.00
Memorial	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,839.93</b>

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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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