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First Southern Baptist Church
215 E. Ettels Lane
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IN GOD WE TRUST

Congratulations

to Barb & Harold Swisher on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 11, 2014.

Mark Your Calendars!

The children’s Easter event will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014 starting at 10:00 AM with an egg hunt, fun activities, and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the children in our church and community. We will need bags of wrapped candy. There is a container in the lobby for all bagged candy. For more information, please contact either the church office or Rhonda Haycraft.

Youth Camp

Our students will be attending Crossings youth camp in Bagdad, KY July 15-19, 2014. You can go to the website: <http://www.gocrossings.org/camp2014> for more information.

Offering Information

Budget Needed: \$ 10,663.00
Offering Received: \$ 13,446.00
Designated Other: \$ 225.00
Total: \$ 13,671.00

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	104	AM	164
Youth	18	PM	62
Children	11		
Preschool	15	Discipleship Training	16
Total:	148	Graded Choirs	28
		Ladies Bible Study	15
		Total:	59

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,
serving...in the name of Jesus
Christ and for His glory.*

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

Church-wide Sunday school breakfast in FLC - 8:45 AM
(Hosted by Acts, Lydia, MTC & Ruth Classes)
Special Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Grades 1-6 - 4:00-6:05 PM

Tuesday, April 15

Ladies Bible Study - 9:00-11:30 AM

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Service - 7:00 PM
“The Passion of Our Savior Jesus Christ” presented by Dr. Tom & Diane Seel

Saturday, April 19

Children’s Easter Event - 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday
No evening service or activities

Monday, April 21

Staff/Vision Team Leaders & members planning meeting - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 23

Administrative Professionals Day

Saturday, April 26

VBS Clinic at FSBC - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 27

Special Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Grades 1-6 - 4:00-6:05 PM
Business Meeting - 7:00 PM

Pastor's Paragraphs

When **Thomas** encountered the resurrected Christ and understood the truth that he had doubted, he declared before Jesus, “My Lord, and My God!” **The resurrection of Christ made all the difference** in his life, and it still makes all the difference in lives today. This is what we celebrate every Sunday, and in a unique way **Easter Sunday, April 20**.

This is a great opportunity to **invite a friend or loved one** to worship with you. You could meet at church or bring them, and then have lunch together, or something. Be creative.

Remember, too, the **other special events** our church is having this season. The **Children’s Easter Event is Saturday, April 19**. There will be an egg hunt, crafts, games, refreshments, and other activities. This event always attracts many unchurched friends in the neighborhoods and elsewhere. Do you know a child that would like to come? Everyone is welcome.

Our **Good Friday service** this year, **April 18**, will feature our own **Dr. Tom and Diane Seel** presenting a special service of music and scripture readings related to the atoning death of Christ. Come with a prayerful heart and spirit, and expect to be inspired and challenged.

These are great opportunities for inspiring worship, edifying fellowship, and meaningful outreach. Pray about how you can make the most of them, and get involved.

Next Sunday, **April 13**, is our **Sunday school breakfast at 8:45 AM**. Come hungry!

See you Sunday, *Bro. Russ*

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 13

8:45 AM	Church-wide Sunday School Breakfast Fellowship in FLC
9:00 AM	Men’s Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service - Baptism
4:00 PM	Special Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Grades 1-6
5:00 PM	Preschool Choir Discipleship Training
6:15 PM	Worship Service

Wednesday, April 16

5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:45 PM	Meal: Lasagna, garlic bread, salad
6:30 PM	Mission Friends, GA’s, RA’s Adult Prayer/Bible Study Youth Bible Study Worship Choir Rehearsal
7:40 PM	Handbell Team Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

8:30 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Denny’s
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Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

7:00 PM	Good Friday Service led by Dr. Tom & Diane Seel - “The Passion of Our Savior, Jesus Christ”
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Saturday, April 19

8:00 AM	Men’s Intercessory Prayer mtg
10:00 AM	Children’s Easter Event

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

9:00 AM	Men’s Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service - “Glorious Day” Choir presentation No evening service or activities

Wednesday, April 23

5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:45 PM	Meal: Honey baked ham, rolls, casseroles, dessert Adult Prayer/Bible Study Youth Bible Study Worship Choir Rehearsal

A Word from Nick

Greetings,

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

Have you ever played the game Follow the Leader? It’s the game where you mimic everything that the person at the front of the line does exactly like they do. I remember playing this game on a trampoline with some friends when I was younger. We would try to copy all of the different tricks that the first person did without falling or messing up. But depending on who the leader was, it felt almost impossible to follow after them

In Galatians 5, we see this kind of idea described whenever it says, “walk by the Spirit.” Literally, this could be translated as “walk in line behind the leader.” So the way we seek to follow after God is simply following after his Spirit.

You might ask, “How do I follow after Spirit?” First, it requires making decisions and choices according to the Holy Spirit’s guidance in your life. And secondly, it requires us to act with the spiritual power that the Spirit of God supplies to every believer. Isn’t it amazing that God equips us with what we need in order to follow after Him? In God’s power and strength, we are able to abstain from the desires and works of the flesh and pursue after the desires of the Spirit of God.

The life we now live is not our own. We don’t make the rules, we don’t call the shots. Don’t deceive yourself into thinking that you are in control of your life. Don’t follow after your own heart. Instead, why don’t you try following the true leader.

Nick

Discipleship Training

Starting this Sunday night, April 13 at 5:00 PM, we will be studying “Follow Me” by David Platt.

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There will be a church-wide Sunday School Breakfast Fellowship on Sunday, April 13th in the FLC at 8:45 AM. This will be hosted by the Acts, Ruth, MTC & Lydia Sunday school classes.

Library Hours

Beginning in April, the library will also be open on Sunday evenings after the evening worship service.

FamilyFest 2014 Mission trip to Eastern Kentucky

Cooperating with Eastern Kentucky Churches to get the gospel out and love others in Jesus’ name. Affordable, accessible, relevant mission trip for families & individuals. July 19-24 - See Opal Bowles for details or click on the link on our church’s website for more information.

Choices for Women “Come Grow with Us”

on Tuesday, April 29 will be their 10th Annual Fundraising Gala at Plantation Hall at Huber’s. For more information, please see bulletin board by church office.

Easter Lilies

Again this year, we will be placing lilies in the sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to purchase one and then take it home after the service, please sign the sheet at the Welcome Center. Indicate if it is in memory of someone. Cost this year is \$16.00 and can be paid to either Tina Richey or Opal Bowles.

Good Friday Service

April 18th at 7:00 pm - a worship service on the passion of Jesus Christ featuring Dr. Tom Seel, pianist, with Diane Seel, narrator.

Easter Sunday

April 20th -Bible study classes at 9:30 am for all ages and morning worship service at 10:45 am featuring message from God’s word, music by Praise Ringers, Orchestra, and Worship Choir presentation of “Glorious Day.”