



FIRST BAPTIST
MARYVILLE

THE LINK

MARCH 2024



He is Risen!
Celebrate the Savior
Easter 2024

JOIN US FOR EASTER AT FBCM

KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, March 23, at 10am in the Sanctuary

Families with children of all ages are invited to join us for this event. We will start out in the Sanctuary and then follow clues to find our logo in downtown Maryville.

PALM SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE

Sunday, March 24, at 10:30am, in the Sanctuary

We will celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and we'll welcome Him with open arms in both of our expressions of worship. Children from Kids' Ministry will proceed into the sanctuary with palm leaves at the beginning of the service. Childcare will be available for Preschoolers during the service. Kids Worship will not meet.

PASSOVER SEDER

Thursday, March 28, at 6pm, in the Gym

Our church will have a Christian version of the Seder Celebration. This traditional Jewish ritual commemorates the freeing of the Jewish slaves from Egypt and was observed by Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper. We will see through this experience how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb.

This event will not be a full meal. It will be a tasting experience. Please RSVP for event and childcare on our website or in the church office. The last day to sign up is March 20.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29

The church office and the gym will be closed all day in observance of Good Friday.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31

We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus in our services on Easter Sunday. We will go by our regular schedule with Bible Study at 9am, Fellowship at 10am, and Worship Services at 10:30am.

During our *Common Grounds* fellowship time at 10am, we'll have photographers ready to take group and/or individual photos. We'll also have a photo op set up in the FLC Lobby for candid selfies and snapshots. You can gain more views for you and the church by mentioning the following hashtags when sharing your photos on social media: #easterfbc2024, #fbcmaryville, #easterknoxville, #eastersunday.



**SPRING CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Sat., March 16, at 8am

Breakfast Provided
In the Encouragers' Class

Raindate: March 23



UPCOMING JOY CLUB EVENT
For Adults aged 55+

CHALLENGE FOR MARCH

Joy Club will not meet in person for the month of March. However, Senior Adult Pastor, Drew Goins, encourages the entire group to do four Random Acts of Kindness throughout the month. We will meet back together the second Tuesday of April.



FIRST RECREATION

DREW GOINS, FLC DIRECTOR
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Our adult softball team will start up next month. If you are interested in playing, please email Drew by March 25th.

We are planning to do an Intro to Golf Camp this summer for kids aged 5 to 10 years-old, and we need volunteers. If you enjoy teaching golf, enjoy working with young kids, or like to serve in a multitude of other ways, we can use your help. Please email Drew to volunteer.

Our next church-wide fellowship will be on April 7th at 5pm. It will be Trivia Night with a Twist. Come as a team or build a team once you arrive. Either way, it will be a blast.

We can always use more volunteers to serve at the front desk of the FLC. If you'd like to serve a regular shift or just fill in as needed, please contact Drew.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

Adamina Williamson
People's Choice Award

Nick Poole
Judges' Choice Award

Over \$1,300 was raised to benefit the 2024 Youth Summer Mission Trip.





THANK YOU

Thank you to the Encouragers Class for purchasing an industrial microwave to go in the FLC Kitchen fulfilling a need of the Longer Table Ministry.

WELCOME

We welcome Kip, Katie, Kayden, Kasen, and Kamden Kite to our church family. They joined FBCM on Feb. 4, 2024, during the Contemporary Service.

We welcome Eric and Jamie Schmittou to our church family. They joined on Feb. 11, 2024, during the Classic Service.

CONGRATULATIONS


Congratulations to Stephen Taylor on completing one year of service as our Contemporary Worship Leader.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT
GROUP MEETINGS**

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thursdays, March 7 and 21, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203. Facilitated by Kelly Ferguson.

The Caregiver Cafe' will meet on Thursdays, March 14 and 28, at 9am, in the FLC Snack Room. Facilitated by Lori Bishop.

Please contact the church office for more information.



DOLLAR DAY FOR SPECIAL GROWERS

We will collect dollar bills on Sunday, March 31, for Special Growers. FBCM's Sarah Delpy is the program's Executive Director.

Special Growers was launched in 2010 to provide work opportunities for children and adults with special needs. With the support of many community partners and individuals, a safe and inclusive work environment has been developed for disabled staff to learn job skills, gain confidence, and prepare for their future careers.

Today, Special Growers employs forty year-round disabled staff, two garden managers, and fourteen dedicated volunteers. With these talented team members, they work hard to harvest, prep, and deliver fresh herbs and fresh cut flowers to local restaurants in Maryville and Knoxville. You probably have been to many of their restaurants and tasted the bounty of their labor.

While working at their garden, the disabled staff members create a social bond with their peers and managers by performing multiple jobs, including plant bed preparation, seeding, planting, harvesting, watering, and weeding. They work independently with minimal assistance from others to complete these tasks. If you ever have a chance to visit, you will notice a sense of pride and fulfillment from their staff. For more information, go to specialgrowers.com.



CHURCH GROWTH

FEBRUARY 2024



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Date	Worship Services	Bible Study
Feb. 4	277 (249 In-Person, 28 Online)	167
Feb. 11	281 (235 In-Person, 46 Online)	163
Feb. 18	262 (212 In-Person, 50 Online)	141
Feb. 25	271 (233 In-Person, 38 Online)	142

OFFERING INFORMATION

Feb. 4	\$ 33,092.00
Feb. 11	\$ 12,070.00
Feb. 18	\$ 4,468.66
Feb. 25	\$ 9,878.00
Offering needs each week	\$ 20,356.00
Need to Date	\$ 712,460.00
Received to Date	\$ 709,942.73
Expenses to Date	\$ 662,125.69

BUILDING FUND

Received	\$ 575.00
Received to Date	\$ 11,152.05
Balance in Building Fund	\$ 71,524.64

MISSIONS

Received	\$ 270.00
Year to Date	\$ 8,004.00

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8am to 4:30pm - Monday through Friday
 Closed Tuesdays from 10:30am to 1pm
 for staff meeting.

FLC GYM HOURS

9am-9pm - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 9am-3pm - Wednesday & Friday

MARCH

- 1 & 2 - Spring Consignment Sale
- 3-10 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 4 - Blount County High Schools' Midwinter Concert, 7pm, Sanctuary (Concert is free.)
- 5 - New Beginnings Women's Group - 1pm, Room FL215
- 10 - Time Changes
- 16 - Clean-Up Day
- 17 - Orchestra joins Classic Service
- 23 - Kids Scavenger Hunt
- Maryville Christian's Daddy/Daughter Tea
- 24 - Palm Sunday Combined Service
- 26 - Relatives Raising Children Resource Fair, 4-7pm, in the gym
- 28 - Maundy Thursday - Seder
- 29 - Good Friday - Office & Gym Closed
- 31 - Easter & Dollar Day

All dates and times above are subject to change.



MARYVILLE CITY SCHOOLS (MCS) SPRING SING CONCERT

MCS Intermediate Choirs (3rd-7th grades) presented a concert on Friday, Feb. 23, in our sanctuary. It was standing room only in the sanctuary. Thanks to all who served to make this event possible.