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# The MESSENGER

INSPIRE ■ INFORM ■ ENCOURAGE

## Once And For All.

Hebrews 7:27



## a note from Pastor Brian

I am so glad that "once and for all" Jesus came for us to have life more abundantly! That is our theme for Easter this year at Marietta First Baptist Church! We have seen God work in mighty ways this year. I am praying daily Hebrews 12:1-2 for our church. I am praying that we would continue to "endure" and run the race that God has for us as individuals, families, and as a church family. We are looking forward to Holy Week. Please pray and continue to pray for the lost people not only that we know, but for those we do not know. I am convinced that God is moving in a mighty way in our midst. I am also praying Ephesians 6:10-18 for our church family. We must be fully armored every day and remember that we are not fighting against flesh and blood. We will continue in the book of Hebrews on Sunday mornings. Please know that you are loved and I truly mean that. May we be the light that the world needs to see!

Pastor Brian

## MARCH Birthdays

- 1 Chris Scruggs
- 2 Ed Timblin
- 4 John Hightower  
Halton Ledford
- 5 Olivia James
- 7 Dennis Barton
- 8 David James
- 9 Meredith James  
Shayna Snow
- 11 Evaleigh Craig
- 12 Jessica Newman  
Holder Bennett
- 13 Alissa Crum  
Kendra Cox
- 14 Lisa Epps  
Kimberly Edwards
- 16 Wayne Tankersley
- 17 Teresa Durham  
Brett Looper
- 18 Sharon Edge
- 19 Linda Tankersley  
Mark Crain
- 21 Melanie Hughes  
Kaleb Green
- 22 Carolyn Bayne
- 25 Justin Cisson
- 27 Marrie Loftis  
Chad Tankersley  
Derrick Epps
- 28 Levi Hightower  
Luke Hightower
- 29 James Anders  
Gary Cantrell
- 30 Stewart Wilkey  
Magnolia Green
- 31 Oaklyn Green  
Pam Logan

## EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAR 29  
7 pm

**Good Friday Lord's Supper**

MAR 29 Office Closed for Good Friday

MAR 31  
7:30 am

**Sonrise Service**

Followed By Light Breakfast

9:30 am

**Praise & Worship**

10:45 am

**Sunday School**

There Will Be No Evening Service

**SERVANTS ON CALL**

**MARCH**

### DEACONS

- Robbie King - 735-6241    ■ Robbie Edwards - 509-8587
- Alan Harris - 979-3081    ■ David Welborn - 316-1788

**F.A.S.T. TEAM MEETING** Mar 17 / 4:30 pm / Adult 5

# ANNIE ARMSTRONG Easter Offering



**MAKE  
JESUS  
KNOWN**

Prayer Week  
Starts Today

MFBC Goal  
\$13,500



**THE  
Lighthouse**

## MARCH SCHEDULE

**SET FREE** TUESDAYS  
@ 6:30 PM

Mar 5 - CELEBRATION NIGHT

Mar 12 - Regular Meeting

Mar 19 - Regular Meeting

Mar 26 - Regular Meeting

**DAY ACTIVITIES** Mar 12 & 26  
10 AM - 1 PM

**ART THERAPY**



Mar 11  
@ 6 pm



**THANK YOU!**  
for giving to our  
Free Bibles Ministry



**Love Thy  
Neighbor**

**MEAL MINISTRY**

**MAR 6 & 20**

- 03:** 9:30 am, Worship Service  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 04:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball
- 05:** 9:00 am, SALT Game Day  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 06:** Love Thy Neighbor  
6:30 pm, Organizational Night  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)  
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- 07:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 08:** Ladies Banquet
- 10:** 9:30 am, Worship Service  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 11:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball  
6:00 pm, Art Therapy
- 12:** 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 13:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 14:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 17:** 9:30 am, Worship Service  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:30 pm, Evening Worship
- 18:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball
- 19:** 9:00 am, SALT Game Day  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 20:** Love Thy Neighbor  
6:30 pm, Mid Week Service
- 21:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 24:** 9:30 am, Worship Service  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 25:** 10:00 am, 6:00 pm, Pickleball
- 26:** 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Lighthouse  
6:30 pm, Set Free
- 27:** 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service  
(RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 28:** 6:30 pm, Storehouse
- 29:** 7:00 pm,
- 31:** 7:30 am, Sunrise Service  
9:30 am, Worship  
10:45 am, Sunday School  
No Evening Service

## WORSHIP CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

- 03..... 9:30am Worship  
06.... Rehearsal 7:30pm  
10.....9:30am Worship  
13.....Rehearsal 7:30pm  
17..... 9:30am Worship  
20..... Rehearsal 7:30pm  
24..... 9:30am Worship  
*Given, Buried, Risen...* 6:00pm  
27..... Rehearsal 7:30pm  
31..... 9:30am Worship

*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ! -1 Cor. 15:57*

# MFBC BUILDING and GROUND

Meeting - Mar 28 / 7 pm / Conf. Room

## Storehouse MARCH



**CANNED VEGETABLES**  
**ANY REGULAR**  
**VARIETY SIZE**

**AND WINTER COATS**

## STOREHOUSE WORKERS

**EVERY WEEK  
WORKERS**

Nancy Welborn / Dorothy Thompson / Gary Glenn  
Ronnie Hipp / Johnny Foster

- MAR 7** Edwina Ervin  
**MAR 14** Zeb & Jo Singleton / Bobby Harbert / Teresa Dyer  
**MAR 21** Doris Albright / Beverly Ford / Woody McJunkin  
**MAR 28** Judy Chambers / Gwen Chambers / Olivia Chambers  
Jeanne-Marie Tipton

# If the SHOE FITS... Woman's Banquet

Friday, March 8 / 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Music & Testimonies From the Women of MFBC  
Cost - \$10 All Proceeds Go To Annie Armstrong

## - Menu -

Baked Chicken, Caesar Salad,  
Green Beans, Rolls  
& Dessert

See  
Angela Spearman  
For More Info



## Baby Dedication

Sunday, March 17  
@ 9:30 am

If you wish to be  
included, contact  
Brian by March 10



# CAMP LA VIDA

White Oak, SC

**JULY 8 - 12**

**Remaining Balance of \$150  
Due - March 31**



See Pam Logan for more information

MFBC Worship Choir presents



*Given Buried Risen*

Sunday, March 24 @ 6 pm

## Gap Creek Praise Band

Joins Us  
Sunday, Mar 10  
@ 6 pm



## SUNDAY NIGHTS IN MARCH @ 6 PM

### EQUIP

MAR 3

Ministry team  
meetings and  
trainings

### Family Worship

MAR 10 & 24

Intentional times of  
worshiping together  
as a family

### HOT TOPIC

MAR 17

How to biblically  
address relevant  
cultural issues



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Text STUDENTS to  
855-581-0725

It's not too late to sign up for our  
Clarkston mission trip this summer!  
See Chandler for more info.

This spring we will be studying  
through the book of Acts in a series  
called "Stay in the Story." The big  
idea is that the story you live in is  
the story you live out. In other words,  
what we believe to be the narrative and  
purpose of life will determine how we  
live and what we live for.



Easter  
**EGG  
HUNT**

Saturday, March 30th  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Marietta First Baptist Church  
2936 Geer Hwy. Marietta, SC 29661

Call (864) 836-3518 with any questions!  
Register with the QR code



## Christ's Kidz Ministries

### Nursery Workers

#### SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, March 3

Karen & Brian Burton

#### Sunday, March 10

Larissa Blythe

#### Sunday, March 17

Brenda Ervin

#### Sunday, March 24

Edwina Ervin

#### Sunday, March 31

Anna Storay

### Preschool Children's Church Workers

#### SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, March 3

Kayla & Corbin Cannon

#### Sunday, March 10

Beverly Ford & Elizabeth  
Cashion

#### Sunday, March 17

Ali & Ema Crum

#### Sunday, March 24

Amy Logan & Evy Craig

#### Sunday, March 31

Lynn & Ronnie Albright

### Grades 1-3 Children's Church Workers

#### SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, March 3

Matthew & Emily Wilkey

#### Sunday, March 10

Kim & Walker Craig

#### Sunday, March 17

Emily Moats & Kendra Cox

#### Sunday, March 24

Pam Logan & Karen Burton

#### Sunday, March 31

N/A

# LEMON POUND CAKE

## ingredients

1 and 1/2 cups (188g) all-purpose flour (spooned & leveled)  
 1 and 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 cup (16 Tbsp; 226g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature  
 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar  
 3 large eggs, at room temperature  
 1/4 cup (60g) sour cream, at room temperature  
 1 teaspoon lemon zest  
 3 Tablespoons (45ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice (about 1 lemon)  
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
**Lemon Icing**  
 1 cup (120g) confectioners' sugar, sifted  
 1 and 1/2 Tablespoons (22ml) lemon juice  
 • 1 Tablespoon (15ml) heavy cream or milk (heavy cream produces a thick icing as pictured)

## directions

Lower the oven rack to the lower-third position and preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C). Grease an 8×4-inch loaf pan (like this one or this one) with nonstick spray. Or you can use a 9×5-inch loaf pan for a shorter loaf.  
 Make the cake: Whisk the flour, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Set aside. With a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle or whisk attachment, beat the butter on high speed in a large bowl until smooth and creamy, about 1 minute. Add the granulated sugar and beat on high speed for 2 minutes until creamed. Scrape down the sides and up the bottom of the bowl as needed. With the mixer running on low speed, add the eggs one at a time. Once the last egg is completely mixed in, stop the mixer. Add the sour cream, lemon juice, lemon zest, and vanilla extract, then beat on medium speed until combined. Scrape down the sides and up the bottom of the bowl as needed. The mixture may look curdled as a result of the varying textures combining. This is normal and the batter will come together when you add the dry ingredients in the next step. With the mixer running on low speed, slowly add the dry ingredients just until combined. If needed, run a whisk through the batter a few times to rid any large lumps. Avoid over-mixing. Batter is very thick.  
 Spoon/spread the batter into prepared loaf pan and bake for 55-65 minutes if you used an 8×4-inch pan and 45-60 minutes if you used a 9×5-inch loaf pan. Tent the cake with aluminum foil halfway through baking to prevent the top from over-browning. Pound cakes are dense and take awhile to bake in the oven. Baking times vary, so keep an eye on yours and don't be alarmed if yours is taking longer. The cake is done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out "mostly" clean. A couple moist crumbs are OK.  
 Remove the cake from the oven and place on a wire rack. Allow cake to cool in the pan on the wire rack for 1 hour, then carefully remove the slightly warm cake from the pan. Let it continue cooling on a wire rack or on a serving plate/platter. You can add the icing while the cake is still warm or wait for it to cool.  
 Make the icing: Whisk all of the icing ingredients together and pour over cake. Serve immediately or wait until the cake cools completely, which promises neater slices.  
 Cover and store leftover cake for up to 3 days at room temperature or up to 1 week in the refrigerator.

## For The Record February 2024

### Morning Worship, 9:30 A.M.

04: 231 11: 238 18: 234 25: 236

### Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

04: N/A 11: 139 18: 109 25: 107

### Tithes and Offerings:

<u>Reg. Budget</u>	<u>Bldg. Fund</u>
04: \$9,999.10	\$971.00
11: \$13,271.58	\$682.00
18: \$21,340	\$604.63
25: \$9,323.00	\$687.00

\*Some dates or financial info may not be available at the time of printing.

## Your **Church Staff**

*We're here to Serve!*

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**Dr. Brian L. Spearman, Senior Pastor**

**Scott Holtzclaw, Worship & Administrative Pastor**

**Stephanie Epps, Interim Worship Leader**

**Chandler Moats, Associate Pastor of Families & Discipleship**

**Tedd Barnette, Building & Special Projects Coordinator**

**Melissa Crum, Administrative Ministry Assistant**

**Carol Ellis, Financial Ministry Assistant**

**Rachael Snow, Nursery Coordinator**

**Jessica Newman, Christ's Kidz Junior Assistant**

**Office Hours 8:30 am–1:30 pm M-F**

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