

This Week at FBR

Sunday, February 18

9:45 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship Service	(Sanctuary)
12:00 PM	Pastor Search Committee Meeting	(259)
12:15 PM	House & Grounds Committee Meeting	(GT2)
2:00 PM	Discipleship Academy	(357)
4:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting	(259)
5:30 PM	Apex Christian Singles Bible Study	(352)
5:30 PM	Childrens Music Rehearsals	(201, 203, 210)
5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	(302)
5:30 PM	Youth Committee Meeting (Adults)	(Joyhouse)

Monday, February 19

No Planned Activities

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 AM	BSF Leaders Meeting & BSF	(350 - 357)
7:00 PM	Jubilee Ringers	(313)

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 AM	Ladies Morning Bible Study	(Joyhouse)
5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper	(Gym)
5:00 PM	Mimosa Brass	(GT3B)
6:30 PM	Chapel Bible Study	(Chapel)
6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study	(352)
6:30 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
6:30 PM	Passport to the World	(102, 258)
6:30 PM	Outdoor Games with a Purpose – Youth	(Joyhouse)
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 22

2:00 PM	SALT Council Meeting	(207)
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Friday, February 23

No Planned Activities

Saturday, February 24

5:00 PM	Date Night @ Church	(Joyhouse)
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Sunday, February 25

9:45 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship Service	(Sanctuary)
2:00 PM	Discipleship Academy	(357)
5:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	(357)
5:00 PM	Hope for Grieving Children	(Counseling Center)
5:30 PM	Apex Christian Singles Bible Study	(352)
5:30 PM	Ladies Book Club	(Parlor)
5:30 PM	Children's Music Rehearsals	(201, 202, 203)
5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	(Choir Room)
6:30 PM	High School Bible Study	(Joyhouse)
6:30 PM	M & M Bible Study	(Joyhouse)

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Adults: Orange Sesame Chicken, Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Basmati Rice, Braised Cabbage, Baby Carrots, Egg Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert

Children (12 and under): Hot Dog, Cheeseburger, Chips

All dinner guests, please make a reservation online (reference *Quick Links* and *Dinner*) or fill out the white card in the pew rack and place in offering plate.

Adults \$9, Children \$6, Family \$35



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024

 **First Baptist
Roswell**

The Act of Worship February 18, 2024

Eleven o'clock

*Faith is praising God in the storm, trusting God in the valley,
following God in the darkness. God will be faithful to you when you trust God
no matter what place you find yourself in today.*

Preview of Upcoming Opportunities

Gathering Music arr. Mary E. Kerrick
“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”
Rev. Jane Martin, organ

Welcome Rev. Jessica Asbell Oravec

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship **“Into the Wilderness”** Rev. David Warren

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: As we begin our Lenten journey,
let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.**

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger,
doubt and temptation.

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus,
let us be led by our God,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness,
faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
let us be led by our Christ,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

-(inspired by Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13)

*Hymn of Praise # 16 **“O Worship the King”** LYONS
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

On the final stanza, all children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.

Children's Sermon Rev. Asbell Oravec
“God Forgives”

Call to Confession # 308 PASS ME NOT
“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”
Stanzas 1, 2 & 3

Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Confession Dr. Doyle Hamilton

Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us.

You took what we are so that we might become what you are.

But we confess that often we ignore our sin.

We confess that too often we do not confess.

We keep silent about the sin that clings to us.

But our sins are too great a burden for us.

Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.

You are our stronghold, our hiding place.

*May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in you
and in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace.
In Christ, Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon **Psalm 32:1-5 NIV** Rev. Robert Turnbull

¹Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

²Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

This is the word of God, for the people of God:

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Giving BEACH SPRING
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”
(See bulletin insert)
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

*Offertory Prayer Candy White

Offertory **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** arr. Fred Mallory
Chancel Choir

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it Lord that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!*

Sermon Dr. Greg DeLoach
**Are You There God?
Tough Prayers for Tough Times
“Why Have You Forsaken Me?”
Mark 15:33-39 NRSV**

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God's Son!”

*Hymn of Response # 141 OLD RUGGED CROSS
“The Old Rugged Cross”

Sharing of Decisions Dr. DeLoach

*Benediction Dr. DeLoach

*Congregational Response # 144 HAMBURG
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Stanza 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Organ Postlude **“Praeludium”** Gordon Young
Rev. Martin

**Please stand as you are able.*

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Guests

Welcome to First Baptist Roswell. We hope you find our worship reverent, our ministries sincere, and our fellowship warm. If you need assistance, contact an usher. Please make note of opportunities for worship, ministry, and fellowship listed on this service order and on the Announcement insert. Please stop by the Welcome Wall at the Sanctuary entrance and pick up a Welcome Folder. We have childcare available for infants - kindergartners on the first floor of our Education building. Our ushers will be happy to direct you.

Worship Words

Throughout the season of Lent, we journey together to commit to deepening our relationship with God, and to grow closer to God by taking time to pause and reflect within ourselves on how to be a more faithful follower of Christ. As we worship during Lent, we'll take time during our liturgy to pause: to reflect, remember, repent, and renew during a time of prayer and confession. In doing this, we seek to be honest about our actions, words, and deeds - to confess that in our lives, we need God, and to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we draw closer to Christ. In the words of our anthem from today, “Love so amazing, so divine,... demands my soul, my life, my all!” May we grow richer and deeper in our faith as we journey together this Lenten season.

We extend our gratitude to Church at Wieuca (formerly Wieuca Road Baptist Church) for their generosity in loaning us a number of their 1991 Baptist Hymnals to help fill the pew racks of our Sanctuary as we explore worship resources for future use here at First Baptist Roswell. As we enjoy these hymnals that are on loan, please help us to be gracious stewards by gently using and not removing them from the Sanctuary. Thank you, Wieuca!

Service Broadcasting and Recording

The 11:00 AM Worship Service is broadcast live each week and recordings of the full service and sermons can be viewed on our church website: www.fbroswell.org under Quick Links, Live Broadcast. CD/DVD are also available. Please contact the church office to request a CD/DVD. If you would like to share Dr. Greg DeLoach's message from last week with a friend, please order: **"What Do You Want Me to Do for You?"**.

Announcements

February 18, 2024

Lent Devotional: Lent is a special season in the life of the church, when we as Christians take dedicated time to focus on our need of a Savior and prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of Easter. Pick up a devotional book outside the Sanctuary doors to use daily during the Lenten season. A \$5 donation is requested, but not required.

Discipleship Academy begins today, from 2 to 4 PM in room 357. It's not too late to sign up. Visit the Events page on our website for complete details.

Pastor's Bible Study - New Study: Starting this Wednesday, join Dr. DeLoach in the Chapel for our new Lenten Bible study focusing on the Passion narratives of each of the four Gospels. Explore the ways that each of the Gospels tell the story of Holy Week, and how we can apply these truths to our lives today.

Date Night at Church: Bring your significant other to the Joyhouse on Saturday, February 24 for Date Night! Cost is \$20 per couple and includes childcare, Firebirds catered dinner, conversation, and fun! Visit the Events page on our website to sign up.

Middle School Bible Study: Middle school youth, Mindset and Missions (M&M) Bible study meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. M&M meets next on February 25 at 6:30 PM in Room 212.

High School Bible Study: High school youth, Bible study will meet on the second and fourth Sunday of each month and resumes on Sunday, February 25. Meet in the Joyhouse at 6:30 PM.

Ladies Book Club: Ladies, mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25. Meet in the Parlor, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, to discuss the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Ready for your next book? Meet on March 24 and discuss *Becoming Elisabeth Elliot* by Ellen Vaughn.

Women on Mission meet on Tuesday, March 5 in the Chapel at 10:30 AM. Come early at 10 to work on a mission project. Guest speaker is Kenny Cash, Director of Uplift Ministry for inner-city boys. Please bring a donation for Kenny Cash's birthday. All ladies are welcome!

Vacation Bible School: Registration is open for Scuba – *Diving into Friendship with God*. VBS is June 10 through 14, from 9 AM to noon. Registration is open to children, aged 4 (as of September 1, 2023) through 5th grade. Go to the Events page on our website to learn more and to sign up.

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VBS Volunteers Needed: We need you to make VBS a success! Sign up to be a VBS volunteer. Youth, in grade 6 and above, are also invited to volunteer. Visit the Events page on our website to sign up today!

Father/Son Bowling is Saturday, March 9, from 10 AM to 12 Noon at Stars and Strikes in Woodstock. Cost is \$10 per person and includes bowling, shoes, pizza, drinks, and a \$15 game card. Open to sons 3 years old through 5th grade. Visit the Events page and sign up.

Pastor Search Conversation #1: Mark your calendars and plan to stay around after worship on Sunday, March 10 for our first church-wide conversation with our Pastor Search Committee. This conversation is open to anyone who calls First Baptist Roswell home and will focus on who we are as a church body, what our church strengths are, and what we like most about FBR. Lunch and childcare provided. Register on the Events page of our website today.

SALT Luncheon: Everyone 55 & over is invited to a luncheon on Tuesday, March 12 at noon. Meet in the gym for lunch and trivia from a professional trivia company. Reservations are required. Visit the Events page on our website to sign up online or call Ira in the church office.

Mission Madness 2024 is March 15 to 17 in Athens, GA. Open to youth in grades 6 through 12. Total cost is \$100. Visit the Events page for all details.

Beyond Our Walls – Save the Date: Our annual Beyond Our Walls service day is Saturday, April 27, from 8 AM to 1 PM. Share the love of Christ in our community and serve in various project areas. Sign-ups will begin March 24.

Youth Mission Trip: High school and college students are invited on a summer mission trip to Freeport, Grand Bahama, from June 15 to June 22. Total trip cost is \$1,700 and a non-refundable (airfare) deposit of \$600 secures your spot. Visit the Events page for complete details and to sign up.

Youth Centrifuge Trip: FUGE 2024 is July 8 – 12 at Southern Wesleyan University. Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit, due by February 29. Register on the Events page of our website.

Passport Kids Camp is Sunday, July 14 through Wednesday, July 17 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA. Camp cost is \$408 and is open to current 3rd through 5th graders. Sign your child up online now! A \$60 deposit reserves their spot.