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Easter Egg Hunt

See details inside 😊

This year we are changing things up a bit and pre-filling Easter baggies (instead of pre-filling eggs) with candy to ensure everyone gets the same amount of candy so if you would like to just donate candy and eggs separately that will be great!



Look inside the newsletter for daily activities and scripture readings for Holy Week. Happy Easter! In His Love, Sheri



Easter Schedule

Sunday, April 20th

Worship 7 a.m.

Breakfast 8 a.m.

Sunday School 9 a.m.

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DATE: Thursday, April 3rd
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: Showmar's in Monroe



DATE: Tuesday, April 15th
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Beth's Restaurant



DATE: Sundays
TIME:
Following Children's Sermon
PLACE: Fellowship Hall
Ages 7 to 11

Children's Church Workers April

6th: Billi & AJ Starnes
13th: Leigha & Aurianna
20th: Easter Sunday (No Children's Church)
27th: Jana Turner & Malorie Smith

Nursery Workers April

6th: Mindy, Lexi & Lindsey
13th: Jana & Jill
20th: Easter Sunday (No Nursery)
27th: Lisa & Aurianna

Mission Friends

April 2nd: FLC-Lisa; Snack: Lisa
April 9th: Lisa & Karoline;
Snack: Jana
April 16th: Michelle & Lisa
Easter Party; Snack: Lisa
April 23rd: Amanda & Lisa
Snack: Amanda
April 30th: Chad & Lisa;
Snack: Ava



AWANA Club
Sundays at 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
April 6th - Mission Night
April 27th - Leaders Appreciation Luncheon

April 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1	2 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	3 Men's Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Showmar's in Monroe	4	5 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conf. at Lee Park Baptist
6 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:30-6:30 p.m. AWANA	7	8 75 Plus Meeting in the FLC at 11 a.m.	9 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA in FLC, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	10	11	12 Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.- Noon
13 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Church Conference 4:30-6:30 p.m. AWANA	14	15 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at Beth's in Pageland 9:00 AM	16 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	17	18	19

20 May Newsletter Articles due	21	22 UBA Spring Session at Freedom Communi- ty Baptist Church, Monroe	23 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	April 2025, continued		
				24	25	26
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We need more volunteers for Children's Church.
Please contact Ava Strawn if you are willing to help out. Thank you.

April Blessing Bags

Women's Deodorant

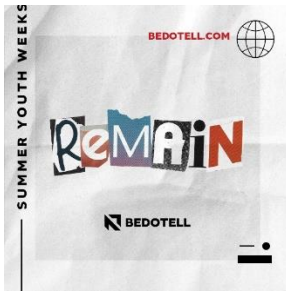
Please drop off in the vestibule. Thank you!



Mark your calendars

Friday, May 9th

Proceeds go to the Youth Caswell trip. 😊



Fort Caswell

Youth Trip: July 7 – 11

Theme: REMAIN

Speaker:

Curtis Andrusko

Cost: \$150

See Jenks for details.



**Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 1st**

Please sign up online at
<https://www.pbcmarshville.org/graduate-sunday-2022/>
if you would like to participate.
Thank you.

75 Plus April 2025 Newsletter

March has been a beautiful month. Flowers, green grass and trees tell us it's spring. Our group was very excited and happy to be together. We missed some of our folks and we had some new ones. 22 were present.

Our food was very good as always. A lot of desserts, thanks to everyone that brought my favorites. Most of all they came in with a big smile. I love every one of our 75 Plus. They are very special.

Hope to see you on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 11am.

Have a great month of spring flowers and trees. God made a beautiful world for us to take care of and enjoy. Stay well and happy.

Bonnie Oster



Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

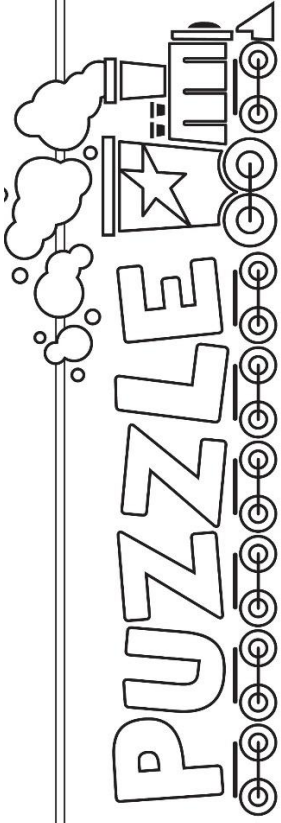
Saturday, April 12th

10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Invite Your Friends!

Hello, just FYI we have decided to do the Easter egg hunt a little different this year in regards to candy and eggs. Instead of stuffing the eggs we are going to hide the eggs and have pre-filled candy bags for each child to take home. Therefore, we need eggs and candy separate. They do NOT need to be filled. I will also have a prize for the child that collects the most Easter eggs in each age group. Thank y'all for supporting our church so well!! Ava Strawn

P.S. We ARE accepting chocolate this year! 😊 This year it won't melt outside in the eggs since we are using the bags for candy give-away.



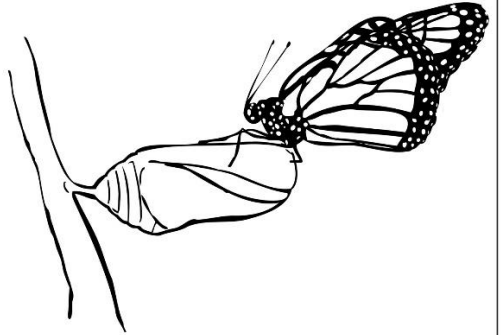
OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

- C → ↓ ↓
- H → ↑ →
- V ↑ → ↓
- I ← ← ←
- T ↑ ← ←
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Praise be to the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV



UBA SPRING SESSION

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**Freedom Community Baptist Church
3207 Wesley Chapel Stouts Rd.
Monroe NC 28110**

A pot luck meal will be served at 6 pm.

Session will begin at 7 pm.

Sermon: Rev. Caroll Anthony (Philadelphia)

All messengers and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Triumphant Entry

- Reading: Matthew 21:1-11
- Activity: Make palm crosses or a palm-themed craft.



Monday

Cleansing the Temple

- Reading: Mark 11:15-18
- Activity: Take a reflective walk, silently praying about what you wish to eliminate from your life or discussing obstacles that hinder your time with God.



Tuesday

Speaking in Parables

- Reading: Matthew 22:1-14
- Activity: Choose a Gospel and count how many parables Jesus uses. For a challenge, identify which parables are in each Gospel book.

Wednesday

Silent Wednesday

- Reading: Psalm 46
- Activity: Engage in a quiet challenge, focusing on prayer, Scripture or silent activities with minimal speaking.



Thursday

The Last Supper

- Reading: John 13:1-20
- Activity: Re-create a foot washing ceremony by washing each other's feet.



Good Friday

The Crucifixion

- Reading: Isaiah 53
- Activity: Draw, paint or write about the theme of sacrifice or caring.



Holy Saturday

Day of Preparation

- Reading: Luke 23:50-56
- Activity: Prepare for Easter by decorating or cooking traditional foods like bread.



Easter Sunday

Jesus Is Risen!

- Reading: John 20:1-18
- Activity: Celebrate the Resurrection with joy and fellowship by singing worship songs or sharing a meal.



Dear Philadelphia Baptist Church,

What a crazy month we are having! When Sarah and I talked about a club visit to her church in Stony Point, it was a sunny day with temperatures in the 70's. When we traveled to see her, it was raining in the 30s. A week later, it was snowing. I thank you so much for your partnerships through all kinds of weather. Club visits would not be possible without you.

Sarah Robertson is the **Awana** Ministry Director for Stony Point Baptist Church. We were invited to visit their **Awana** club last month. She told me their pastor had resigned, and they didn't have a youth director. Their sanctuary was old and found to be structurally unsafe, and they had just moved into their fellowship hall. But they love **Awana**, and **Awana** is still going strong. I watched the Cubbies (3 & 4-year-olds) as they presented their valentines to the senior ladies in the church. They sang sweet songs, and most of the ladies sang along with them. I spoke with the game director, Ms. Lindy, who said their game space has been reduced since the church had to move to the fellowship hall. We talked about games she could do in small spaces. I visited with the Sparky's (Kindergarten through 2 grade) and the T&T club (3rd through 6th graders). I noticed loving, caring adults pouring their hearts into the children, helping them to belong. They didn't have a huge group of children, but the leaders made those children feel special.

I look forward to seeing God's hand as he grows their church.

Thank you so much for your commitment to supporting our ministry. Your prayers and financial gift of \$150.00 allow us to serve small churches like Stony Point, which are doing ministry in a big way.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Brock".

Kathy Brock
Awana Carolinas

"Are We There Yet?"

I am sure you have either uttered those words or heard those words from your kids. As a kid, whenever we would ask that question, we always got this response (I am positive you got the same) "In about 20 minutes" maybe a little longer in some cases. Anyone relate to that? I am sure most of you have. We would ask later and get the same response, to which we would say, "you said that 20 minutes ago." This would go on and on.

Pre-electronic device days, we would occupy our time by counting the different state tags or play the ABC game of finding words starting with the letter and then making our way down the alphabet. X would always hold us up in that game. We also would try and find objects in the clouds. Anything to make the time go by quicker.

Now kids just jump on their iPad or phones, but the phrase will still come up, "Are we there yet?" This even happens with adults.

My sister and her family came out last year to spend some time with us. We all went to the beach. A place we have been to many times over the years. Dana has made that trip many, many times over the years before she moved to Texas. We have stayed down in Pawley's Island for the last 10 years or so to get away from the Myrtle Beach crowd. Most of you know it is a little further south than Myrtle Beach. Well, they followed us down to the condo we were staying at. For the last 10 years or so have taken the backroads way of getting there. It has actually taken some time off our travel time. Everyone has learned the shortcuts and now with GPS, Waze and several other apps, you can be rerouted to avoid wrecks or slowed traffic, but I still like going the backroads way. Less traffic=less headache:) As we were getting ready to come into Georgetown, Dana calls and says "ARE WE THERE YET? A trip she had made for years seemed so much longer because we didn't take the old familiar way. All she saw were potholes and trees. She was used to seeing all the landmarks and familiar towns. Even the famous finger pointing at you sign in McBee telling you to slow down. Those different spots would give her a sense of how much longer she had before she arrived at her destination. The closer you get to the beach you start seeing things beach related. The palm trees, souvenir shops and all the billboard signs. I got to say those words I had heard many times growing up, "in about 10 minutes." She must have reverted back to her childhood days because her response was like a child. This is the longest trip ever, I don't remember it ever taking this long, etc. I just laughed and said "trust me." Shortly thereafter we come into Georgetown. Now she could see beach related things, civilization if you will. We see the water, the boats and all things relating to the coast of South Carolina. Now she isn't as anxious about the travel or the journey.

I say all that to say this. For the last 24 years, here at Philadelphia Baptist Church we have...well, words can't possibly do it justice. Well words can but I can't put them into a coherent statement. Preacher Caroll has been such a great leader here. I will not try to say anymore but let you take a moment to think of all the things he has done, not only for you and your family but for our community and even our state.

“Are We There Yet?”, continued

With that said, we also will be taking a new journey or path with whoever GOD sends our way. Much like my sister, it may not be the same scenic route that we are used to, but the destination will be the same. That will never change.

Thank you, Preacher, for instilling in us a love for one another, missions, and growing the Kingdom of God.

So, during this new transition for our Church, if you ever find yourself asking that question "ARE WE THERE YET?", I'll remind you like I did my sister...not me but to Trust our GUIDE. Always Trust in JESUS. Jeff Jenkins

2-Jerri Pittman, Raelyn Tucker
3-Kasey Medlin
4-Darren Guffey, Daniel Guffey
7-Ray Rickard, Michael Thomas
8-Kathy Newland, Michelle Simpson,
Ciara Vaughn
9-Christy Goble
12-Lennox Guffey
13-Bill McLaurin
14-Casey McClain, Kyle Pittman
15-Michael Hagler, Dustin McClain,
Randall Wilson
16-Emma Ashcraft, Karen Haigler
18-Madison Bradley, Kayden McGriff,
Bob Oster, Tristin Patterson
20-Woody Altman, Karlie Strawn
22-Ashlyn Porter
23-Jackson Davis
24-Cara Krest, Kristen Robinson
25-George Davis, Chris Hargette, Luisa Price,
Marvin Snead
26-Emma Simpson
28-John Romanello, Todd Rorie
29-Dean Jenkins, Bonnie Oster, Miley Ross
30-Kimberly Funderburk



First Week of May Birthdays

1-Joshua Baker
3-Hunner Wallace
4-Esther Medlin,
Tiffany Romanello
5-Rick Benton
6-Kristi Hagler



Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

The author of the following story is unknown. (The story has been abbreviated.) Edith Burns was the favorite patient of Dr. Will Phillips from San Antonio, Texas. Every time Edith came to see the doctor, she always carried a large black Bible, and she always introduced herself to everyone in the waiting room by saying, “My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?”

On one such visit, Phillips’ head nurse, Beverly came in to take Edith’s blood pressure. Edith said, “My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?” Beverly responded, “Why, yes I do.” Edith asked, “Well, what do you believe about Easter?” Beverly said, “Well, it’s all about egg hunts, going to church, and dressing up.” At this point, Edith began to tell her about the true meaning of Easter. And in a short time, she led Beverly to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. When Dr. Phillips came into the room, Edith could tell that he was not his usual happy self. Edith said, “Dr. Will, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?” Dr. Phillips said gently, “Edith, your lab report came back, and it says you have cancer. And Edith, you are not going to live very long.” Edith said, “Why Will Phillips shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me I’m going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket!” There is more to this story that I will be sharing with you on Easter Sunday. I hope you will join us on that day. We will have our worship service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8 a.m. and Sunday School at 9 a.m. And I can’t wait to celebrate my last Easter with you as your pastor.

You see, I do believe in Easter. And that changes everything! Because of Easter, we have a new name, a new hope, and a new destiny. Because of Easter we can face life unafraid, knowing that Jesus has conquered death, hell, and the grave!

Hello. My name is Pastor Carroll. Do you believe in Easter? May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our risen Lord with you!

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