



# The Messenger

First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island • March 2018



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Reverend Brett Myers, his wife, Kristen, and daughters; Eden, Karis, Lydia and Abigail.

## Rev. Brett Myers Has Been Called As the New Pastor of FBCHHI

At a called Business Meeting on Sunday, February 18, 2018, Rev. Brett Myers was chosen to be the next pastor of First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island. The vote was 100% unanimous to call Reverend Myers as Pastor.

We ask you to keep Pastor Brett and his family, and his church in Calgary, in your prayers as the Myers family transitions to Hilton Head Island. Pastor Myers will begin his duties here toward the end of April. Please also pray for our church as we begin a new chapter in our history.

In addition, the proposed amendment to make a change in the bylaws regarding Membership also passed and will take effect immediately. You can read more about Pastor Brett Myers on page 3.



Voices of Mobile

## The VOICES of MOBILE Collegiate Musical Guests

Sunday, March 4, 2018  
7:00 PM

For a preview, go to  
<https://www.facebook.com/VoicesOfMobile/>  
No Entrance Fee

*A love offering will be taken.*

Housing is needed for these guest musicians. Call Richard Wade at 843-785-4478 to volunteer your home as a host home.



**Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 11, 2018**  
*Move your clocks ahead one hour.*



## Palm Sunday Sunday, March 25 Tenebrae Service with Silent Communion

Our Sanctuary choir will lead the congregation in a Tenebrae Service on Palm Sunday, March 25, during the morning worship service. It will include a silent communion as part of the program in the darkened Sanctuary. This is a meaningful service that will prepare your heart for the Easter season. Please invite your friends to join you for this very special service.



Photo from the 2016 Tenebrae Service

Read about the significance of the Tenebrae service on page 5.



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31

Details on page 6.  
*Don't forget your Easter baskets.*



## Good Friday Friday, March 30 Worship Service in the Sanctuary 12:00 Noon

Lunch served in the Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room immediately after the service. Donations for lunch are greatly appreciated.



*Easter Sunday*  
Sunday, April 1  
Details on page 6.

# Visiting with the Pastor

## God's Directive

*“The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord,  
Like the rivers of water; He turns it  
wherever He wishes (Proverbs 21:10).”*

God is in the business of directing His children when they are willing and even when they are not willing. The next chapter in First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island’s history is part of God’s directive! On February 25, 2018, after hearing Rev. Brett Meyers preach, the church family unanimously voted to embrace him as the next pastor of FBCHHI. The Pastor Search Committee had diligently been seeking God’s face for the last year, waiting for His directive in their search for the next pastor. The committee looked at many resumes, listened to many sermons and spoke with several prospective pastors. They unanimously agreed upon Rev. Brett Meyers. God so directed them to a conclusion of one spirit and mind. Then the church body also agreed with one spirit and mind!

## God's Desire

God always desires that the brothers and sisters in Christ dwell in unity, and unity comes from a heart that is always seeking to be pure before the Lord. Notice what I said, “*always seeking to be pure before the Lord.*” Our church family is not perfect or it would already be glorified, but I do believe that most of our fellowship’s desire is to be pure before the Lord.

Our church has now been in existence for fifty-four years. This will be the first time in the church’s history that there has been this spirit of unity while transitioning between Pastors. You, as a church family, are now a part of history that glorifies the Lord God and His redemptive purposes. I have had the privilege of either knowing the previous pastors or their family members, and that is why I am speaking with authority about this history. May we rejoice with our Lord to be a part of His Work, His Glory, and His Church! He is a Glorious God. This is His Church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it!

## God's Days

The Lord has already ordained the days before us, even before we have experienced them, and we are filled with excitement, joy and expectation. I know you will be excited about your new Pastor, Rev. Brett Meyers. Hopefully, he will be preaching his first sermon as Pastor on April 29, 2018. He will be in the church office to begin his pastoral duties on April 23. I pray that you will be patient with him as he listens to you, learns about you and loves you. As I have often said, one cannot lead God’s people until they learn the people, listen to the people and then love the people!

The last Sunday for Linda and me in an official capacity will be on April 22. I will speak more about that in the month of April.

## God's Disciples

We will gather for worship at 10:30 AM on Palm Sunday, March 25 for a Tenebrae Service in a darkened Sanctuary. It will include silent Communion. As God’s disciples, the music and words of the Tenebrae service will help us totally focus on our Lord’s death and its meaning for us! His disciples did not understand, even after He had so diligently taught them for over three years. But, we are blessed to have the Word of God, so we can know the meaning of that historical hour and about what was to follow.

Prepare your hearts to meet God as His disciples during this unique service. You can read about the meaning of the Tenebrae Service on page 5 of this [Messenger](#).

Look further in the [Messenger](#) for a complete listing of the services scheduled for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

Your Pastor Loves You,

John Keller



## Biography Information

### Reverend Brett Myers



*Reverend Brett Myers*

The Pastor Search Committee of First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island recommended Reverend Brett Myers as a candidate for Pastor of FBCHHI. They asked him to preach in view of a call on Sunday, February 18. At a called business meeting immediately following the worship service, Members and Watchcare members cast their votes and Reverend Myers was approved. The vote was 100% unanimous.

Brett was born in Mississippi, reared there and in Georgia. He came to know The Lord as his Savior at a young age. In 2005, he married his wife, Kristen. His family now includes four daughters; Eden, Karis, Lydia and Abigail. As Pastor Myers noted in his

introduction to the committee, First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island has held a special place in his heart since his family worshiped at the church while vacationing in Hilton Head over the past 17 years.

Pastor Myers completed his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration in 2005 from Berry College in Georgia. He has since completed a Master of Divinity, in 2009, from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and in 2011, a Master of Business Administration from Brenau University in Georgia. He is currently working on his Doctorate of Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina.

Reverend Myers was ordained and licensed as a Pastor in 2006. In the same year, he began his ministry experience as Youth Pastor at a Baptist church in Springfield, Kentucky. In 2007, he transitioned to the position of Family Pastor at a church in Bardstown, Kentucky. From 2009-2014, Brett was Senior Pastor of Corinth Baptist Church in South Carolina. In April 2014, he accepted the call as the lead pastor and church planter in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Pastor Myers and his wife led the church to grow and to develop mentors for future growth of churches in the area. First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island has been a help and encouragement to him during his time in Canada, by supplying mission teams the past two summers to assist with their summer camps for children.

Pastor Myers' life objective is to bring glory to God through helping all people to realize and share the love of Christ and to dive deeply into a personal walk with Him. Pastor Myers' personal walk and the fruit of his work show his commitment to this objective.

In August 2017, Brett and his wife felt the Lord's calling to submit his resume to the Pastor Search Committee of First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island. The Committee had an opportunity to meet with Brett face to face. After much prayer and discussion, the Lord confirmed to the Pastor Search Committee members to issue a call to Reverend Brett Myers. Their decision was unanimous to recommend him to the congregation as the next Pastor of First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island, SC.

On Sunday, February 18, 2018, a vote was taken from members and Watchcare members of First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island on the matter of calling Reverend Brett Myers to become the next pastor of FBCHHI. The vote was 100% unanimous in his favor.

Please pray for Brett, and his family as they make their transition to Hilton Head Island. Please also pray for his church in Calgary as they begin their search for a new Pastor.



# VOICES *of* MOBILE



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ROGER BRELAND CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

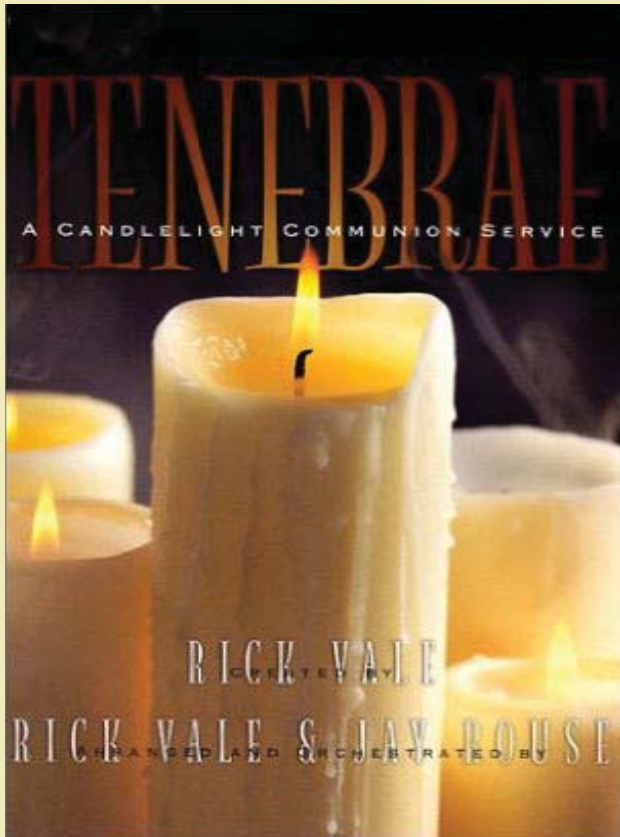
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Date: March 4, 2018

Location: First Baptist Church of Hilton Head

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# TENEBRAE

A CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

PRESENTED BY THE

First Baptist Church  
Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, March 25, 2018

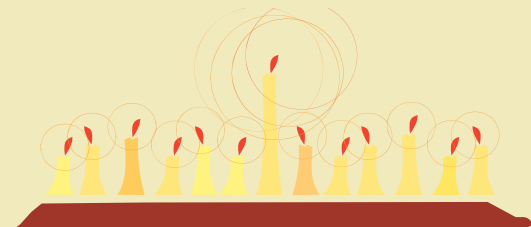
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## The Significance of TENEBRAE

**B**efore every morning, there is an evening. Before each sunrise is a sunset. So it was that long week during the Passover when Jesus walked through each day...knowing what we know now and still do not fully comprehend. Knowing that He must be unjustly betrayed, beaten, accused, cursed and killed...so that we would not have to continue trying to pay a debt that is deeper than the universe is broad. The morning of that first day of the week is a glorious and wonderful thing to ponder, and it carries more weight as we grow older...and wiser. But the days preceding, though not as pleasant in our minds, need to be remembered... so we can put Easter Morning in the right perspective.

**T**he service of TENEBRAE (Latin meaning, "the darkening") has been observed in some form or another since the 12th Century and perhaps even before. This quiet service of word and song and candlelight acknowledges, once again, the love that Jesus has for you and me...and what He would subject Himself to...for our benefit.

**J**oin us for this deeply meaningful service of remembrance on Palm Sunday morning, March 25th, as our Sanctuary Choir leads us in worship and as we remember the sacrifice of our Lord, together, as a church family.



# Easter Schedule

## **Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, March 25**

**Tenebrae and Silent Communion Service**

**10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

## **Good Friday Worship Service**

**Friday, March 30**

**12:00 Noon**

**in the Sanctuary**

### **Lunch Served After the Service**

**In the Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room**

**Donations for the lunch are appreciated.**

### **Four Lessons of Good Friday**

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* (HarperOne), writes that Jesus' suffering and death almost 2,000 years ago are very relevant to our 21st-century lives. He says Good Friday teaches us that:

1. physical and emotional suffering are part of life;
2. suffering isn't always the result of sin;
3. Jesus was fully human — and thus understands our humanity; and
4. suffering isn't the last word.

"The message of Good Friday is incomplete without Easter," Martin writes. "The story of the Passion is not simply of a man being brutally tortured, nailed to a cross and executed by the Romans. It's the story of a man who turns himself fully over to the Father's will, trusts that something new will come out of this offering and receives the astonishing gift of new life."

## **Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Family Spring Social**

*Donations of prefilled Easter Eggs are requested by*

*Palm Sunday, March 25*

**Saturday, March 31**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

For children who are walking toddlers through 5th graders.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Invite your Friends and Neighbors!

Celebrate Jesus' Resurrection with an Egg Hunt and other special activities. Check in at the Family Life Center.

## **Easter Sunday**

**Sunday, April 1**

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

**6:30 AM**

On the beach at the end of Alder Lane  
Beach Access on South Forest Beach Drive

### **Breakfast Served**

**7:15 AM**

Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room  
Donations for breakfast are appreciated.

### **Early Morning Easter Worship Service**

**8:00 AM**

**In the Sanctuary**

### **Coffee Fellowship**

**9:00 AM**

Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room

### **Sunday School for All Ages**

**9:15 AM**

Classes held in rooms across the campus.

### **Easter Morning Worship**

**10:30 AM**

**In the Sanctuary**







## Annual Mission Offering Goal for 2017-2018: \$40,000

Collected from November 2017 - April 2018 \$29,589 has been collected to date.

50% of the money collected goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. 25% goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. 25% remains in our local church to be used for mission projects and to support opportunities as designated by our Missions Committee.



## Ladies Bible Study Class Begins New Study Wednesday Nights

Wednesday, March 7, the Ladies Bible Study Class will begin a study on the book of James entitled, "Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life" by John MacArthur. James, the brother of Jesus, writes this letter to First-Century believers in order to expose hypocritical practices and to teach right Christian behavior. Confrontation, challenges, and a call to commitment await us as we will study how to become doers of the Word.

## Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 01/31/2018	\$74,524
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 01/31/2018	\$70,975
Year-to-Date Expenses 01/31/2018	\$70,006
Budget Receipts Goal for February 2018	\$74,524
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 02/26/2018	\$79,629
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 02/26/2018	\$55,572
Annual Missions Offering thru 02/26/2018 Goal: \$40,00	\$29,589



## Order an Easter Lily or Fern

for Easter Sunday In Honor or Memory of Your Loved One

If you would like to place a plant in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, you have two choices: Easter lilies or ferns. Fill out the order form below (one form per lily/fern please), and place in the offering plate, mail or bring it to the church office with payment of \$10.00 per plant. Please clearly mark your choices in the boxes on the form. Order deadline is Palm Sunday, March 25.

If you purchase a plant, it should remain in the Sanctuary until the conclusion of the 10:30 AM worship service Easter Sunday. Plants should be picked up by Wednesday, April 4 or they will be disposed of by the church staff.

You may attach additional pages for multiple orders. Your name (who is purchasing the plant) Please Print:

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person for memorial or honoree to print in the bulletin (who the plant is given in Honor or Memory of)

Place a check in the box by your desired choices in each of the sections below.

- 1 -  Easter Lily OR  Fern  
 2 -  In Honor of OR  In Memory of



"I'm playing a crowd member in the Passion Play. I was going to play Pilate 'til I found out I'd have to wash my hands."

# March Calendar

Saturday, March 3	10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Bonus Rehearsal for Sanctuary Choir, Music Suite
Sunday, March 4	Regular Sunday Schedule 7:00 PM - <i>The Voices of Mobile</i> , In Concert, Sanctuary
Tuesday, March 6	10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 12:00 Noon - Administrative Council Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
Wednesday, March 7	5:00 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #7
Sunday, March 11	Daylight Saving time Begins - Move clocks ahead one hour Regular Sunday Schedule
Tuesday, March 13	10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 12:00 Noon - Personnel Committee Meeting, Church Library 2:00 PM - Connection Leadership Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2
Wednesday, March 14	4:00 PM - Missions Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2 4:45 PM - Parents' Council Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #6 Regular Wednesday Night Schedule
Saturday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day
Sunday, March 18	Regular Sunday Schedule
Monday, March 19	Women's Connection Meetings, Various Times and Places
Tuesday, March 20	10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite 4:30 PM - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2 Women's Connection Meetings, Various Times and Places
Wednesday, March 21	4:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Rm #2 Regular Wednesday Schedule
Sunday, March 25	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Regular Sunday Schedule
Tuesday, March 27	10:30 AM - Tenebrae Service with Communion, Sanctuary
Friday, March 30	10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 Noon - Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary 1:00 PM - Good Friday Lunch in the Family Life Center
Saturday, March 31	10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Children's Families Spring Social and Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 1	<i>Easter Sunday He is risen!!! He is risen indeed!!!</i> 6:30 AM - Sunrise Service on the Beach in front of the Marriott's Grande Ocean Resort 7:30 AM - Breakfast Served in the Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room 8:00 AM - Early Morning Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room 9:15 AM - Sunday School, Various Buildings, Various Rooms 10:30 AM - Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary
Monday, April 2	Church Offices will be closed in observance of the Easter holiday

## Staff

Dr. John Keller - Pastor - c/o - lhopkins@fbchhi.org  
 Rev. Richard Wade - Minister of Music and Education - rwade@fbchhi.org  
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 Paulette Gardner - Church Receptionist - pgardner@fbchhi.org  
 Richard Lewis - Custodial/Maintenance  
 Dennis Matson, Jr. - Custodial/Maintenance

## Sunday Schedule

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM - Open Prayer Time and Devotional, Family Life Center, Room #2  
 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship Time, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM - Sunday School For All Ages, Various Buildings  
 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Middle School High Tide, Family/Student Building  
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - High School High Tide, Family/Student Building

## Wednesday Night Schedule

5:00 PM - 6:15 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children's Building, Room #7  
 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - Youth Bible Drill, Family/Student Building  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - CORE, Parents of Children and Youth Study, Family/Student Building  
 6:20 PM - 7:30 PM - Awana, Education/Children's Building, Atrium  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #4  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Women's Bible Study in the Children's Building, Room #8  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Men's Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #3