

Easter

Sunday April 1st, 2018
8:45am & 10:30am

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April Newsletter of Petal First Baptist

Greetings!

It is of course one of my favorite times of the year and I'm sure many of you feel the same way. It's the season of new beginnings, new life, and most importantly the Sunday we set aside to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead - **EASTER!! We will gather together this Sunday for worship at either 8:45 or 10:30 a.m.** It's going to be an incredible Sunday! Please remember to park in the grass and seat towards the front so that our guests will have the best parking and easiest seats! Also, be sure to invite someone to join you. People are willing to come but simply need an invitation. Also, we will have a family photo area set up where you can take your own Easter pictures in the conference room across from the offices.

It's also an important day of giving for Petal FBC. First, we want to challenge you to bring your regular tithes and offerings as we are already a little behind for the year and really need to catch up before the summer hits when we have our busiest and most expensive months! Secondly, I hope that you will join Rebecca and I in giving a sacrificial gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. 100% of these offerings are used to help reach the 265 + million people in North America who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus! Our Goal is just \$16,000+ so let's go over that this Sunday!

Finally, we are continuing our march through **Route 66** as we journey through the entire Bible in 2018. Again, I hope that you are hanging in there with the 3D (Digging Deeper Daily) Bible weekly reading plan. If you get behind, start reading where we are currently and then catch up on what you missed as you have time! The Lord has brought some incredibly challenging and encouraging words to us as a Church Family both in LifeGroups and in Worship as we all together Listen, Learn, Love and Live His Word more than ever before! Remember there is a great website that has some incredible videos and other teaching material that many of our LifeGroups are using at www.thebibleproject.com/explore. Check it out!

Messages for the month of April

April 8 - Nehemiah - "How to Build a Wall & People"

April 15 - Esther - "For Such A Time As This"

April 22 - Job - "Why Me & The Meaning of Suffering"

April 29 - Psalm - "The Picture of A Godly Person"

I can hardly wait to see each of you here this coming Sunday as we come together to worship our wonderful Savior and dive deep into His Word in both LifeGroups (on April 8) and Worship!

In Christ Alone,

Brad



Don't miss Easter Sunday, April 1st, as we gather to worship our Risen Savior! LifeGroups will not meet and there will be two identical services: **8:45 am and 10:30 am**. Childcare will be provided for both services. Come celebrate our risen Savior with us and invite someone to join you!



100%
of your gifts to the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®
supports North American missionaries.

Our Goal: \$16,000+

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million



The in-gathering for our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be on **Easter Sunday, April 1st**. Petal FBC's goal this year is **\$16,000+** and the national goal is \$70 million. 100% of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports North American missionaries. You can visit anniearmstrong.com for more specific information about the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.



It's time to start signing up for Kidz Xtreme! The theme this year is "AMPED: Live Fully Alive". **Pre-register online today by going to <http://petalfbc.com/kidz-xtreme-2018/>**. Volunteers are also needed! There is a sign up sheet on the table in the church foyer or you can sign up online as well. More information is available at the link above. Contact Denise Inmon with questions.

EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE

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SIMULCAST | APRIL 13-14, 2018

\$35 PER PERSON

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CONTACT 601.545.3198 FOR INFORMATION

The annual Empowered to Connect Conference will be simulcast **April 13th-14th here at the church**. Come experience practical teaching in a safe and supportive community as we work to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve children impacted by adoption and foster care. Contact the church office at 601-545-3198 for more information.

A poster for the 'Secret Church' event. It features a dark, textured background with a single lit lightbulb on the left. The text 'April 20 6:00pm-12:00am' is at the top. Below it, 'SECRET CHURCH' is written in large, white, distressed capital letters, with a red cross symbol over the 'E'. Underneath that, in smaller red capital letters, is 'KNOW HIS WORD. KNOW HIS PERSECUTED.' At the bottom, 'Cost: \$10.00' is written in red. A black banner at the very bottom contains the text 'Sign up by calling Church Office by March 25th to Guarantee Materials!' in white.

April 20 6:00pm-12:00am

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Secret Church will be held **April 20th from 6 pm - 12 am**. The topic this year is "Cults and Counterfeit Gospels". It will answer such questions as "what false gospels are being taught today?" and "how can we recognize the true gospel among the counterfeits?". The cost is \$10. Call the church office to sign up or for more information.



Disaster Relief Training is being offered by the Mississippi Baptist Convention **Saturday, April 28th, from 8 am to 4 pm at Improve Baptist Church** in Columbia (2979 Hwy 44, Columbia, MS). The cost is \$10 per person and lunch will be provided. The training will cover topics such as involving Southern Baptists in disaster relief, basic chainsaw instruction, chaplaincy, and mass care feeding. Trainees must be 18 years old to receive credentials. Contact Improve Baptist Church at 601-736-4947 for more information.



Hope Clinic's annual Heroes Walk for Hope is **Saturday, April 28th at the Longleaf Trace USM Gate**. Come dressed as your favorite Super Hero or fun character outfit! For more information or to register, visit www.hcfriends.com/walk-for-hope or call 601-294-2181.

Annual Uniform Drive

Donate Gently Used and New Uniforms
Primary school sized

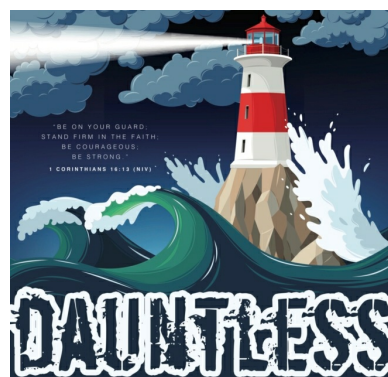
April 30 - May 4

You can drop uniforms off at Petal FBC, PPS, PES, or PUES.

We will host our annual uniform drive **Monday, April 30th through Friday, May 4th, from 7 to 7:30 am** at each of the following schools: Petal Primary, Petal Elementary, and Petal Upper Elementary. Volunteers are needed to collect uniforms in the carpool lines. We will take any student sizes. Contact Melanie Blanton to sign up to work.



Dates for MFuge 2018 are **June 18th-23rd**. It will be at the University of Mobile in Mobile, AL. The **payment schedule** is as follows: half of the balance is due by April 8th and the remaining balance is due by May 20th. For more information, contact Chris at 601-310-8469.



Kid's Camp 2018 will be June 25th-27th. Camp is open to children who have **completed** 2nd to 5th grades. To register, complete a form which can be found on the counter in the children's area. Call Denise with questions at 601-606-7350.



SET UP A BOOTH
FOR \$20

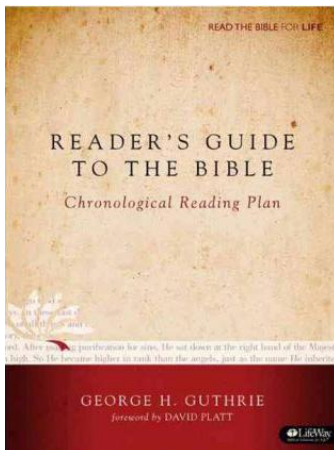
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There will be a Garage Sale here at the church, **April 7th, starting at 7 am**. Booths can be set up for \$20. Sign up forms can be found in the church office. If setting up a booth is not for you, come shop and support our Haiti Team! Contact the church office at 601-545-3198 for more information.



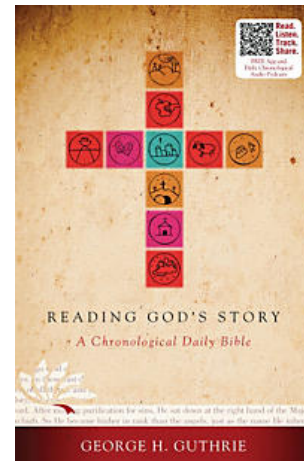
If you are interested in going to Southeast Asia in the **Fall of 2018**, please contact Melanie Blanton at 601-545-3198 or 601-270-2897. Be a part of helping us reach our unreached, unengaged people group. Don't let cost be a hindrance!



A companion devotional with the reading plan along with extra resources to help you get the most out of reading through the Bible in 2018. Cost: \$10



Our journey through the entire Bible is underway! Each Sunday Pastor Brad preaches on a book of the Bible and the next Sunday LifeGroups work their way through that book. If you miss a message, listen to it on our Facebook page, www.petalfbc.com, or the church app.



The Chronological Bible we are encouraging everyone to read through in 2018. It is also on the Bible App. Hard copies will be \$15.



Family Friendly Wednesday Nights continue beginning @ 5:30 p.m. with Family Supper followed by opportunities for the entire family @ 6:15 p.m. Pastor Brad has begun a new series in Refuel entitled ***Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out***. Learn practical ways to connect the Gospel to everyday conversations. Books are available for \$5 each.



Wednesday Night Supper Menu for APRIL:

April 4

Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread
 Kid Option: Mini Pizza
 Tang Pie, Chocolate Chip Cake, Pudding w/ Biscotti

April 11

Pork Loin, Hash-Brown Casserole, Shredded Cabbage
 Kid Option: Corn Dogs
 Pecan Pie, Cherry Dump Cake, Salted Caramel Bars

April 18

BBQ Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans
 Kid Option: Baked Chicken Strips
 Hawaiian Pie, Texas Sheet Cake, Cream Cheese Squares

April 25

Hamburger, Fries
 MS Mud, Cupcakes, Fun S'Mores



3D (Digging Deeper Daily) APRIL READING PLAN

Week 14 (April 2-7)

Day 1 - Samuel 1-3
Day 2 - Samuel 4-8
Day 3 - Samuel 9-12
Day 4 - Samuel 13-16
Day 5 - Samuel 17-20, Psalm 59
Day 6 - Samuel 21-24, Psalm 91

Week 15 (April 9-14)

Day 1 - Psalms 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
Day 2 - Psalms 56, 120, 140-142
Day 3 - 1 Samuel 25-27; Psalms 17, 73
Day 4 - Psalms 35, 54, 63, 18
Day 5 - 1 Samuel 28-31, 1 Chronicles 10
Day 6 - Psalms 121, 123, 128-130

Week 16 (April 16-21)

Day 1 - 2 Samuel 1-4
Day 2 - Psalms 6, 9-10, 14, 16, 21
Day 3 - 1 Chronicles 1-2, Psalms 43-44
Day 4 - Psalms 49, 84-85, 87
Day 5 - 1 Chronicles 3-5
Day 6 - 1 Chronicles 6; Psalms 36, 39, 77-78

Week 17 (April 23-28)

Day 1 - Psalms 81, 88, 92-93
Day 2 - 1 Chronicles 7-9
Day 3 - 2 Samuel 5:1-10, 1 Chronicles 11-12, Psalm 133
Day 4 - 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23, 1 Chronicles 13-16
Day 5 - Psalms 15, 23-25, 47
Day 6 - Psalms 89, 96, 100-101, 107

Week 18 (April 30-May 5)

Day 1 - 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalms 1-2, 33, 127, 132
Day 2 - 2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18, Psalm 35
Day 3 - 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalms 20, 53, 60, 75
Day 4 - Psalms 65-67, 69-70
Day 5 - 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chronicles 20, Psalm 51
Day 6 - Psalms 32, 86, 102-103, 122

Click this link to start the reading plan on the Bible App:
www.bible.com/reading-plans/64-reading-gods-story

petalfbc.com



LifeGroups will not meet Sunday, April 1st, but will continue at 9 am on April 8th. It's not too late to jump into a small group as we are walking through the Bible book by book in connection with our Route 66 Message Series and reading through the Bible in 2018. Here is the link to the listing of our **LifeGroups**.
www.petalabc.com/grow/lifegroups/

You can also check out this website that we will be using that has some great resources to help in this journey. www.thebibleproject.com/explore/



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and the food, visits, and prayers for us.

The Lloyd Moore Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the plant in memory of my Mom, Carolyn Bates. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and the calls and messages received.

Love,

Melissa Bates Kelley and the W J Bates Family

To My Petal Church Family,

I miss you all so very much. The world is blessed with you in it and so am I. Thank you all for praying for me. I wish you all a wonderful Easter.

I carry you all in my heart forever and ever.

Love forever,

Kandy Pisciotta





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