

First Baptist Church
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To:

Our Mission: Encounter . Grow . Serve . Share

April 2025

Our Vision: Becoming fully committed followers of Jesus Christ ...
 Making a Kingdom impact on Calvert City

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Our Team

Pastor..... Dr. Jim Ewing
 Music (Vacant)
 Family Ministry Director..... Crystal Smith
 Youth Leaders Eric and Heather Littrell
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 Church Organist/Pianist Vicki Madison
 Custodians Marshall (Eddie) & Gail Agent

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead

Last month I highlighted an on-line resource called *Got Questions* that I've found to be very helpful in answering some of the difficult questions about our Christian faith. To give you an idea of its usefulness, the article below is from *Got Questions* that answers the question: Does God Really Forget Our Sins? ¹ I hope it will be a comfort and an encouragement to you.

There are several passages in the Bible that indicate that God forgives and forgets our sin. Isaiah 43:25 says, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Hebrews 10 explains how Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for sin was a once-and-for-all sacrifice. Unlike the sacrificial system of the Old Testament, in which sacrifices were continually made for sin, Jesus paid for sin once. His payment was complete. Hebrews 10:14-18 says, "For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: 'This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.' Then he adds: 'Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.' And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary."

These passages make it evident that God does not remember our sins. However, God's "not remembering" is not what we usually think of as forgetfulness. God is omniscient. He knows everything, and He forgets nothing. However, He can choose not to remember something. In human relationships, we can choose to remember the offenses someone has committed against us, or we can choose to forget. To forgive someone, we must often put painful memories out of our minds. We don't actually forget the sin, and it's not that we are unable to recall the offense, but we choose to overlook it. Forgiveness prevents us from dwelling on past troubles.

Rather than treating us as our sins deserve, God removes our sins from us "as far as the east is from the west"—an immeasurable distance (Psalm 103:12). Think of travelling around the globe. When does one stop going east and start going west? It is impossible to say. When we are saved, our sins are completely forgiven. This is what the writer of Hebrews is talking about—Jesus made a one-time sacrifice that completely removes our sin. In Christ, we are justified (declared righteous) before God. Romans 8:1 tells us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. Romans 8:31-39 is a beautiful discourse on our security in Christ. Sin has no say in our standing with God. We are fully accepted and declared righteous in Him. God does not remember our sins in the way He treats us. Instead, He treats us as righteous. Second Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made him who had no sin [Jesus] to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." In this way, God "forgets" our sins.

Even as Christians, we sin, but we know that God is faithful to forgive (1 John 1:9). God cleanses, and then He moves on. He does not hold our sins over us. Instead, He frees us from the slavery of sin and sets us free to experience a new life. Knowing the complete forgiveness of God in Christ, we can join King Hezekiah in praising our Redeemer: "You have put all my sins behind your back" (Isaiah 38:17). Like Paul, we can forget what is behind and "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called [us] heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13).

1. Taken from Got Questions, <https://www.gotquestions.org/does-God-forget.html>, on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Together in Him, Pastor Jim *"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."* Romans 15:4, NASU

April Reading Schedule— Books of Colossians—1 and 2 Thessalonians—

1 and 2 Timothy

Applying what you read. As you read each day, think about the text by considering each of the following 5 application questions. **1. What does this text tell me about God? 2. Is there an example to follow? 3. Is there an error to avoid? 4. Is there a sin to forsake? 5. Is there a promise to claim?** Not each one will apply to each reading, but one or more will. We'll talk about each week's reading during our Wednesday prayer meeting time.

April 1	Colossians Chapter 1	April 9	1 Thessalonians Chapter 5	April 16	1 Timothy Chapter 4
April 2	Colossians Chapter 2	April 10	2 Thessalonians Chapter 1	April 17	1 Timothy Chapter 5
April 3	Colossians Chapter 3	April 11	2 Thessalonians Chapter 2	April 18	1 Timothy Chapter 6
April 4	Colossians Chapter 4	April 12	2 Thessalonians Chapter 3	April 19	2 Timothy Chapter 1
April 5	1 Thessalonians Chapter 1	April 13	1 Timothy Chapter 1	April 20	2 Timothy Chapter 2
April 6	1 Thessalonians Chapter 2	April 14	1 Timothy Chapter 2	April 21	2 Timothy Chapter 3
April 7	1 Thessalonians Chapter 3	April 15	1 Timothy Chapter 3	April 22	2 Timothy Chapter 4
April 8	1 Thessalonians Chapter 4				

Sunday and Weekday Schedule of Activities

Sunday	9:00	am	Sunday School	Wednesday	6:00	pm	Prayer Meeting/Membership Meeting 3 rd Wednesday
	10:15	am	Worship Service		5:30	pm	Youth Ministry (Ignite!)
	5:30	pm	Youth Meeting				

Announcements, Missions and Outreach

The Promise—April 13th
Trace Creek Baptist Church
3577 St. Route 131, Mayfield
Show Time—2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Sign up by April 6th outside the church
office or call 270-395-4600
Leaving FBC —12:45 pm



Wednesday Night
April 16, 2025


Fellowship MEAL

The Bible Seekers Sunday School class are hosting the Wednesday night fellowship meal at 5:00 pm before Prayer Meeting/Membership Meeting at 6:00 pm. Sign up outside the office, in your SS class, or call the church office (270-395-4600) by April 14.

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 1 THRU APRIL 30, 2025

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR: \$3,000

Fundraiser for Marshall County LifeWise Academy
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - Twin Lakes Worship Center, Benton, KY
Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm


Upcoming Events



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 1, 2025



LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention



Stroke, Aneurysm, and Vascular Disease Screenings

Presented by Baptist Health Paducah
 Thursday, May 29, 2025 First Baptist Church Calvert City
 Call 1-800-640-6307 for information and appointments

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Birthday: Hazel Faulkner	2 5:30 pm—Youth 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting	3	4	5
6 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service No Youth—Beginning Spring for Schools (7-11)	7 Birthday: Becky Tynes	8	9 No Youth—Spring Break 6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting	10	11 Birthday: Donna Cayton	12 Anniversary: Don and Karen Howard Birthday: Hadley Pagel
13 Palm Sunday Birthday: Donna Ford	14 Anniversary: Eric and Heather Littrell	15	16 5:00 pm—Fellowship Meal 6:00—Prayer Meeting/ Membership Meeting	17	18 	19
20 Easter 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service 5:30 pm—No Youth 	21	22 Earth Day	23 5:30 pm—Youth 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting	24	25	26
27 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service 5:30 pm—Youth	28 Birthday: Doris Haley	29	30 Anniversary: Randall and Hazel Faulkner 5:30 pm—Youth 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting			

Volunteer Schedules for April

TELLERS	Lynn and Rebecca Wilson	COUNTER	Rebecca Wilson				
NURSERY ASSISTANTS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	LEAD USHERS	SECURITY TEAM				
April 6	Anna Hodge	April 6	Kourtney Gregory	April 6	Mark Noles	April 6	Eric Littrell
April 13	Stacey Young	April 13	Heather Littrell	April 13	Adam Morton	April 13	Billy Hodge
April 20	Kristin Poague	April 20	Jenny Travis	April 20	Marvin Travis	April 20	Jason Young
April 27	Crystal Smith	April 27	Trena Gregory	April 27	Eric Littrell	April 27	Gerry Poague
DEACON OF THE WEEK		PRAYER WARRIORS		ALTERNATES			
April 6	Jason Young—270-703-1709	April 6	Clint Poague and Ray Tucker	Waymon Duncan and Andy Pagel			
April 13	Lance Gregory—270-703-4881	April 13	Danny Sewell and Billy Hodge	Jason Young and Phil Broyles			
April 20	Ray Tucker—270-556-5115	April 20	Easter Sunday (No Prayer Partners)	Easter Sunday (No Prayer Parnter)			
April 27	Dale Smith—270-564-8457	April 27	Trena Gregory and Anna Hodge	Sandra Wiles			
MARCELLA'S KITCHEN DELIVERY SCHEDULE (Deliveries are on Tuesday of every month)							
April 1	Dale and Jean Smith, Jerry Devine		April 22	Gerry and Kathy Poague, Jill Pagel			
April 8	Cheryl Ewing, Gene Low, Jennifer Casey		April 29	Cheryl Ewing, Jennifer Casey			
April 15	Billy Hodge, Jerry Devine, Donna Cayton						



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Calvert City First Baptist Church

When: Thursday, May 29th, 2025

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Anyone over the age of 40

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- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
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Call **888-814-0466** and use promo code **HSCA001**

Visit  LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA



Text the word "circle" to **216-279-1607**

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.