



FGBC,

**REJOICING IN CHRIST**

Jesus' personal agony in the garden was still raw in his heart. The words from Peter's lips were just moments old. The long night of suffering and torture which he experienced had evolved into early morning mocking and rejection of him as the Messiah, the only son of God. The very people who should have received him most were the very ones rejecting most vehemently. Jesus found himself standing before Pilate, a man God had given authority for a time in order to bring to pass our Heavenly Father's divine will. Not knowing what to do with Jesus, the one being called the "King of the Jews," Pilate asked the Jewish religious leaders for guidance. Their response: "Crucify Him!"

To the political and religious leaders of the Jewish people, Jesus posed a real and significant threat. His stern words confronted their hypocritical actions. His divine teachings confounded their best scholars. His own actions of eating and associating with the "sinners" of society contrasted with their desire to shun those "in need of a shepherd." His humble heart only amplified their own prideful and arrogant hearts which lusted after power and prestige. If Jesus was allowed to live, he may have affected even more people and eventually, their power, glory, and importance would evaporate. Yes, the only real solution was to put him to death.

Today, the world still wants Jesus crucified. Individuals want nothing to do with him. He serves as a thorn to fulfilling their sinful desires. His words still confront their hearts. His ways baffle their worldview. Therefore, instead of listening to him, the world deems it most wise to do all that is possible to put him to death. Individuals today want to rid the world of Jesus, his teachings, his expectations, and even his followers. In some places, it seems like this effort finds success.

Nevertheless, as we embark upon another season of remembering the cross and the empty tomb, we should also remember that it is impossible for man or even death to defeat our sinless Savior or to stop the advancement of the gospel of life and hope. Death could not hold him. Man cannot do away with him. Furthermore, our glorious redeemer reminds us that He is building his church and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it! (Mt 16:18). Our Savior is a mighty warrior, a glorious King! By His power and might, the gospel of hope is advancing, not retreating! It is setting the "sinners" of the world free from their bondage to sin and the evil one.

Let us remember that even now, our great King reigns in heaven. One day He will return and every person who has sought to crucify Him or His people will stand before Him in utter silence as He pronounces judgment upon them. As for those of us in Him, those of us who find our righteousness in His death and resurrection, we long for that day!

Thanks be to God for Jesus' death. Thanks be to God for the empty tomb. Thanks be to God that because of these things, one day, our tombs will be empty too!

*Pastor Travis*

**UP COMING EVENTS**

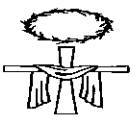


**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - April 2 at 7:00 pm**

**CANVAS FLORIDA GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD  
Sat., April 3 from 10:00 am - noonish**



We are going door to door passing out invitations to our Easter Sunday Worship Service. Please see Pastor Travis for more info.



**EASTER CELEBRATION**

at  
**10:30 am**

**No Sunday School Class or Evening Worship on Easter Sunday**

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER - April 7 from 5:15 - 6:15 pm**

\$6. adults, \$3. for 2-10 yr. olds, under 2 free, \$15. max. per family  
Sign up sheets are in the SS classes & the rear of the church

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING - Wed., April 14 at 6:30 pm**

**WOMEN OF THE WORD (all women are welcome)**

Thurs., April 15 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall  
Help get ready for the Ladies' Tea!!



**YOUTH FUNDRAISER CAR WASH**

Sat., April 17, 9:00 am - Noon

**Men & Young Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Sunday, April 18  
7:45 am**



*Ladies' Tea*

**Sat., May 1 from 1 pm - 3 pm**

**Ladies & young ladies 6th grade & older are invited.  
Limited seating, paid RSVP by April 23 ~ \$8.00 /person**



*For information call:*

**Lisa Little 969-2050 or Mervyl Sloan 248-8010**



## Don's Notes

Dear Church Family,

### MUSIC NEWS:

**Sat., April 10 - TRIBUTE QUARTET. Concert starts at 7:00 pm.**

There will be a love offering taken. Invite your friends.

**Hand bell rehearsals resume after Easter.** Please consider being a part of this ministry. Contact Suzanne Jarvis for info at [suzjazz@bellsouth.net](mailto:suzjazz@bellsouth.net)

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY NEWS:

**Mon., April 5 - Senior Luncheon at First Baptist of West Palm Beach**

Carpool from Florida Gardens at 10:15 am. Arrive back at Florida Gardens at 1:30. Cost is \$7.00. Invite your friends.

**Thurs., April 8 - Game Day**

Bring your board games and your lunch and meet in the fellowship Hall.

Time for this event is 10:00 am -1:00 pm. There is no cost. Invite your friends.

### BROTHERHOOD NEWS:

**April 10 – Coed Deep Sea Fishing Trip on the Lady K.**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

\$33.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children under 12. Sign-up sheets are available in Sunday School classrooms and in the sanctuary.

This is a family/outreach activity.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 28- Faith Night at the Marlins.** Group rates are based on 20 or more.

More information to follow, but save the date. This is a family/outreach activity.

Love you,

Don

## YOUTH NEWS

### YOUTH FUNDRAISER

#### CAR WASH

**9:00 am - Noon**

**Sat., April 17**



This fundraiser benefits the FGBC Youth Summer Mission Trip

### Spring Break Bash

#### Mizner Amphitheater

**Sat., April 17**

Youth will be given a permission slip for this event.

## UP COMING EVENTS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 21 - 25**

**9:00 am -12:30 pm**

- Teach or assist a class (day or evening)
- Help teacher prepare or clean up
- Craft instructors & helpers
- Assist with Parent's night
- Assist with registration

# Florida Gardens Baptist Church

## April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly...</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Worship (nursery provided for all services)		<b>Weekly...</b> 7:00 Hand Bell Rehearsal	<b>Weekly...</b> 6:30 DMI, Children, & Youth Ministries (nursery provided) 7:30 Worship choir (nursery provided)	1	2  <b>Service 7 PM</b>	3 Canvas FG Neighborhood 10 am - noon 1:00 PM NURSING HOME MINISTRY
Ann Lemos to Haiti April 1-10						
4 <b>Easter</b> <i>No Sunrise Service</i> 10:30 AM Worship No Sunday School Children's Bells No Evening Activities 	5 Senior Luncheon at 1st Baptist of WPB Meet at 10:15 am to carpool	6 Staff Mtg 4:00	7 <b>Wed Night Supper</b> 5:15-6:15 pm DMI 1.11	8 <b>Seniors Game Day</b> 10am - 1pm Bring your own lunch & games to play	9	10 Deep Sea Fishing 8-Noon "Tribute Quartet" 7:00 pm (Love Offering)
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11 Food Pantry 2-4 pm Coed Wedding Shower Gary Garrett & Shila	12	13	14 <b>Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30 pm</b>	15 <b>Women of the Word</b> 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall	16	17 (Sound/Tech) Work Day <b>Youth Car Wash</b> 9:00 am -Noon 1:00 PM NURSING HOME MINISTRY 
18 7:45 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Church Council 4:45 in the Library	19	20 Staff Mtg 4:00	21 DMI 1.12	22	23	24 Discovery Key Community Info Booth 8:30am - 4:30pm (workers needed) Doors open 9am-4pm
25 AM Lord's Supper  <b>Deacon's Meeting 4:45</b>	26	27	28 Web Site/Technology Program 6:30 PM	29 Fellowship Hall Ladies' Tea Team Set up	30 Fellowship Hall Ladies' Tea Team Set up	 <b>ANNIE ARMSTRONG</b> EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS