

## WEEKLY PRAYER & PRAISE GUIDE

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.  
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” *James 5:13*

### Our Missionaries

#### Pray for:

#### FBC-Supported Missionaries

- ◆ Andyshak, Buhler, Calva, Gervasi, Guest, Harris, Hubbell, Humble, Kelley, Lomilo, Lovelady, Pittman, Rasmussen, Matute, Swenson, Tice, Tissell, Trussel, and Wernow.

#### FBC-Supported Ministries

- ◆ CEF Benton County, CEF Linn County, Compassion Ministries, Love INC Benton County, Options Pregnancy Center, Southside Youth Outreach, Volunteer InterFaith Caregivers, Western Seminary, and We Care.

#### Len Andyshak

- ◆ Len has been serving with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) for over 3 decades. He and his wife Mary served in Kansas to international students until 3 years ago when they moved to Bend, OR. Len is on the IVCF Interim Ministry Team (south & central coast) where he mentors leaders of IVCF teams. Please pray for: wisdom and insight as he mentors college campus leaders; The campus of Ventura - ask the Lord to encourage their one remaining student as she and her staff reach out and seek to rebuild a witnessing community again to be a source of healing and blessing on that campus; Students in the fellowship of Cal Poly - they have turned a corner, rather than being intimidated by this Covid situation on campus, the students in the fellowship are really desiring to move forward and see the Lord do new things this quarter.

#### Jonathan and Annalyn Guest

- ◆ Jonathan and Annalyn serve with International Student Inc., a college ministry to orient and acquaint international students to their new home and cultural experience. Please pray for: Upcoming Virtual All-West Regional Retreat from March 14-16, 2021. Pray also for the following people he recently interacted with: Muslim man, African believer, Bible study of 6 believing students. Finally, pray for conversation partners from Asia and the Middle East.

### Church Leadership

**Staff:** Pastor Russ Richmond, Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Mitchell Henderson

**Elders:** Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Mike Rinkin, Russ Richmond, Dale Durrell, Rick Harpel

# WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis



March 28, 2021: Palm Sunday



The Raising of the

# REMNANT



“Whoa! Not So Fast, Pal!”

by Pastor Rick Harpel

*Nehemiah 4:1-6:19*

Worship Leader: Pastor Russ Richmond

*We are many generations connecting the next generation to Jesus. We aim to encounter God through worship, to connect with others through smaller communities, and to engage in missional outreach to our neighbors and the nations.*



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



## KIDS MINISTRY

Children's Classes will be held in person this Sunday morning (3/28). We will have classes for Preschool Church and K-5th Kids Church in the beginning. Awana Sparks and T&T will be in person this week as well, but Cubbies will remain online. As things open up more and families are more comfortable regathering, we will open up the Nursery next. Stay tuned for updates!

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 2nd at 7pm

Gathering around the cross and meditating on Christ's passion, we will worship through reading scripture and singing. We will follow the seven last sayings or words from the cross, take the Lord's Supper, and soberly consider how this changes everything for us.

## EASTER SUNDAY—RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 4th

Join us and invite a loved one to respond to the news that Jesus is Alive! Our morning worship service will be a joyful celebration pointing to the true victory of the Gospel message. Starting at 10:00, we will serve hot drinks and refreshments as we greet and fellowship together in the lobby.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES SPRING SCHEDULE

There will be no adult bible classes on 4/4 and then Spring classes will begin 4/11 at 9 am.

*1 Thessalonians*, led by Daniel Peterson and Steve Ferrier will meet in the fellowship hall with a Zoom option. *Next Members Connection*, led by Jeff Harris will be an in person, 4 week study on Church membership at FBC.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

**TODAY!** - Palm Sunday

**Sundays**—Adult Bible Classes, 9am

Impact Sunday School, In-person with Zoom Option, 9am

**Tues, Mar 30**—Campus Ambassadors Worship on Zoom, 7pm

**Wed, Mar 31**—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6pm

**Wed, Mar 31**—Awana (meeting virtually and in-person), 6:30pm

**Fri, Apr 2**— Good Friday Service, 7pm, In-person with Zoom Option

**Sun, Apr 4** — Easter - Resurrection Sunday!, Worship Gathering at 10:30 am, Coffee at 10am in the church lobby.



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# MESSAGE NOTES

“WHOA! NOT SO FAST, PAL!” – NEHEMIAH 4:1-6:19

**INTRODUCTION:** Palm Sunday Evening? The next thing we hear about is opposition!

- The same thing happens to Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- This is a pattern in our broken world of sin: intimidation, threats of violence, greed, lies, distraction, in a word “opposition.”

**- How to we respond to the inevitable opposition?**

## 1. NEHEMIAH FACES OPPOSITION WITH PRAYER TO GOD, STRENGTH IN GOD TO ACCOMPLISH THE WILL OF GOD.

- The attack: intimidation, insult, ridicule.
  - The answer: PRAYER and PASSION.
- The attack: threat of physical violence.
  - The answer: PRAYER and “VIGI-DILIGENCE.”
- The attack: greed.
  - The answer: CONFRONTATION AND AVOIDANCE OF SIN and PRAYER.
- The attack: lies, distraction even a plot of murder!
  - The answer: SPEAKING TRUTH and PRAYER.

## 2. JESUS FACES OPPOSITION WITH PRAYER TO GOD, STRENGTH IN GOD TO ACCOMPLISH THE WILL OF GOD.

- The attack: The buying and selling robbery in the temple: distraction, greed.
  - The answer: Speaking truth to lies, and strength to cleanse the Temple.
- The attack: The leaders challenging his authority to intimidate, delegitimize him.
  - The answer: Confronting their sin of plotting murder and rejecting God.
- The attack: The Pharisees and Herodians try to trap him over paying taxes to Caesar.
  - The answer: Confront their greed and duplicity.
- The attack: The Sadducees ridicule him concerning the resurrection.
  - The answer: The truth of God in Scripture.

In the midst of the opposition, Jesus prays to God the Father; in full submission to him in the Garden of Gethsemane; for strength; to do God's will and God's will alone.

- The attack: Through the insider opposition of betrayal and denial.
  - The answer: Firmness and remains true to his mission.
- The attack: Through arrest, violence, trials and death.
  - The answer: Prayer even on the cross, with strength from God to accomplish God's will which is our salvation for the forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

## 3. WE MUST FACE OPPOSITION WITH PRAYER TO GOD, STRENGTH IN GOD TO ACCOMPLISH THE WILL OF GOD.

### CONCLUSION:

And what about the accomplishment of God's will?

6:15-16 “So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”

John 19:30 “Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’”

Luke 24:1 “On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb...”