

# The Baptist Record

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



### May we continue to be about our Father's business

I hope that you took advantage of attending the "Weekend of Encouragement." Dr. Iorg did an excellent job of giving us words of encouragement and of challenging us to work together for the cause of the gospel. We must be determined that the words didn't fall on deaf ears, but on receptive and obedient hearts. Thank you for your attendance, your giving, and your prayer. May we fill our lives with experiences that continue to challenge us to be about our Father's business.


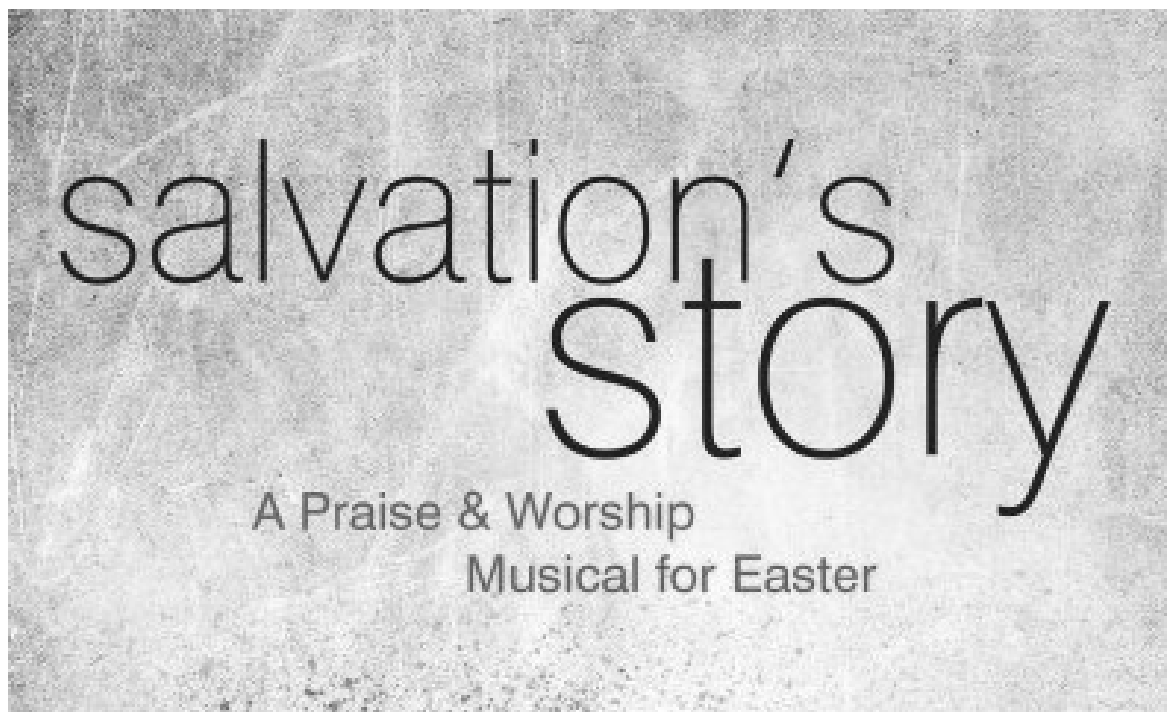
This Sunday night, our adult choir will be presenting "Salvation's Story." Don't miss it! You will miss a blessing if you do. Pray for all who are involved in any way. Come and let your heart sing with them to the glory of God.

Sunday morning at the close of our worship service, we will vote on the recommendation from the personnel committee and deacon body to call Mrs. Charla Boatman as our children's minister. Be in prayer for her and the children's ministry of our church.

JOY Club will meet on Tuesday, March 31. May the joy of the Lord be our strength, and so contagious that we can't contain it.

*In Christ's Love,  
Bro. Travis*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:**  
Please give out luminaria slips in your class to everyone who wants one. These need to be mailed back to Frances Hyde.

## Salvation's Story set for March 29

By Gwen Sisson

First Baptist Church of Eupora's Music Minister, John Herring, said he hopes that the congregation will have a very genuine worship experience as part of the 2015 Easter Cantata.

"It's my prayer that we will experience the powerful, presence of the Lord," Herring said. "I always look forward to worship, and this is no different. I am looking forward to worshipping the Lord with the people of God. It is absolutely the most important thing we do every week."

The First Baptist Church of Eupora's Easter Cantata will be Sunday, March 26, at 6 p.m. The FBC Orchestra will be playing and Rev. Travis and Angela Gray will be narrating.

This year's performance will be "Salvation's Story," a very uplifting, contemporary worship musi-

cal, centered on the message of the cross and rejoices in the resurrection of the Lord.

"The hope is that everyone will celebrate and worship as we praise our redeemer in singing the gospel story," Herring said. "We have so much to be thankful for. Because we are sinners and God is Holy, there had to be a payment for our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins at the cross. Then He conquered death and proved it when He rose on the third day. This is the good news! We have a Savior! So as we gather for the Easter Cantata, we are coming to offer our praise and worship to Him."

Salvation's Story will feature the FBC Eupora Choir, with several solos throughout the performance from Lorrie Boatman, Audrey Hood, John Faulkenbery and a duet, sung by Stephanie and Bill Stewart.

The FBC Orchestra will be accompanying the choir this year.

"We are so blessed by the instrumentalists here at First Baptist," Herring said. "Terry Cain is amazing on the piano as is his wife, Lydia, on the organ."

Other members of the FBC Orchestra include Sheila Bailey playing the synthesizer, Joe Thompson playing bass, Will Selby playing lead guitar, and Evan Alderman playing drums.

"Easter is a very special time of year," said Rev. Travis Gray of FBC Eupora. "It reminds up of the greatest fact in all of history - Jesus is alive. He gives every heart something to sing about. You do not want to miss (the Easter Cantata). I want to invite you to come and be blessed. Let us all sing with our lives: Hallelujah, Christ has risen!"

### Weekend of Encouragement was amazing

Easter is almost here! The choir and orchestra will be presenting *Salvation's Story*, this Sunday evening, March 29 at 6 p.m. We only have a few rehearsals left, so please make plans to join us. This will be a wonderful time of worship.

This past weekend was amazing. I hope you were able to attend at least one of the services. Dr. Iorg did an amazing job and God was present! I look forward to worshipping with you!

*In Christ,  
John*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



- March 26 *Sue Rowe*
- March 26 *Tammy Bright*
- March 28 *Yvonne Hitt*
- March 28 *Bill Baker*
- March 28 *Preston Vegh*
- March 29 *David Graham*
- March 29 *Connie Shurden*
- March 30 *Jan Jenkins*
- April 1 *Rhonda Beach*
- April 1 *Dianne McGarr*
- April 1 *John Aaron Castle*
- April 2 *Tommy Gladney*
- April 2 *Kailan Holmes*

#### AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, March 29**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
11:00 G-Force  
4:45 Adult Handbells  
5:15 Youth Bible Study  
6:00 EASTER CANTATA  
\*\*\* Finger foods in the FLC after the performance

**Tuesday, March 31**  
11:30 JOY Club Potluck lunch

**Wednesday, April 1**  
6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:30 Lifestyles WMU  
5:30 MISSION: Wednesday  
6:30 Youth Bible Study  
6:30 Prayer & Praise Service  
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 2**  
6:30 Girls (Youth) Bible Study @ Taylor Barnette's house  
6:30 Guys (Youth) Bible Study @ FLC



**ITEMS OF THE MONTH:**  
Hair clips, bows, combs & brushes

#### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of the prayers, gifts, cards and other acts of kindness that you have shown to us during the illness and passing of my dad, Johnny M. Turner. It is such a blessing to be part of a loving church family. God bless you all.  
**TAMMIE MCGARR & FAMILY**

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 3/22/15

Adult.....	144
Young Adult.....	3
College/Career.....	3
Youth.....	26
Children.....	11
Preschool/Nursery.....	18
Nursing Home.....	0
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>205</b>

#### FINANCIAL 3/22/15

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$7,429.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,522.86
Gifts to Date.....	\$124,196.15
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$126,274.32
UNDER Budget.....	\$2,078.17

#### BUILDING FUND 3/22/15

Current Balance.....	\$201,425.52
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#### ANNIE ARMSTRONG FUND 3/22/15

Home Missions Goal.....	\$11,000.00
Gifts this week.....	\$6,737.00
Short of goal.....	\$4,263.00

#### CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray — Pastor  
John Herring — Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor  
Kevin Barnette — Youth Director  
Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary  
Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary  
Marcelle Robertson — Custodian  
Kathy Bailey — Librarian  
Jo Faulkenbery — Church Clerk

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

The personnel committee and the FBC Eupora deacons have called CHARLA BOATMAN to serve as the new part-time children's director for FBC Eupora. Charla currently serves as the director of the preschool choir, director of Children's Bible drills and has been leading G-Force (Children's worship) since January 2015. The church will vote on the nomination on March 29, 2015 during the Sunday morning services.

