



*The Visitor*  
**Sharing Christ ...**  
**Serving our Community.**

**Let's Grow Together In Christ**

**@ Sunday School**

**9:45 a.m.**



**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Chris Hilliard	Lead Pastor
Rev. John Davis	Minister of Music
Rev. Steve Shierling	Youth Pastor
Cathy Williford	Administrative Assistant
Barbara Williamson	Financial Secretary
Tom Whiddon	Organist
Debbie Ley	Pianist
Jessica Mitchell	FBCP&K Director
Scott Hockenbury	Facilities Manager

***"Is Your House Guest Ready?"***

***Matthew 21:1-10***

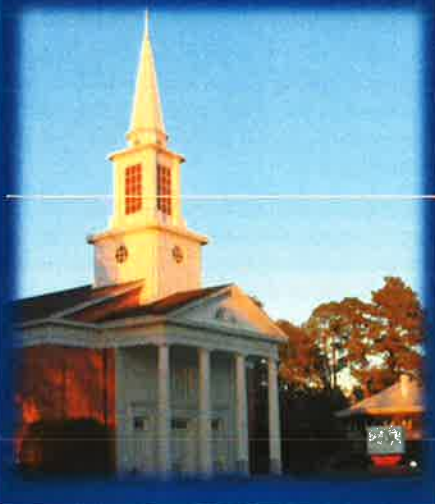
***11:00 a.m.***

***Rev. Chris Hilliard***

***"You Might Be Lost If..."***

***6:30 p.m.***

***Rev. Chris Hilliard***



**Holy Week Schedule:**

**St. James' Episcopal Church**

**12th - 13th - 14th**

**306 N. Court St.**

**11:30 a.m. Lunch \* 12 noon Service \* 12:30 p.m. Lunch**

**Thursday, April 13, beginning @ 4 p.m.**

**everyone come join the annual FBCQ family fun as we prepare the cross in remembrance of our Savior's love for us.**

- GREETERS/USHERS**  
**Thomas & Betty Rozier**  
**Marvin Mitchell**  
**Jack Newell**  
**Wesley Ross**  
**Andy Swann**
- SUNDAY SCHOOL HALLWAY GREETER**  
**Ada Dodd**

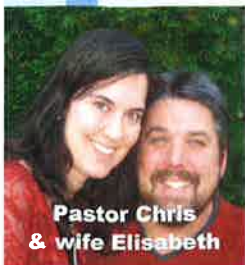


Pray for, visit if you can &/or simply call or send a card to our SHUT-IN

**Mrs. Paula Harrison**  
**P.O. Box 407**  
**Quitman, GA 31643**  
**101st Birthday 4/6**

**Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Saturday, April 15, 10 - 12 noon**  
**(Birth - 6th Grade)**



Pastor Chris & wife Elisabeth

Stewart loved to fish. Anytime he could, he would head to the coast, rent a boat, and fish. Five or six times a year he'd go when money permitted. Not enough times in his opinion. Too many times according to his wife. Nevertheless, Stewart had a dream of one day owning his own boat so he could go more. That day finally came. He bought a gorgeous fishing boat of his own. Now, he could go whenever he wanted in his own boat! But, a funny thing happened. He actually went less. He wanted to go more but life was so busy. So, often he would just go out in the garage and sit in his boat and dream. Even though that wasn't the same as going out and fishing, it would make him feel better and hold him off until the next time he actually went fishing. But, the trips became less and less and the boat sat in the garage.

I wonder if that story describes the spiritual condition of many in the church. You knew life offered more. You yearned for a day when you could find inner peace and fulfillment. If only you could find your purpose in life, then you could really soar and enjoy all of your days. And then, one day, in Jesus you found it. Now, in Him, you had abundant and eternal life. A life you could explore, experience, grow in, and share with others. But, as time goes on, you began to take it for granted. Instead of living the abundant life daily, you ponder it from time to time. Instead of being the church, you go to church. And maybe even attending church becomes less frequent. Yes, you are a Christian. You have Jesus in your heart. But, your faith sits in the "garage" and isn't enjoyed much anymore.

Maybe it is time to begin afresh and anew. Maybe it is time to rediscover the gift God gave you and to begin to enjoy it and explore it again. Rediscover the joy of the Lord and His goodness. Make a new commitment to seek Him daily. Fellowship with the Body of Christ weekly.

Still Growing in Him,  
Pastor Chris Hilliard

**WOMEN ON MISSIONS**

**W.O.M. will not meet at FBCQ on Thursday, April 13, due to the Community Holy Week Services. All members are urged to attend the services at St. James Episcopal Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at noon.**

**YOUTH NEWS:**

steve @bemiss.com



Youth Minister Steve & wife Tami

Appearance is everything! Tami, Jacob, and I were in Orlando, a few weeks ago, to see a Braves spring training game and go to Universal Studios theme park. We had to park in a huge parking garage when we went out for dinner. Being the genius that I am I managed to lock my keys in the car. We went on to dinner then, while Jacob and Tami hung out near the restaurant, I went back to stand by the car to wait for roadside assistance.

As I stood there in this dark part of the garage and waited I started to notice a common occurrence of the people who were walking by. They would be laughing and talking and carrying on with their life until the moment they spotted me in the shadows. Immediately their whole demeanor would change. They would stop talking and keep a very nervous eye on what I was doing until they were well out of my sight. Now all that know me, knows that there was no one in that garage that would have been any less of a threat to them than

me. I'm more likely going to help someone if they needed it. But you couldn't have convinced anyone that passed me by on that particular day that I wasn't of a nefarious sort!

I wonder, how many times the image of Quitman First Baptist Church is misinterpreted? I know that our church is one that wants to show the love of Christ to all. But often outsiders may look in and think that we're some type of club or a social meeting place for a certain class of people. We need to go out of our way to combat the false images and perceptions that are out there. Let's be intentional as we take part in the "Big Invite" that we let them see past our image and see our hearts!

All things in Christ,  
Steve Shierling

**WORSHIP MATTERS:**

fbqworship@hotmail.com



Minister of Music John & wife Jeanette

**First Baptist Church Worship Choir will be joining other choirs for a special time of worship and celebration at River Hill Missionary Baptist Church, located at 2884 James Rd. in Valdosta, this Sunday afternoon. The program starts at 3 p.m. and we would love for you to come support us with your attendance.**

**To Proclaim the Gospel...**

It should also humble us when we consider that the Savior is the only innocent one to ever suffer. He's the only one without sin, without blemish, without fault. We deserved the punishment He received. The question in our hearts then won't be, Why am I suffering? But "Why don't I suffer more?"

The answer is that we have a Savior who has "borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."

My Savior's sacrifice paid for all my sin.

See you in worship,

John



**SUNDAY:**

- 9:00 a.m. Hospital Visitation
- 9:15 a.m. Orchestra and Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Time in Pastor's Study/Office
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School\*
- 10:55 a.m. Count Down for Worship
- 11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP\* (Sanctuary) Rev. Chris Hilliard  
Children's Church
- 3:00 p.m. River Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Valdosta (see Music Article)
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP\* (Sanctuary) Rev. Chris Hilliard
- 7:30 p.m. Deacon Fellowship Meeting

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY:**

**Holy Week Schedule:  
12th - 13th - 14th  
St. James' Episcopal Church  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
12 noon Service  
12:30 p.m. Lunch**

**WEDNESDAY:**

- 6:45 a.m. FCA Bible Study @ Brooks Cty High School
- 9:00 a.m. Ministerial Staff Prayer & Planning Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Broadcast Morning Worship on Quitman Cable Channel 6
- 10:30 a.m. FBCP&K Chapel with Pastor Chris
- 5:30 p.m. SUPPER (Reservations needed)
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Youth Activity Time (Outside Activity, Supper, Worship, Bible Study)
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Children's Activities (Supper, Music & Performing Arts)
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study "The Broken Way"
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Adult Bible Study\*\*+ (Chapel)
- 6:45 p.m. FBC Orchestra Rehearsal\*\*+ (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal\*\*+

**THURSDAY:** FBCP&K Egg Hunt and Singing at the Presbyterian Home  
4:00 p.m. **Begin decorating the annual Easter Cross on the front lawn (EVERYONE - no matter the age or ability - or even the amount of time you can help - IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN ON THIS FUN EVENT. We will have chairs outside for those that feel they can't help much and wish to be here to fellowship, encourage and pray for the effort of those working)**

W.O.M. Meeting Cancelled due to Holy Week Services.  
Members are urged to attend the services.

**FRIDAY:** FBCP&K Easter Party

**SATURDAY:**

10 a.m. - 12 noon FBC Easter Egg Hunt (Birth - 6th Grade)

\*Nursery Provided Free (Birth - 3 Year)

\*\*Nursery and Childcare provided Free (Birth - and up)

+For the safety of all FBCQ children we ask that they be picked up by a parent from the Nursery and 'Kid's 4 Christ' area at the close of the Services.

**CHURCH-WIDE YEAR-LONG MISSION PROJECT  
Collecting for SHOEBOX/BACKPACK**

Sponsored By Awana

**APRIL:**

**Small New Toys: Cars, Balls, Small Games, Jump Ropes,  
Card Games, Jacks, Marbles, Etc.**



**A List of Monthly Items Being Collected  
May Be Picked Up In The Hallway**



**No Awana & No Bible Drill  
April 9th or 16th**



*The arrangement in the Sanctuary  
today is given by  
Charles & Debbie Ives  
in Loving Honor of their daughter,  
Miss Victoria Ives' Birthday.*

Sunday School Enrollment	351
Sunday School Attendance	137
Morning Worship	144
Evening Worship	47
No Children's Activities Due to Spring Break	
2017 Budget Weekly Needs	\$11,453.27

Budget Receipts	\$11,237.10
Development	\$310.00
Designated	\$4,615.00

A.A.E.O. GOAL \$10,800.00	GIFTS to DATE: \$7,285.00
2017 BUDGET NEEDS YTD	\$154,345.78
2017 BUDGET RECEIPTS YTD	\$142,373.37

**COUNTING APRIL**

Financial Secretary: Phyllis Hubert  
Tellers: Tommy Ellinburg, Bobby Vann

*Memorials*

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

- For: Mr. Howard Johnson
- By: Mrs. Joan Johnson
- For: Mr. Gary Swann  
Mr. Ervin Arrendale
- By: Claude & Pat Butler
- For: Mr. Gary Swann  
Mr. Pete Williams  
Mr. Ervin Arrendale  
Mr. Cal Squires  
Mr. Chummy Barnes
- By: Andy & Donna Swann

**GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES**

- For: Mr. Ervin Arrendale
- By: Henry & Sara Carr

**BUDGET**

- For: Mr. Gary Swann
- By: Mrs. Lila Jones

*Christian Sympathy*

We express Christian Sympathy to Missy Storey, Brandon McMillion and their families in the loss of her father, his grandfather, Mr. Pete Williams and to Cathy Williford and family in the loss of her uncle, Ramsey Renfroe, Jr. (BigBoy).

**Kids 4 Christ:**

We are in need of plastic Easter eggs as well as individually wrapped candy for our EGG HUNT, Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 - 12 noon. Items listed below are needed for craft projects during the Egg Hunt:

1. Jelly beans
2. Salted peanuts
3. Raisins or Craisins
4. Cheese Puffs (the soft or crunchy ones that come in a bag)
5. Ziploc bags (snack size and sandwich size)

We are also in need of volunteers at the egg hunt. Thank you for helping provide these items for our children's fun day.

In HIS Service,  
Barbara Waldron



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**THE ANNUAL EASTER CROSS**  
**Thursday, April 13 beginning @ 4 p.m.**  
**IMPORTANT REMINDER: EVERYONE - no matter the age or skill level - IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN ON THIS FUN-FILLED FBCQ FAMILY ANNUAL TRADITION.** We will start setting up at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 13th, and begin decorating the annual Easter Cross on the front lawn. Just drop by whenever you can - feel free to stay until the completion or however long you're available. We will have chairs outside for those that feel they can't help much and wish to be here simply to fellowship, encourage and pray for the efforts of those decorating. Many are blessed each year by this display that serves as a reminder of what Jesus did for us and to glorify our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

'The VISITOR', our church's Newsletter, is mailed at lunch on Wednesday. If you do not receive yours by Saturday of each week, please visit or contact our local Quitman Post Office @ 229-263-7280.

Please visit us on the web: [www.fbcquitman.org](http://www.fbcquitman.org) or [www.firstbaptistquitman.com](http://www.firstbaptistquitman.com)

You may also wish to try our official link to view our sermon videos on-line: [www.vimeo.com/fbcquitman](http://www.vimeo.com/fbcquitman)

Copies of our Morning & Evening Worship Services are also available on DVD by contacting the office @ 263-7511.

**Church Nursery Volunteers  
 Scheduled for Today:**  
**Babies & 1 Year Old Group**  
 Mary Newell  
 Sarah Seiler  
**2 & 3 Year Old Group**  
 Sharon Cunningham

*If You're Feeling Called To Help In The Nursery,  
 Please See Susan York or leave her  
 a message in the Church Office.*

**Wednesday  
 FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**Breakfast**

Cost: Adults \$5.00  
 6yr. - Youth \$3.00  
 5 & Under N/C  
 Family Max \$20.00

**Reservations / Cancellations  
 \*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
 WITHOUT NOTICE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**APRIL**

9 Mrs. Gladys Green  
 Mr. Ben Graham  
 10 Mrs. Betty Harrell  
 Mr. Trey Hewett, III  
 11 Mr. Melvin Plair  
 Mrs. Jerry Carroll  
 Mr. Barry May  
 Mr. Bill Ramsey, Jr.  
 Mrs. Carla Taylor  
 12 Mrs. Mary Giddens  
 13 Miss Ana Garcia  
 14 Mrs. Alison Peterman  
 Miss Victoria Ives  
 15 Mrs. LuAnn Kelly  
 Mrs. Kris Spencer

**WE WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
 CHURCH MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.**

**2017-2018 ENROLLMENT  
 FBC Preschool and Kindergarten**

FBCP&K currently has limited openings in our Preschool and Kindergarten classes! FBCP&K provides a safe, loving, Christian learning environment for children ages 2½Yr. - 5Yr. Kindergarten. You may obtain a registration packet by leaving a message at the school (263-9390). We look forward to having the opportunity to share with you about what all our school can offer for your child's first years of learning.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Remember to pray each week for members known to have recently been Hospitalized or to have had recent outpatient procedures:

**Vicki Barron 4/6  
 Dee Dee Peek**  
*\*Discharged*