The journey continues and I am looking forward to the activities the month of April will bring. Of course, there is the number one celebration of all the celebrations - the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Easter. There is also the celebration of the church’s anniversary which says to us in a very strong way that the Lord has blessed us to be in His service another year and that He is still looking to us to be His witnesses in the world. Let us rejoice in the goodness of our God and the wonderful way in which He has favored us in the work of His kingdom.

Now with that knowledge in hand we ought to set ourselves to be more and more available to the things that the Lord has planned for us in His glorious future. I want to point out to all of us that we cannot allow ourselves to be at ease in our present situation, but we must rather seek, know, and do God’s will in all of our endeavors. We must also continue to seek our individual destiny in the overall scheme of the wonderful world that God has placed us in.

Let me additionally raise the specter of our pressing need to redouble our effects as the body of Christ and ambassadors in arms as we seek to win the loss. My beloved, never let us forget that giving up on each other is never an option. Therefore, let us love each other intentionally and with much zeal. Love you like a rock!
In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 50th Commemorative Anniversary, FBC is teaming up with LaGrange College for the production Celebration Mass: A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., presented by Americolor Opera of Atlanta. The Celebration Mass is a combination of mass texts, spirituals, and poetry, inspired by King’s life and his Civil Rights message. The event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 8th 7:00p.m. at LaGrange College’s Callaway Auditorium.

FREE ADMISSION

A Drum Major for Peace
First Baptist Church Marks 190th Anniversary

The First Baptist Church was organized by twelve men on the 11th day of May 1828. The pastor of the church was Reverend James Reeves. The History of the white Church states that until the time of the Civil War, there were Black members of the First Baptist Church, now known as the First Baptist Church On The Square. After that time the Black people were allowed to hold service for several years in the basement of the building.

Originally, both Blacks and Whites met together in conference as they did in church worship. The Blacks occupied the balcony in both instances. Later the Black conference met by itself. As time went by, the Blacks were denied the use of the building.

The first pastor after leaving the White First Baptist Church was Rev. A. Williams. After leaving the White Church, the members worshipped under a brush arbor. Rev Williams and a member by the name of Dunlap, cut down trees and hewed them into stills and framework for a church. The house of worship was built by members, each giving his time to the church.

Dr. Clarence Sams is currently the pastor of First Baptist. He came to the church in 1984 and has been serving faithfully for nearly 34 years. God’s love, word and power continues to shine in the rich history of our church and in the lives of this body of believers, which is a reflection of all the pastors and those who have worshiped and followed the Lord Jesus Christ in the life of this church over the past 190 years.

The official anniversary celebration is set for Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited!!

Coming this Summer....

Vacation Bible School
June 4 - 8

Follow the Leader encourages humanity to follow Jesus as the way to a solid personal relationship with God. As John the Baptist stated, Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He was essentially encouraging them and others to follow Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Theme Scripture: John 1:29-36

Thanks to everyone who supported our March Shoe Drive by donating new and gently worn shoes. We could not have done this outreach project without YOU! God Bless You!
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