

# THE RESURRECTION



# THE EPISTLE APRIL 2022



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAMBERT'S POINT**  
**1268 WEST 38TH ST. NORFOLK, VA 23508**

# GREETINGS FROM MODERATOR

*To all God's people, I have been highly favored to address you again. I thank almighty God for this blessing. This month, April 7<sup>th</sup>, is also another milestone as my wife and I celebrate 61 years of marriage. What a mighty God we serve... I know of no-good thing that we have stood in need of and have not been granted.*

*I have chosen and desire to share my thoughts on "Prayer and Unity" during this Interim Period as we march onward, led by the Holy Spirit seeking the next Senior Pastor of this great church. Rarely during our spiritual journey are we blessed and highly favored to be a part of a journey such as this.*

*Christians describe prayer as a conversation with God. Prayer can be silent or said out loud. It can use sets of words, or a person's own words. There are many kinds of prayers, including: Adoration – praising God for his greatness and admitting dependence on him. Confession – owning up to sin and asking for God's mercy and forgiveness. Thanksgiving – thanking God for his many blessings. Petition – asking God for something. Intercession – asking God to help others who need it. God hears sincere prayers and answers in His own time.*

*Without prayer there can be no unity within the body of Christ. The secret to unity begins with how we view ourselves within the body and how we view others. **Philippians 2:3** says, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than ourselves. Disunity in a church is most often caused when we act selfishly and consider ourselves better than others and fail to pray for one another. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interest of others. Above all, we must sincerely and earnestly pray for continued unity as we move through this season of change.*

*I remain proud to be a part of this church and congregation. I reflect on the saints that have been born, baptized, worshipped and married, and eulogized here. Their memories and the work they did will live on as a part of the church's rich history. We now prepare to enter another chapter of Kingdom building. To God be the Glory.*



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Deacon Clarence A. Wilson Jr  
Moderator



*Palm*  
**Sunday**  
**Outdoor Service**  
**APRIL 10th 11:00 A.M.**

- IF WEATHER PERMITS
- COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

**"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"**  
**MATTHEW 21:9**

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# AN INVITATION TO TITHE

Find your current giving level on the chart.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. . . . Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Monthly Income	10% Tithe	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$500	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
\$1,000	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
\$1,500	\$150	\$135	\$120	\$105	\$90	\$75	\$60	\$45	\$30	\$15
\$2,000	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
\$2,500	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
\$3,000	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30
\$3,500	\$350	\$315	\$280	\$245	\$210	\$175	\$140	\$105	\$70	\$35
\$4,000	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$120	\$80	\$40
\$4,500	\$450	\$405	\$360	\$315	\$270	\$225	\$180	\$135	\$90	\$45
\$5,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50

**If you are under 3%, please consider starting at 3%**

**If you are at 3% or greater, please consider a step in faith  
by moving up one or more percentage categories.**

*Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.*

*Malachi 3:10.*

*The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.*

*Luke 6:38*

*Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.*

*II Corinthians 9:6-8*

*\* Scripture from The Message, Eugene Peterson*

## YOUR GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH

**What It Means To Make a  
Financial Commitment**

**If You Are Considering Your First  
Financial Commitment**

**If You Are Renewing Your  
Commitment—How Much Is  
Enough?**



**An Invitation to Tithe**

# YOUR GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH

## 1. What It Means to Make a Financial Commitment

Making a financial commitment should be primarily a spiritual decision – reached after prayer and reflection. Our decisions about giving financially reflect central parts of our spiritual life:

- Surrendering a portion of our wealth to God's work
- Having faith that we can give generously and not suffer want
- Showing joyful thanksgiving for God's grace and gifts to us
- Please know that you can change your commitment any time

## 2. If You Are Considering Your First Financial Commitment

Making a commitment financially is an essential part of joining a worship community.

When you do so, you promise a portion of what you have to support God's work. Your gift expresses your faith that we as a community are good stewards of God's gifts to us.

In the financial sense, making a commitment may seem no different from making regular contributions to the offering plate.

In the spiritual sense, however, it is an important step in one's relationship with Christ.

## 3. If You Are Renewing Your Commitment - How Much Is Enough?

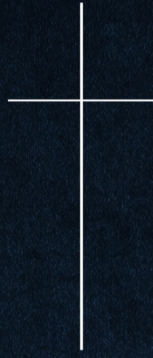
**The biblical standard is the tithe** – or 10% of all that we earn. We must acknowledge, though, that we are all at different places on the journey toward that goal. Our community includes some who tithe as well as some who are making their first financial commitment.

Regardless of our place on that journey, biblical teaching emphasizes **proportional giving** – that those blessed with greater wealth are expected to give back more. Often, the smallest gift is the largest.

In making your decision, you might begin by prayerfully considering your ultimate goal. What proportion of your income are you giving now and what proportion would you like eventually to give back to God.

You might then consider when you hope to reach that goal. How many years from now might you be able to give back the proportion you've chosen? What can you give now, in joy and gratitude, for all the gifts God has given to you? Finally, you might consider your commitment for next year as a step on that journey. How would your commitment need to change for you to stay on the path you've chosen? One thing for sure, God accepts us no matter where we are on this journey but God does not want us to stay there.





## CONDOLENCES

*James Scrive Pugh*

Father of Olivia Barnes & Grandfather of  
Amanda Barnes & Sis. Krystal Barnes-Robinson

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*Barbara Freeman*

Aunt Anna Lynch Williams

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*Loretta Diane*

Sister of Deaconess Janice Sims and Aunt  
of Camille McKinnis and Jacqueline Young





**LIVE**

# HOLY WEEK

**WHEN** APRIL 11TH - APRIL 15TH @ 12:00 NOON

**WHERE** LAMBERT'S POINT LIVE FACEBOOK PAGE



**Rev. Marcia Murphy**



**Rev. Linda Roberts**



**Rev. Primas Paige**



**Rev. Kelvin Seay**



**Rev. La Tonya Paige**



# BIBLE Study



## MONDAY'S

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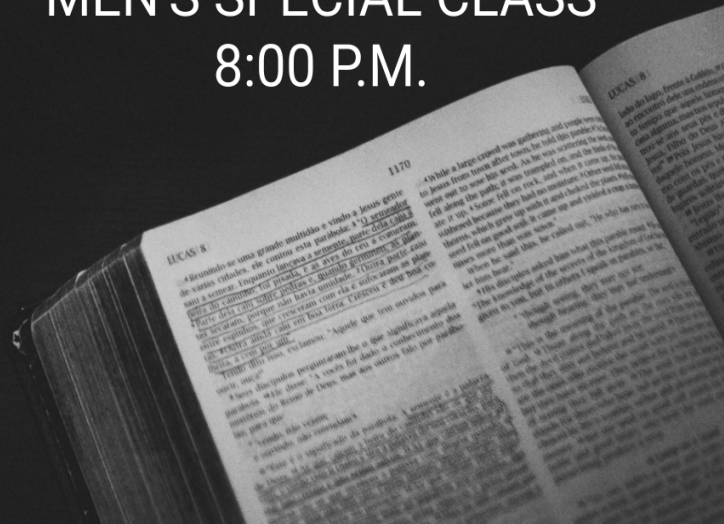
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7:00 P.M.

## TUESDAY'S

MEN'S SPECIAL CLASS

8:00 P.M.



OUR OFFICE WILL BE  
**CLOSED**

THURSDAY APRIL 14TH 2022 UNTIL  
MONDAY APRIL 18TH 2022