

Church Calendar



April

2 LOVE Training
3 Awana 5:30 PM
3 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
3 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
3 Adult Choir Rehearsal
4 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
4 Adult Seniors To Webster Manor
4 LASE Meeting 6:30 PM
5 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
5-6 Youth D-Now
7 The Lord's Supper
7 Adult & Youth Discipleship 5:30 PM
8 Buildings & Ground Meeting 6 PM
9 LOVE Training
10 Awana 5:30 PM
10 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
10 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
10 Adult Choir Rehearsal
11 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
11 Constitution & Bylaws 6:30 PM
12 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
14 **PALM SUNDAY**
14 Adult & Youth Discipleship 5:30 PM
15-22 Horry County Spring Break
15 Homebound Committee 10:30 AM
17 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
17 Adult Choir Rehearsal
18 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
18 Deacons' Meeting 6:30 PM
19 **GOOD FRIDAY** - Church Office Closed
19 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
21 **EASTER SUNDAY**
21 Sunrise Service 7 AM
23 LOVE Training
24 Awana 5:30 PM
24 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
24 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
24 Adult Choir Rehearsal
25 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
25 Constitution & Bylaws Meet 6 PM
26 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
30 LOVE Training 6 PM



21 Sunrise Service 7 AM
23 LOVE Training
24 Awana 5:30 PM
24 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
24 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
24 Adult Choir Rehearsal
25 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
25 Constitution & Bylaws Meet 6 PM
26 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
30 LOVE Training 6 PM



May

1 Awana 5:30 PM
1 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
1 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
1 Adult Choir Rehearsal
2 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
2 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
2 Senior Adults to Webster Manor
3 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
5 **Senior Adult Sunday**
5 Adult & Youth Discipleship 5:30 PM
7 LOVE Training
8 Awana 5:30 PM
8 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
8 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM



8 Adult Choir Rehearsal
9 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
9 Men For Christ 7 PM
10 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
12 **MOTHER'S DAY** - Baby Dedication
12 Adult & Youth Discipleship 5:30 PM
13 Buildings & Grounds Meeting 6 PM
14 LOVE Training
15 Awana 5:30 PM
15 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
15 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
15 Adult Choir Rehearsal
16 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
16 Deacons' Meeting 6:30 PM
17 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
19 **FRIEND DAY**
21 LOVE Training
22 Awana 5:30 PM
22 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
22 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
22 Adult Choir Rehearsal
23 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
24 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
26 Military Bible Stick Offering
27 MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed
28 LOVE Training
29 Awana 5:30 PM (Last One for Year)
29 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
29 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
29 Adult Choir Rehearsal
30 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
31 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM

June

2 Graduate Sunday
5 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
5 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
5 Adult Choir Rehearsal
6 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
6 Adult Seniors To Webster Manor
7 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
10-13 Sports Camp
10 Buildings & Grounds 6 PM
12 Youth Bible Study 6 PM
12 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
12 Adult Choir Rehearsal
13 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
14 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
15-28 Centri-Kid Camp
16 **FATHER'S DAY**
19 Adult Choir Rehearsal
20 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
20 Deacons' Meeting 6:30 PM
21 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM
23-28 TN Mission Trip
26 Prayer & Bible Study 6 PM
26 Adult Choir Rehearsal
27 Intercessory Prayer 9 AM
28 Narcotics Anonymous 7 PM

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Wednesday Service Times

5:30 PM - Awana Program
6:00 PM - Youth Bible Study
6:00 PM - Prayer & Bible Study
7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Service Times

9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM - Worship Service
4:30 PM - Children's Choir
5:30 PM - Discipleship Training

Sunday & Wednesday Services Streamed Live: www.youtube.com/user/LorisFirstBaptist
-OR- www.facebook.com/LorisFirstBaptistChurch

Loris FBC Mission: "Make disciples who make disciples who follow and act like Jesus Christ." (Matthew 4:18-20, 28:19-20)



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LORIS FIRST BAPTIST

April & May 2019

What Will Keep Our Church From Dying? (Acts 2:42-47)

One of the scariest statistics that "informed" Southern Baptist pastors are very much aware of is that between 6,000-10,000 churches will "die" (i.e. "close their doors") in 2019. These funeral numbers for churches have been consistent now for almost 25 years. Some church experts even expect that number to "increase" in 2020 and beyond. This leads many experts that study this to predict that probably only 1 out of every 3 currently active Southern Baptist churches will still exist beyond 2030. What does this mean for Loris First Baptist Church? Will we still exist 10-15 years from now?

As your pastor, of course I would like to say: "Definitely!" But in reality, I know that Satan, the world, and even man's sin nature (including the sin that exists amongst believers in every church) are always "crouching at the door" (Genesis 4:7) just looking for opportunities to hijack a healthy church and kill it as soon as possible. This death of a church can occur quickly because of exposed sin such as staff immorality, church fights, financial mismanagement, etc., etc.; however, a church can also die slowly because of hidden sins such as lack of outreach, lack of commitment, and lack of financial giving of those within the church claiming to be children of God. According to Thomas Rainer (a church growth expert and past President of LifeWay), "because of denial, in spite of the obvious symptoms, a church is normally dead for several years before the few remaining members of the church recognize it and finally close the doors."

I recently read an article on some ways you can tell if you are currently part of a "dead" church or one that could be classified as "alive". As I share with you what this author says are symptoms of "life" or "death", see if you can identify the current status of Loris FBC based on these criteria:

1. Live churches have many people who bring their Bibles (or "I-phones with Bible Apps installed! ha!) and use them. Dead churches rarely use their Bibles (in church or out of church).
2. Live churches are filled with praise and sounds of joy and thanksgiving. Dead churches are filled with bored and lifeless people who prefer to be at home.
3. Live churches usually have parking problems. Dead churches never have to worry about parking problems.
4. Live churches are moving out by "faith" to accomplish great things for God. Dead churches only do safe, conservative things based on human abilities. (Note: Dead churches never strive to do great things in God's kingdom!)

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Birthdays

April

3 Dawson Marlowe
3 Steve Planty
3 Sherril Wilson
4 Mary Hardee
4 Nathan Todd
5 Jameson Hardee
5 Kay Vaught
6 Georgette Collins
6 Caitlyn Dean
7 Tracy Collins
8 Julie McQueen
10 MJ Cox
10 Hope Turner
11 Wilma Fowler
12 A.J. Wine
15 Dorothy Richardson
15 Stephen Coates
16 Cindy Fox
16 Dot King
16 Ginny Cassidy
16 Will Todd
17 Lilibeth Antonio
17 Dax Marlowe
18 McKenna Archibald
18 Dale Burroughs
18 Shanda Marlowe
18 Lucille Weber
19 Annie Higgs
19 Bella Blackburn
19 Etheleen Cox
20 Alston James
20 Becky Morton
26 Ann Cox
26 Fannie Cox
26 Averil James
27 Mary Reagan Floyd
27 Sylvia Graham
27 Cara Todd
28 Wayne Fox

May

1 Boyd Ford, Jr.
1 Josh Fogle
2 Dianne Merritt
2 Jason Porter
3 Nancy Shelley
3 Cody Stevens
4 Pete Burroughs
4 Kali Griffin
4 Teresa Nirenstein
5 Harold Hardee
6 Jada Ward
7 Sylvia Hardee
10 Bonnie Mills
11 Christa Russell
12 Nancy Poteat
12 Jimmy Powell
13 Jean Dozier
14 Gemma Cox
15 Sandra Jordan
16 Susan Graham
16 Peggy Keefer
16 Hadley Ward
17 Sarah Johnson
18 Wendy Boyd
18 Mandy Lupo
20 Ann Carter
24 Sam Milhorne
25 Harrison Collins
27 Pat Piver
28 Myron Herring
28 Kara Holt
29 Gene Mills
30 Ella Lupo
31 Grace Cox
31 Becky Johnson

June

1 Lee McCarver
1 Tommy Waddell
2 Dupree Hamilton
3 Tab Jacobs
4 Tamara Planty
4 Micah Floyd
7 Ruth Rogers
8 Jeremy Lupo
10 Robert Pate
11 Cindy Malick
12 Lauren Graham
13 Joe Cox
14 Rossie Wright
15 Carolyn Coats
15 April King
15 Logan Holt
16 Barbara Stone
18 Jeff Cox
19 Dale Holt
22 Kylee King
24 Jan Vescovi
26 Russell Herring
28 Peggy Gore
29 Dorothy Lay
29 Lee Suggs

*If your birthday was omitted,
please call the church office
so you can be included on our
birthday list!!*

NEW WAYS TO GIVE & STAY CONNECTED

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Text "Lorisfbc app" to 77977

TEXT TO GIVE

Text "Lorisfbc" to 77977

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Lorisfbc.com/online-giving

OFFERING

During the Worship Service

Thank you for your generosity!



Church Altar Flowers

Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar on a Sunday, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign-up on the list outside the church office. There are many slots available.



Condolences to our families
who recently lost loved ones:

*Our thoughts & prayers are
with you!*

David Graham
Dan Williamson
Norma Graham
Chip Jacobs
W.G. Fowler, Jr.

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Buck Creek Foundation

Harvesting independence in people with special needs!

We would like to thank all those who came out and volunteered for our BBQ dinner. Thank you to the Loris FBC Men For Christ who helped us with our construction projects. It is much appreciated.
Together, we can make a difference!!



Sunday & Wednesday Services are now Live-Streamed

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LorisFirstBaptist>

STAY CONNECTED!

You can use your **CHURCH APP** to follow along with the sermon on Sundays and Wednesdays, and even add your personal notes. You can also securely tithe, submit a prayer request, review the bulletin or worship schedule, calendar, announcements, events, and much much more!

The 52 Bible Doctrines, 12 Marks of a Disciple, The Gospel in the Stars bible study, Newsletters, Bulletins, and several other resources such as Loris FBC YouTube videos (live streaming), Bible lookup, etc. are all at your fingertips on **MY CHURCH APP.**



- Live churches have lots of children and young people (i.e. "Noise" and "Excitement"). Dead churches are quiet as tombs and full of older people talking about "how it USED TO BE" in OUR church.
- Live churches center on reaching and serving people. Dead churches focus mainly on protecting traditions and preventing change.
- Live churches are filled with a spirit of love for one another. Dead churches are filled with suspicious, critical, and bickering people.
- Live churches are always emphasizing evangelism, discipleship, and involvement. Dead churches emphasize how much money is in the budget and how early did we get out of the worship service on Sunday.
- Live churches have many sacrificial givers who tithe at least "10%" of their income. Dead churches have people who only "tip" the Lord.
- LIVE CHURCHES ARE BLESSED BY GOD AND ALWAYS GROWING! DEAD CHURCHES HAVE PLATEAUED OR ARE DECLINING IN MEMBERSHIP!

Although numerical growth in a church body does not guarantee that the church is pleasing to God, a growing church is one of the signs that the church may at least be ALIVE! So, if "growing" is important, WHAT MAKES A CHURCH GROW? First of all, we need to ask the right question in order to get the right answer. It is not "What" makes a church grow, but "WHO" makes a church grow that is important for us to consider. In the Book of Acts, we are told:

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (2:46-47)

A real church is to be "the body of Christ", indwelt by the Holy Spirit, to accomplish the work of God the Father in a lost and dying world. Therefore, God (and God alone!) is able to give life to a real church body and keep it alive! We are not to rely on methods or procedures to grow our church to keep it from dying. The Bible tells us first and foremost to: "LISTEN TO HIM!" (Matt 17:5d)

That is why I was so excited about what is currently happening at Loris FBC. I know we are members of a church that is "alive", because "GOD" is adding to our numbers. He is adding "babies" to our nursery rolls, children and youth to our discipleship programs, and adults of all ages to our fellowship. Let us not take this "gift of God" for granted. Only He gives LIFE (John 1:4)! Apart from Him... we can do nothing (John 15:5)! If we want to continue to have a church that is ALIVE, we need to continue to praise Him (Psalm 150), obey the Great Commandment (John 13:34-35), and participate in the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

So, if we continue to serve and give faithfully, Loris FBC will be "alive" until Jesus comes for His church! On the other hand, if we get lazy, selfish, or apathetic, Loris FBC may very well be counted amongst the thousands of churches that will be needing a funeral in 2030 or beyond!?! (Rev 3:1-2)

– Pastor Louis