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THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUN.
Apr 12th

8:30AM: Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30AM: Sunday School
10:45AM: Sanctuary and The Vine Worship Services
12:15PM: Fresh Greens, Fresh Ideas
1:00PM: Emergency Equipment Training
4:30PM: Sunday Night Youth Group
5:00PM: Sunday Night Worship & Dinner
5:00PM: Positive Christian Singles Walk at the Greenway

MON.
Apr 13th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
2:00PM: Executive Team Meeting
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program
6:00PM: Positive Christian Singles Covered Dish Dinner
7:00PM: College Worship at the Wesley Center

TUES.
Apr 14th

10:00AM: Church Staff Meeting
10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00AM: Crafty Capers
10:00AM: Positive Christian Singles Coffee Talk at Jacks
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program
7:00PM: College Small Group at the Wesley Center

WED.
Apr 15th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program
4:45PM: Youth Program
5:00PM: College Program
5:15PM: Prime Time Wednesday Meal
6:00PM: Children's Program
6:30PM: Prime Time Classes
6:30PM: Camp Lookout Day
7:00PM: Chancel Choir

THURS.
Apr 16th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
11:00AM: Wesley's Table: Free College Lunch at the Wesley
1:30PM: Aldersgate Vibrations
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program
7:00PM: College Small Group at the Wesley Center

FRI.
Apr 17th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
3:00PM: The Centenary After-School Program

SAT.
Apr 18th

No events scheduled



VBS

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be **June 22nd - 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** and it's going to be an exciting week filled with faith, fun, music, and so much more. Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

To register visit: vbspro.events/p/b80f93



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CLERGY CORNER

Rev. Mary Thompson

During a "joys and concerns time" recently, I heard a college student share joy for the changing season and how warmer

weather lifts everyone's spirits and brings a general sense of happiness that can be harder to find in the winter. It struck me how fitting it is that Lent often happens in the colder weeks with Easter happening just as it gets warm.

In his book, "Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection and the Mission of the Church," NT Wright says, "The point of the resurrection... is that the present bodily life is not valueless just because it will die... What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it... What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself—will last into God's future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether. They are part of what we may call building for God's kingdom."

I hope in these days after the great celebration of Easter you are able to reflect on how you can use your time and energy to build upon God's kingdom. As you are filled with new life, like the springtime flowers, how will you let your life share God's beauty in you? As Christ-followers we have a calling to respond to what we have been given by our Savior. Let us continue to find new ways to honor that calling.

~ Mary



NATIONAL FAITH + CLIMATE FORUM

Join faith leaders and community members at First-Centenary for a live watch party of the National Faith + Climate Forum 2026 on **April 25th at 12:00 p.m. in the Oak Street Center Room 101/102**. Experience a day of powerful discussions, engaging workshops, and community building as we explore the intersection of faith and environmental action.

Come be part of a movement towards sustainable congregational practices and robust community resilience. Let's inspire and support each other in acts of faith that care for creation and advocate for climate justice. **To register, visit Creation Care Ministry's website at firstcentenary.com/creation-care-ministry.**



CHURCH CAMP

Church Camp is happening **May 22nd-24th at Camp Lookout!** Come spend a weekend of rest and community with us in the great outdoors. We'll enjoy classic camp activities for all ages including archery, crafts, zip-line, hiking, and swimming, along with times of worship and spiritual renewal. Whether you're looking to slow down or spend quality time with family, this weekend is for you. **Cost is \$50 per person or \$150 for families of three or more (meals are included).** Visit our website's announcements page at firstcentenary.com/announcements to register. **Space is limited, so be sure to sign up soon!**

WORDS OF ISA

Chris Todd will be joining us on **April 19th and 20th** to give an update from our mission partner in Lebanon, Words of Isa. He will be in all of our morning worship services, offer a Q&A during Sunday School, and have a lunch gathering after 10:45 worship.



EASTER PHOTOS

Easter photos will be published to our website and our Facebook page.

Website Access:

Visit firstcentenary.com/easter-2026 and select any album to save your photo.

Facebook Access:

Visit facebook.com/FirstCentenary/, select the photos tab, and then select the album "Easter 2026" to save your photo.



This month our Preschool kiddos will be learning that we have so much to celebrate! Jesus is alive! And Jesus wants to be our friend forever! News that is this good is too good to keep to ourselves! Our monthly verse is "I have called you friends." (John 15:15 NIV)



The Elementary kiddos will be celebrating this month that Jesus is alive! We can have joy because of what Jesus did for us. Our monthly verse is: Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! (Philippians 4:4, NIV)

Join us in the Children's Wing for our Sunday School and Worship Opportunities!

- Early Service Childcare: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- First Kids Worship: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- First Kids Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



"Fresh Greens, Fresh Ideas" will take place on **April 12th at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Dining Room!** We'll provide fresh salads—just bring your ideas as we gather to dream about what "United Women in Faith" can look like together. This will be a relaxed, open conversation shaped by your thoughts for the future of UWF. Whether you're already involved or simply curious about getting connected, you're invited to join us!



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Do you want to know more about First-Centenary? Are you interested in becoming a member of First-Centenary? Or, do you simply want to get to know the Senior Pastor? Then join Pastor Jason on **April 19th at 9:45 a.m. in the executive conference room located outside the pastor's office** for Coffee with the Pastor!



Join us on **April 14th at 9:30 a.m. at Camp Lookout** for Senior Adult Day! There will be presentations, devotions, food, fellowship, and more. Our special guests include Rev. Jason Stubblefield, Rev. Jason Gattis, Rev. Charles Maynard, Grant Morgan, LeRae Collins, and Mike Feely, Check-In starts at 9:30 a.m. and the event ends at 1:30 p.m. **Cost is \$15 and the deadline to sign up is April 9th by noon.** Call the camp office at 706-820-1163 or email admin@camplookout.com to let us know you're coming!



CAMP LOOKOUT DAY

Join us on **April 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym or on May 3rd at 10:45 a.m. in The Vine** during the worship service for Camp Lookout Day! Come discover the different camp sessions available this summer, ask questions, and get excited about an unforgettable experience at Camp Lookout! **To learn more, visit camplookout.com.**

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE OFFICERS & LEADERS

To read the full annual report of our 2026 officers and leaders visit our website at firstcentenary.com/2026-leadership or scan the QR code.

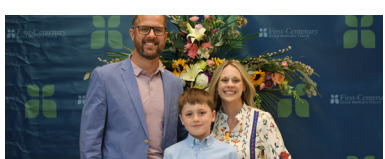


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EASTER SUNDAY 2026!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 12th, 2026

Sanctuary Services:
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
 "Our Images of Christ"
 John 20:19-31
 Rev. Jason Gattis

The Vine Service:
10:45 a.m.
 Rev. Caroline Archer

Mustard Tree Service:
5:00 p.m.
The Vine
 Rev. Barry Kidwell

Lectionary Readings:
 Exodus 15:1-11
 Psalms 111
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

WDEF-TV Televised Sermons:
11:30 a.m. Sundays & 12:35 a.m. Mondays
 "In the Stillness of the Morning...
 Resurrection Happens"
 Rev. Jason Gattis