

# First Baptist Church of Elmer, NJ

April 24, 2022

*We welcome each of you to our services today. It is our prayer that we will be blessed by being together & encouraged in the things of the Lord from the songs & from His Word.*

Musical Prelude  
 Hymn #10 ..... O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
 Opening Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Hymn #315 ..... Nearer Still Nearer  
 Prayer/Offering  
 Special Music: Bethany Hanson, vocal solo  
**Message:**  
**Pastor Erik D. Hanson**  
**"The Truth About a Corn of Wheat"**  
**John 12:20-26**  
 Hymn #235 ..... Near the Cross  
 Prayer  
 Musical Postlude

Evening Service ..... 6:00PM

Pastor Hanson:  
"The Unveiling of the First Seal Judgement"  
Revelation 6:1-2

**Jr. Church Workers:** Kay & Dave Mills

### Memory Verse for April:

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*

Isaiah 53:5

*Kindly see that your **cell phones are on "quiet mode"** during **all** services. Thank You!*



### Welcome!

*If you are a first-time visitor, please take a moment to fill in your information on the visitor's card that you received from one of our members. During the offering, please drop the visitor's card in the plate. If we can be of any help to you in any way, please feel free to contact us. Thank you and we hope to see you again.*

### Happening This Week

Sunday 11:15 AM – Sunday School  
 12:00 PM – Widows' Luncheon  
 4:45 PM – Choir Practice  
 6:00 PM – Evening Service  
 Wednesday 6:15 PM – Ladies Ensemble Practice  
 7:00 PM – Bible Study and Prayer Service  
 Teen Youth Group & Frontline Clubs  
 Saturday 2:00 PM – Teen's Bay Atlantic Orchestra Outing

### Announcements:

If you have a report for the Annual Meeting, please submit it to Pastor by May 4th so that annual reports can be dispersed in a timely fashion.

### Vacation Bible School 2022

Our annual VBS this year is scheduled for July 11th-15th with the closing service on the 17th. We will be using Answers in Genesis curriculum, "Zoomerang," which is an Australian theme, this year. Save the date and begin inviting friends and family.

### Special Upcoming Events:

- May 2 – Teen Young Men's Bible Study
- May 3 – Trustees' Meeting
- May 5 – Deacons' Meeting
- May 7 – Teens' Canoeing/Kayaking Activity
- May 10 – Trustees Meeting
- May 16 – Mission Committee Meeting
- May 18 – Annual Meeting
- May 20 – Teens' Fun/Food/Fellowship
- May 29 – Church Fellowship Dinner
- May 30 – Elmer Memorial Day Parade Outreach

### Financial Reports

General Fund Giving (4/17/22) .....	\$	4,667.00
Mission Fund Offering (4/17/22) .....	\$	445.00
Building Fund Offering (4/17/22) .....	\$	170.00

### Attendance

Sunday (4/17/22)	AM – 103	PM – 37
Wednesday (4/20/22)	Total: 63	(16K, 15T, 32A)

**Weekly Devotional**  
**God's chisel!**  
**(Charles Naylor)**

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Suffering is the common lot of all mankind, and of the animal creation. People who do not have much else from which to suffer—suffer from trifles or from imaginary ills—but all suffer. Sinners and saints alike, know the rankling of the sharp arrows of pain. Even those whose lives seem most prosperous and sheltered, cannot fully escape. Suffering has a useful place in the economy of God. It is a severe schoolmaster, but a good one, whose lessons may be costly. But if they are properly learned, they become golden treasures that enrich life.

Since we choose the attitude we hold toward our sufferings—we determine whether they shall . . .

make us, or mar us;

bring joy, or sorrow;

bring the sweetness of Christ's fellowship and comfort, or the darkness of despair.

What God does with our adversities and our sufferings, is to transmute them into the gold of godly character. They prove to be blessings in disguise—but blessings nevertheless. Again and again in the Scriptures, we are told of the blessings that come through suffering and pain, disappointments and testings. Yes, sufferings, losses, adversities—all these things we so desire to shun—work "for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"—if we patiently endure them and submit to God's sovereign and loving will.

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**Weekly Services**

Sunday Morning Service – 10:00 AM  
Sunday School Service – 11:15 AM  
Sunday Evening Service – 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service – Bible Study/Prayer – 7:00 PM



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