

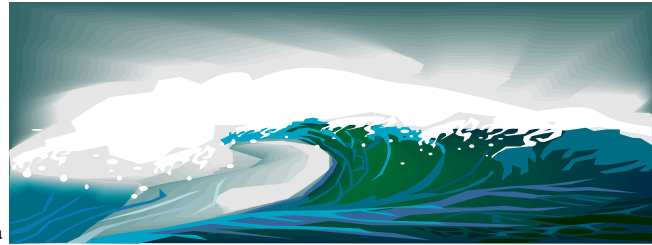


The

April 2024

Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



Our hearts are still joyful as we ponder the season of Easter. The services over the last several weeks were not only thought provoking, but heartwarming. As we continue to reminisce on the glorious resurrection of our Savior, we think about those days that followed in the timeline of Jesus' life on earth. For nearly 40 days following His resurrection, Jesus appeared to many, many people and prepared His disciples for the work that was to be done in His physical absence.

I think about how the Disciples had to be so excited to see Jesus after His crucifixion. To see their teacher, friend, and the one they had grown to love, overcome the grave had to be amazing. But, then I think about their sadness of realizing He was going to heaven without them. They knew He would come back, so they waited, waited and waited. Of course, Jesus had already told them at the Last Supper that they did not have to fear being in the world without Him, and this was before His death. Jesus said in John 14:27-29: ²⁷ *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* ²⁸ *"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.* ²⁹ *I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.*

Those same words apply to us today. We can have great confidence knowing that Jesus went to prepare a place for us, too. As faithful Christians, we can know without any shadow of doubt, that Jesus loves us, and He wants us to live a fruitful life on earth, sharing our love of Him with others, and pointing people to salvation in Him. And we, like the disciples, know that once Jesus was raised from the dead, everything that He ever said while on earth, was pointing to that moment, of us all, being reconciled to God, having our sins forgiven.

There are many things in life that will come at us that we may not understand. Many of those issues will seem unfair. However, if we can really grab hold of the idea that Jesus allows those moments in our lives to happen, because they bring us closer to him. When the times that we don't understand occur, we have to trust Him for deliverance. This brings us closer to Him.

As the season of celebrating our resurrected Savior continues, let us smile more, love harder, and let us live our lives as living sacrifices knowing what the Lord has done for each of us. May we all be better witnesses of our Lord's transforming power in the weeks to come. And as we ponder the anniversary of Jesus' ascension, let us be reminded of the words before He departed. Acts 1: 6 states, *then they (disciples) gathered around him (Jesus) and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"* ⁷ *He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.* ⁸ *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* ⁹ *After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.* ¹⁰ *They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.* ¹¹ *"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."* What a promise. Let us remember those words. He is coming back again. Keep an eye toward the sky, it could be at any moment. That's a reason to celebrate and a reason to have hope.

In His service,

Pastor Toby



Youth & Adults at Play!



Jesus Revolution



Our March Movie Night we showed the Jesus Revolution. About 20 people came out for a good time and movie.



Young adults do **CK**
Brunch style!

Painting for Jesus!



Music with David Phelps!



Prepping for Easter Egg Hunt. We had **821** eggs to hide. Many thanks to the Young Adults and all who helped stuff and hide them!



Where's that egg?



Here's one!



Thank you!



Geraldine Wright, Sandy Confer, Terry Morgan and Tom Stephenson for making our sanctuary a beautiful place for Easter celebrations! Thank you!

God's Cadets



Making Resurrection Cookies!



Making Walls!

Holy Week Started



Full House of Worship!



Gabe Harpold gives a report on his Sunday School Class project.

Soles for Souls

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Mission Project



Miss Connie's Sunday School Class is collecting shoes to give to those in need in our country and abroad.

If you have any gently used or new shoes you can donate, please bring them to the church. Boxes are available for collection.

Thank you for helping!

Sorrow on Thursday...



Celebrating on Sunday!



Maundy Thursday was a saddened time of reflection as we witnessed the scenes unfold of the death of our Savior.

But then came the morning!
Jesus is alive!

Many thanks to those who made
our Easter Week
a memorable one.

*Thank you, Sami Lawson, for
your beautiful monologue*

Men's Fellowship



Sunrise Breakfast



Thanks Guys!

Last Passover Revisited



Preparing for the Seder



Meeting Jesus



and the Disciples

Samaritan's Purse



Disaster Relief

Zack Graham was willing to give his time over Easter to help with clean up after the tornados created havoc in Ohio. *Thank you, Zack, for your servant's heart!*



PV Work Party

The Men's Work Party at Parchment Valley is scheduled for April 12-13. Participants are asked to bring paint brushes, paint pans, leaf blowers, rakes and gloves. All meals and lodging are provided. To RSVP, contact Parchment Valley at 304-372-3675.

Valet Service Coming May 1

In an effort to assist church members who have a disability or have mobility issues, First Baptist will begin offering valet parking. If you would like to use this service, please speak with Jon Moore.

Once implemented, you will be able to simply exit your vehicle in front of the church upon arrival. Your car will be parked for you and then retrieved for you at the end of the service. This will be a free service of the church.

If you are willing to assist with parking cars and retrieving cars as part of this new ministry outreach, please see Jon Moore.

We hope to have this service operational by May 1st. Jon will be sharing this ministry concept as part of Others First initiative during the worship service announcements this Sunday at church.



Ring Those Bells!



Before Covid hit, we had a ministry for the younger kids - God's Cadets age (K-5th grade). The kids rang the bells before church each Sunday - **Our Bell Ringers** - and we are **going to do it again!**

Contact Susan in the office if your kiddo would like to participate.

ROVING REVIVAL



West Virginia Baptist Convention of Churches

SUN. April 28 - THUR. MAY 2, 2024
Dinner at 6:00 / Worship at 7:00

Sunday 4/28 @ Grasslick Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. Mark Wood from Spencer First Baptist

Music: Hurricane Baptist Church Youth

**** This is Youth Night. Please encourage Youth to attend.**

Monday 4/29 @ Parchment Valley Baptist

Speaker: Rev. Larry Greathouse from Gilboa Baptist Church

Music: Grasslick Baptist Church Choir

Tuesday 4/30 @ Millcreek Baptist

Speaker: Rev. Mike Kelley from Hurricane Baptist

Music: First Baptist Church of Ravenswood Choir

Wednesday 5/1 @ Hopewell Baptist

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Matt Ash From Parchment Valley Baptist

Music: Millcreek Baptist Church

Thursday 5/2 @ First Baptist Ravenswood

Speaker: Rev. Andrew "Andy" Robinson

Music: Gilboa Baptist Church Singers



Dinner Served Each Evening
*****Each Church Provides Nursery Services *****

Focus on Sunday School:



It's **AMAZING** what you can learn in

SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Jesus	God	Holy Spirit	
Disciples	Love	David	Kings
Battles	Slavery	Mary	Noah
Leviathans	Creation	Job	Joseph
Miracles	Angels	Devil	Salvation

Wonderful news of the Gospel!

April Birthdays



Xavier Donahue—4/7
Colton Pistelli—4/6
Kyle Hickman—4/10
Miley Stump—4/11
Debbie Legg—4/14
Violet Donahue—4/15
Brent Ritchie—4/18
Jesse Mize—4/24
Aaron Bennett—4/28
Richard Massey—4/28
Grace Shirley—4/29

Is your birthday name missing? Tell Susan

Bible Book of the Month

Micah



April Calendar

Mar 1 Trustee Meeting
Mar 4 Deaconess Meeting
Mar 5 Women's Camp at Cowen
Mar 8 BOCE Meeting
Mar 9 Men's Fellowship
Mar 10 Quarterly Reports Due
Mar 16 Finance Committee
Mar 17 1st Quarter Business meeting
Mar 18 CIRCLE
Mar 23 Deacons Meeting
Mar 24 Anchor Articles Due
Mar 26-27 Men's Work Party at Camp Cowen
Mar 28-May 2 *Roving Revival*
* Game Day every Tuesday 1:00-3:00 (not on holidays)

CommUnity Kitchen

April 6 Burt Lyons
April 13 Youth
April 20 Sherry Walker
April 27 God's Cadets

CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Janet Wood	2 Kevin & Abbi Woods	3 Taylor Woods	4 Geraldine Wright	5 Brandon & Ashlee Wyant, Connor, Beckett	6 Sharon Adkins
7 Alan & Gusta Arrington	8 Scott & Katie Baltic	9 Doug & Debby Bashaw	10 Aaron & Melissa Bennett, Beau, Cass	11 Blake Bennett	12 Thomas & Peggy Boothe, Izzy, Kolton	13 Carolyn Brown
14 Jason Brown	15 Zack Brown	16 CW & Mary Caldwell, Carly, Josie	17 Patti Calvert	18 Grant & Cari Chapman	19 Shawn & Tanya Cole	20 Brent & Sandy Confer
21 Jamison Cooper, Dalilah	22 Deshone Cooper	23 Dave & Carol Crow	24 Bryan & Andrea Crow, Benjamin	25 Ann Davis, Liam, Emory	26 Mike & Tara Davis, Brayden	27 Dustin & Kindsey (Torriss) DeRito
28 Bryan & Andrea Donahue, Xavier, Violet, Finley	29 Danny & Sherry Dzierzanski	30 Rodney & Sheila Eskins				



Isaiah 45:8

“You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the LORD, have created it.”