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to be a multiethnic family of faith,
united by God's grace,
remaining faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ,
growing in obedience to God's Word, and
sharing the Gospel with a
distinctive witness in word and deed.

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"...To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:5-6

On April 12th, we will begin a new Wednesday Bible Study (at New Hope!) on the book of Revelation. This will be a structured study using *Revelation* by Stephen Witmer from *The Knowing the Bible* series. No need to worry about acquiring the book, I will provide it on the first night. All you need to do is show up!

When hearing a phrase like "Biblical prophecy," we often think first of what Scripture informs us about the future. It is true that the doctrine of eschatology has an informative purpose. Indeed, the book of Revelation spans the entire church age, from the first-century church (the Apostle John addressed the book to the seven churches of Asia) to the glorious second coming of Jesus Christ.

Nevertheless, in Scripture, prophecies always have a greater purpose than just providing details about future. In fact, in many ways, Scripture, including Revelation, only paints the big picture of what will happen. It does not give us every precise detail that we might want to know. One of the key aims of Revelation is to offer a strong assurance that since Jesus has already won victory over sin and death through his atoning sacrifice on the cross, the believer can endure through this life, remaining faithful to God and obedient to His Word, knowing that the New Heaven and New Earth awaits him or her.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, John did not write Revelation to simply satisfy our curiosity about what will happen in the end. In Scripture, prophecies are given primarily to transform how believers think and live. In the verses above, the purpose of Revelation is to point us to Jesus, who loves us, and has freed us from our sins, and has made us a Kingdom of priests. Thus, by studying Revelation, we will learn about our precious salvation in Christ Jesus and about our purpose as His people, the church. By God's grace, the study of Revelation will lead us a greater and purer worship.

There is nothing more we could ask for. I pray that you will make it a priority to join us on April 12th at 6:30 as we begin this important study.

In Him
Pastor Jason

Deacons on Call

April 2nd
Don Jordan

April 9th
Jim Hartis

April 16th
Dan Crawford

April 23rd
Don Jordan

April 30th
Jim Hartis

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

How did we go from
Celebration "Blessed is He
who comes in the name of
the Lord"

to

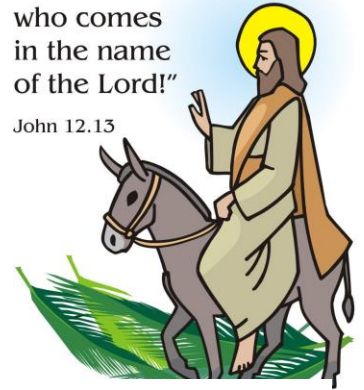
Crucify Him!

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

So they took
branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him,
shouting, "Hosanna!
Blessed is the one
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!"

John 12.13



Birthdays for April

2nd
Wendy Lacy
Juanita Williams
19th

Nancy Aldridge
22nd
Teresa Smith
Don Jordan

25th
Ruth Hyatt
583 Groundhog Hill Rd.
Hillsville, VA 24343

28th
Jack Smith



- . Jesus Clears the Temple of the money changers
- . Jesus and His disciples go to the Mt. of Olives while the religious leaders were organizing an ambush on Jesus
- . Jesus and His disciples prepare for the Last Supper
- . Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane with His disciples to pray. A very agonizing time for Jesus
- . Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot and He was arrested
- . there was a trial – the people shouted 'Crucify Him'

. Jesus was Crucified – He died and was buried

. At that point the people realized He truly was the Son of God – and ALL hope was gone.

Or was it?

. Sunday morning – the most important event in a Christians life -Mary Magdalene and others – went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. BUT He was NOT there.....

He is Risen

&

He Lives Forevermore



Upcoming Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, April 12th, we will be returning to the office complex where Pastor Jason will begin a new study on the Book of Revelation. The study will be based on the works by Stephen Witmer from *Knowing the Bible* series. Pastor Jason has already acquired the necessary materials that is needed for this study. All you need to bring is your Bible and a desire to learn what the Book of Revelation has to say to the Christians.

Correction on the March Contact

Agape Dental Ministry

I mentioned that the dental ministry serves Mecklenburg and Union Counties. The dental ministry serves only Mecklenburg County which keeps everyone pretty busy. Great work, everyone, and may God continue to bless the work there.

Calendar of Events Weekly Schedule

Sunday
9:30 am
Sunday School

11:00 am
Morning Worship

Wednesday
6:30 pm
Adult Bible Study

1st and 3rd Saturday
H4F
(Hope for Families-
clothes & food)