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### March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 #1,030

# SPRING IS IN THE AIR



We are in the beginning of Spring. It may not feel that way, especially in the early morning hours, but spring is here and this gives most of us great excitement. The first sign at our house was the blooming of daffodils. But now we are seeing other colors. We are seeing yellows and pinks and white and reds. There is even a little more green coming in the grass. From the dead of winter, although it did not really seem like winter because of the lack of snow and even very cold days, now comes the new birth of the beauty of God's creation. I truly love the change of seasons that many in the south do not really see. The glory of God is evident in that which he has made.

All of this points not just to the Creator, but to the Recreator. To use the allegory from C. S. Lewis' "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe," from the time of Adam, the world was in a deep winter and it was never Christmas and the winter of sin never ended. But then at the right time (Galatians 4.4), Christmas came as Jesus was born. And with the death and resurrection of Jesus spring began. For through Jesus, we who were dead in sin came to life in brilliant colors. We are the new creation. And we are to be the beauty of the image of God and through us his glory to shine forth into a dark and sinful world. This happens through the good works that we do in Christ. It is through the lives we live in him and that are empowered by the Holy Spirit. As people see these good works, the hope is that they will glorify God and not us, so that the winter of their spirit will be awakened to new life and they will spring forth in the beauty of God's new creation.

This is what Easter is about.

In Christ Alone.



# HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE Thursday, March 28th

7:00 pm – in the Sanctuary It will be a combination of songs, hymns, scripture readings, a sermon, and the celebration of the Lord's supper. The theme for this service is "A Time of Remembering."

# **Prayer & Praises**

- Please pray for Donald Snyder who is going in for a heart catheterization procedure today at 12:30 pm. He is Sue & Al Smeltzer's daughter Jessica's father-in-law.
- Please pray for the families and friends of people who may be lost due to the tragedy with the Frances Scott Key bridge in Baltimore, Maryland.



- Please pray for Ray Hunt who was experiencing a great deal of dizziness. Continue to keep Ray & Dawn in your prayers for continued improvement while they wait.
- Ellen Krouse requested prayer for her mother, Betty Gerber for good test results from her biopsy on Thursday.
- Dave & Mary Titzell requested prayer for Jan Hoffman for recovery from surgery.
- Dave & Mary Titzell requested prayer for Nigel. Our sister-in-law's daughter's husband was killed in a car accident on Thursday.
- Praise from Troy Grim we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.
- Continue to pray for Cheryl Kurtz unspoken prayer request.
- Brett & Pam Miller requested prayer for Joyce Diehl. She had a stroke in her eye and lost all vision. The concern is to keep her other eye healthy.
- Nancy Stape requested prayer for Debra Marsh, her stepdaughter. She has been in and out of the hospital with various infections in the upper part of her body.
- Merv Good requested prayer for the Herr family. Richard Herr passed away, please keep the family in your prayers during this time.
- Pray for Ruth Cook who is in the York Hospital with a urinary tract infection.
- Pray for Troy Grim who is in the York Hospital with sepsis.
- Continue praying for pain relief for Victor Riddle.
- Please pray for continued healing for Ali, Sue and Al Smeltzer's granddaughter who broke her tibia.
- Nancy Stape requested prayer for her brother Bill Knouse. Bill had a stem cell replacement operation on Wednesday 3/13 and was feeling a little down. Continue to uplift him in prayer.

#### **Ongoing Health Concern Prayers**

*Kathy McWilliams	*Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer)		*Ken Warren	*Mary Fisher
*Alyssa Leakway	*Gloria Gerber	*Missy Braden	*Bryce Baublitz	
*Julie Waggoner	*Bill Barley	*Brandon Little	*Derek Meck	*Mark Lipsitz
*Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson)		*Ruth Cook *Victo	or Riddle	

#### **Cancer Special Prayers**

\*Julia McCartney \*Greg & Sandy George \*Butch Warren's brother \*Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) \*Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip \*Tom Kimmel \*Sandy Harlacker \*Ellie Basko \*Mark Yonker \*Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) \*Jean Beck \*Donald Moore \*Butch Warren

#### **CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests**

#### **Weekly Prayer Point**

Pray for all CBC congregations and members as we celebrate the greatest miracle in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Pray for resurrection power to fill each member and congregation and that we might share this Good News of Jesus with everyone.

Pray also for God to provide for Christian Radio stations and that the seeds they plant will yield much good fruit for God's Kingdom.

#### Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Bonde La Baraka Congregation in Tanzania and Pastor Haruni Malogo
- Boones Creek Congregation in Johnson City, TN and Pastor Scott Kinnick



### This week

Wednesday 3/27 \*Sisters Bible Study 9 am \*Life Group 6:30 pm \*Men's Vocal Practice 7:45 pm Thursday 3/28 \*Prayer Shawl 10 am \*Holy Thursday Service 7 pm Friday 3/29 Good Friday \*Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12 pm – 3 pm Saturday 3/30 \*Easter Berlin Sunday 3/31 Easter Resurrection Sunday

\*SonRise Service 6:30 am
\*9 am Come Worship!
Monday 4/1
\*Newsletter Preparation
Tuesday 4/2
\*Newsletter Assembly

#### Next Week

Wednesday 4/3 \*Life Group 6:30 pm Friday 4/5 \*Youth Lockin 8 pm Sunday 4/6 \*9 am Come Worship! Easter Program with a message by Franklin Graham from Israel TODAY at 12:00 PM EDT On FOX News local channels and online Special music by Michael W. Smith

Small group study April 11 - June 23 for 8 weeks Thursday evenings Dr. David Jeremiah "The Great Disappearance" 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the sanctuary The deadline for registration is March 31. Sign up sheet in library on bulletin board For more info contact Dave Titzell

# Walking with Jesus Thursday Afternoon Life Group with Louise Julius

First & Third Thursdays of the month Beginning April 4<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>TH</sup> at 1:30 pm We will start meeting in The Gathering Place Men & Women welcome!

Resurrection Easter Sunday Morning SonRise Gelebration - 6:30 and Bernoudian's Greekside Worship Genter Message by Pastor Galencore of St. Paul's Red Run Ghurch Haffelujah! He is Risen! Light Breakfast to follow in The Galbering Place

## "SEEKING CHRIST" EASTER SUNDAY SCAVENGER HUNT

a couple of our youth came up with an idea for this Easter. Prior to Easter Sunday morning, they will hide small figurines of Jesus throughout the church. They will put a dot on 10 of them. If you find a figurine with a dot you will want to find Makayla or Christine who will have a gift bag prize for you. The symbolism is perfect. Especially at Easter, we need to be seeking Christ. We need to be seeking a deeper relationship with the one who died for us on the cross and now lives for us through the resurrection and will return to take us to heaven. So, while you are having fun looking for a figurine in order to get a

prize, remember the words of Paul in Philippians 3.14, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." We are looking toward the ultimate prize, the culmination of our salvation in heaven.





# THE LAST DAY TO SEND ITEMS IN TO BE PLACED IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 28 BY 10:30 AM

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Ministry Next Meeting Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10 am – 2 pm



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Women's Fellowship is planning a spectacular event to support Tender Care Pregnancy Center.

> This year's event will be a Baby Shower Tea on April 6, 2024 from 11 am - 1:00 pm.

We hope every lady in the church will mark their calendars and plan to attend.



#### Saturday, May 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 10:30 AM -12:30 PM

Mom and Dad, how would you like a couple of hours to complete those spring chores, spend a little time together, or maybe just grab a little extra rest? Drop off the kids ages 5 through 12 .We are planning a couple of hours of movies, games, crafts, and a light lunch.

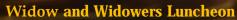
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Wednesdays Next - March 27th 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

> Studying: The Book of Revelation



Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> At Noon At Dover Valley Restaurant Please See Nancy

Smith to RSVP