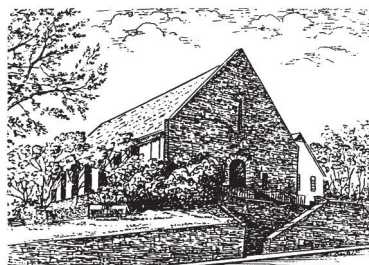


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As We Look Ahead

Easter Week starts with **Palm Sunday** worship at 11 on **April 1st**. Please join us at church for a noontime prayer service on **Monday April 2nd, Tuesday April 3rd, and Wednesday April 4th**. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **Maundy Thursday, April 4th**, at 7 pm. There will be a community **Good Friday** service at the Congregational Church starting at **noon on April 5th and lasting until 1 pm**. We'd love to have you join us again for **Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am** on Easter Sunday, **April 8th**. There will be a light breakfast in the Activity Building after sunrise service. Sunday School starts at 10 am, and we will joyously celebrate the Resurrection of Christ at our **Easter worship service at 11 am**.

Looking Ahead:

- Apr. 1 Palm Sunday worship service, 11 am.
- Apr. 2 Mission team meeting at 7 pm
- Apr. 3 WMU Group 1 meets at 10 am
- Apr. 5 Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm, with Lord's Supper
- Apr. 6 Good Friday Community Service at Congregational Church, 12 noon
- Apr. 8 Easter Sunrise, at 6:30 am, light breakfast in Activity Building to follow (7:15 am)
- Apr. 8 Easter Worship, 11 am
- Apr. 15 Worship, First Sunday of Easter, Baptism
- Apr. 16 Brotherhood, 6:30 pm
- Apr. 17 Deacons' Meeting
- May 1 WMU Meeting, 10 am
- May 5 Mission Initiative Day

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carrie Greene
- 2 Jamie Greene
- 5 Kathryn Smith
- 7 Garland Goodwin
- 9 Todd Constance
- 10 Fred Edwards Sr.
- 11 Arvilla Smith
- 14 Jessa Jackson
- 17 Mary Wall
- 18 Margaret Ballew
- 18 Edna Morrow
- 20 Mildred Bodie
- 21 David Cothran
- 21 Brett McFarland
- 22 Kathy Campbell
- 26 Robert K. Constance
- 28 Alex Miller

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 David & Diane Cothran
- 10 Fred & Edith McKaig
- 15 Brian & Jennifer Jones
- 21 Harold & Elizabeth Burrell
- 22 Ellis & Linda Fincher
- 28 Benny & Frances Smith

MILITARY BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Mya Palmer
- 18 Emily Dona
- 19 Erin Stillinger
- 26 Michelle Santa

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Michaëlle McKaig
- 23 Kelsie Taylor



Deacons for April
*Keith Collins, Jerry Attwood, Ron Frady, Jeff Miller, Beth McCallister (balcony)

Ushers for April
Front: Kaya Bishop, Amber McEntire
Side: Dee Huneycutt
Hall: Carroll Brady

CHAT WITH THE PASTOR

The forty days of Lent—crescendoing with Holy Week and Good Friday—prepare us for an extraordinary celebration of the Resurrection. But undoubtedly, the Monday after Easter leaves us asking, “Now what?” Easter Sunday was great, but what do we do now? Yes, Jesus Christ is risen, but what do we do about it? Are we somehow different because of his resurrection, and if so, how?

For one thing, Easter is more than a day. Easter is a season—a fifty-day season in the life of the church. But even more so, Easter is the new reality in which we live. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection are the first fruits of this new reality (see I Corinthians 15), a reality that is fully realized in John’s vision of a new heaven and a new earth (see Revelation 21). The resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of God’s resurrection of the entire created order, including you and me. To put it lightly, it’s a big deal.

But what if it doesn’t feel like it? How can Easter Sunday seem so glorious and wonderful and Monday still feel like, well, Monday? One of the reasons is that feeling follows action. If you want it to feel like Easter, you must act like it is still Easter. And it just so happens that we have a great opportunity for you to “act like it’s Easter” (since it still will be)! On May 5, we will “act like it’s Easter” as we spread God’s love and hope through our annual Mission Initiative. Easter and Resurrection are about new life and new hope, and that is exactly what you can help spread as you love your neighbors in tangible ways. I hope you will participate.

Let us live like it’s Easter . . . because it is!

- Jeff

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 CW4 and Mrs. John Snow
- 5 Vernon & Raye Dusenbury
- 8 Phillip & Paula Edwards
- 15 R.B. & Mae Scruggs
- 30 Keith & Alisa Constance
- 31 Franklin & Sadie McKaig

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bob Lair
- 4 Dustin Bishop
- 4 Kay Greene
- 14 Philip Culbreth
- 14 Emily McFalls
- 14 Gary Nobles
- 17 Tiffany B. Covil
- 17 Cathy Stott
- 18 Brian Durham
- 19 Mae Scruggs
- 21 Rosemary Iaffaldano
- 21 Melinda Walker
- 23 Phil Feagan
- 23 Don Iaffaldano
- 24 Kasey McKaig
- 26 Bernice Culbreth
- 26 Judy Houk
- 26 Janet Hudson
- 27 John T. Vehorn
- 29 Ashley Scoggins
- 30 Spencer Horner

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

- 29 Ashley Scoggins
- 30 Michael Nobles

MILITARY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Elyse Santa
(c/o Tom Santa)
233 Green View Road
Moyock, NC 27958
- 28 Ashley Walter (Mrs. J.D.)
3407 Sango Crossing
Clarksville, TN 27043

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Danny and Erin Fox and their two children, Jackson and Scout, joined our church on Sunday March 25. Danny is originally from Hendersonville, NC and Erin is from Murphy, NC. They moved to Columbus and bought a house off Skyuka Road in 2003. Erin will be transferring her letter from Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Hiwassee Dam, NC and Danny has made a profession of faith and will be baptized soon. Erin is a ninth grade English teacher in Gaffney, SC and Danny works at Tool Technology in Inman, SC. Both of their children, Jack who is 4 and Scout, 8 months, attend Midway Weekday Ministry for Children at Midway Baptist Church. Danny enjoys all outside activities and anything historical, while Erin enjoys theater, dance and reading. They both consider their children wonderful blessings and love spending time with them doing "fun" stuff. We welcome Danny and Erin to church membership and look forward to watching Jack and Scout grow in the Christian faith. We are especially looking forward to Danny's river baptism.

MUSINGS ON MUSIC

Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul—Author Unknown.

Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and cannot remain silent—Victor Hugo

The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul—Johann Sebastian Bach

The philosopher in me sometimes wonders if we experience life in the same way as others. Do strawberries taste the same to you and me? Does the smell of a baby awaken the same sensations in all of us? Does music stir us all the same way emotionally? I suppose we can never know the answers to that, but I have found in the past few months that the amazing members of our church choir put everything they have into using their voices to bring glory to God and refresh our souls. I remember the first time I suggested we would memorize a piece of music — looks of horror and groans of dismay were the response. Today, they grin and then sing with their souls, not just their voices. They dedicate time, energy and talent each week as their gift of praise.

Each piece of music we sing is chosen for the combination of sound and words. Perhaps you find that our music heals your heart. Maybe it is the words that speak to your mind. Every part of the music program in the church is chosen to bring our souls closer to heaven. The music of piano, organ, choir, and yes, the congregation, all blend together for that singular purpose. Whether you are a professionally-trained musician or cannot hear the difference in two notes, the purpose of music in church is not to entertain, but, as J.S. Bach said, bring glory to God and refreshment to the soul. In that spirit, lift up your heart, your smile and your voice and join us each week as we all praise God.—**Cheryl Roach, Interim Choir Director**

Deacons for May

*Ellis Fincher, Pat Feagan, David Thompson, Marian Corn, Elizabeth Burrell (balcony).

Ushers for May

Jamie Greene, Christy McCall, June Brady (side), Katherine Smith (hall)

MISSION INITIATIVE DAY Saturday, May 5th Schedule

6:30 am—Volunteers meet in the TFBC Activity Building to sign in and verify project assignments.

7:00-7:30 am—Introductions, blessing, and breakfast,* with project briefings by team lead.

7:30—8:00 am—Travel to work sites.

8:00 am-12:00 pm—Morning work shift, project leads will monitor their sites.

12:00-12:30 pm—lunch break. Each volunteer is asked to bring their own lunch—drinks will be provided to take after your breakfast.

12:30-4:30 pm—afternoon work shift.

4:30-5:00 pm—volunteers clean up sites and pick up tools, Volunteers will arrive later with pickup trucks to remove rubbish.

5:00-5:30 pm—volunteers will convoy back to TFBC and clean up for dinner.

5:30—7:00 pm—Dinner*, and time to give thanks, reflect, and discuss the day.

*Breakfast and dinner are provided. Please bring a bag lunch—drink is provided.



Our Fields of Hope project is up and running!

Volunteers helped to cut a half-ton of potatoes for planting, which we will share with our neighbors in Polk County. The potatoes were planted on March 31st, and we hope for a bountiful yield to share later in the season. As the Amish say..."Many hands make light work!"



Linda Martin reads from her newly-published book, "Summer of the Rabbits", enchanting young readers on March 27 at the Polk Library. Alice Feagan looks on, showing the illustrations she did for the book. We are grateful to have such talented women in our church family!

On Monday, March 19, Polk County Human Services Building was dedicated and named the "Howard B. Greene Human Services Building." This building houses the Department of Social Services. First Baptist Church is thankful for Howard and Mary's faithful service to Polk County. We are also thankful that they are part of our congregation.

