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Rockingham, North Carolina

“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Resource Recording Team

Monday, Apr 2, 2018

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, Apr 9, 2018

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, Apr 16, 2018

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, Apr 23, 2018

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Monday, Apr 30, 2018

Judy McEntire, Gene Barnes

Attendance Report

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Worship Service-91

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Sunday School-71

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Serving on Sunday, April 1, 2018

Nursery: Betty Davis/Lee Chavis

2's & 3s: Jackeline and Alex Cockerton

Children's Church: Angela Cockerton/Leah Melvin

Church Security: Kenneth Robinette

Greeters: Mary Joyner/John and Beth Ray/Marjorie Rainey

Serving on Sunday, April 8, 2018

Nursery: Virginia Auman/Kathy Griffis

2s & 3s: Brenda Tyler/Joanna Wall

Children's Church: Judy Harrelson/Lea Dietch

Church Security: John Ray

Greeters: Steve and Cynthia Morris

Serving on Sunday, April 15, 2018

Nursery: Joanne Taylor/Graeson Diaz

2s & 3s: Mary Catherine and Joey Moree

Children's Church: Debbie Knight/Dana Pope

Church Security: Steve McIver

Greeters: Ric and Pat Buckner/Jill Emerson

Serving on Sunday, April 22, 2018

Nursery: Elaine Davis/Carolyn Bridgman

2s & 3s: Monica Yates

Children's Church: Mary Joyner/Elaine Wilson

Church Security: Dennis Holloway

Greeters: Inell Allen/Mandy Allen/Sally Pierce

Serving on Sunday, April 29, 2018

Nursery: Nan Bates/Bobbie Sue Ormsby

2s & 3s: Melanie Lampley

Children's Church: Crystal and Jason Coen

Church Security: Ric Buckner

Greeters: Mary Joyner/Steve and Cynthia Morris



What a Difference a Day Makes

I have always been amazed at how fast life can change. Like the weather in North Carolina, one day the bright warm sun may be shinning down upon us, but the next day we may be shivering in the cold rain. One day we seem to be completely well and healthy, but the next day we discover we have a terminal illness. One day our family is all together, but the next day, a beloved member is missing, never to return, because of a tragic accident. One day it appears that all hope is gone, that there is no solution to the problem, but the next day an answer is discovered, the problem is solved, and the need is met!

It is a fact of life that drastic changes can occur over the course of one day which will change our lives forever. What a difference a day makes! Well, that was never more true than the day when Jesus rose from the dead. When the body of Jesus was placed in the tomb and the huge stone was rolled into place, it seemed that Jesus would be sealed inside the earth forever. As the sun faded into darkness that night, so did the hopes and dreams of Christ's disciples.

Saturday was a day of darkness and despair, but when the sun peeked over the horizon on Sunday, and the angel said to the women “you seek Jesus who was crucified - He’s not here, He is risen,” everything changed. Everything was different! Despair was transformed into hope, fear into courage, aimlessness into purpose, doubt into faith, and death into life ... all because Jesus who was crucified and buried, rose up from the grave. And that resurrection day has made all the difference. Have you allowed Jesus, who is the “resurrection and the life,” to make a difference in your life? He can and He will, if you let him. With Him, everyday, no matter what the day brings, can make a positive difference in your life! Christ is Risen! Halleluiah!



Patricia

Over the course of a couple years when I was younger, I purchased eight to ten different posters of various sizes from a Christian bookstore. These posters held scripture that I found particularly meaningful or inspirational sayings that resonated with me at the time. Through the years I have discarded or donated all of these posters except one small one that hangs on the bulletin board in my office. I know there is a two-fold reason that I have held onto this one through the multiple moves I have made. One, the cute child in a yellow raincoat and galoshes is adorable and makes my day a little brighter every time my eye catches the poster. And two, the quote is one that continually inspires and challenges me:

As we begin the seven-week Easter season, celebrating and leaning into the glorious reality of Jesus' resurrection, I share this quote with you. Simple but profound, I have always thought. From the darkness of Good Friday to the amazing light and hope of Easter's reality, I pray that each of us will be able to find, in the midst of all that life holds for us, moments of delight in little things. I look forward to the month of April and what it will hold for our congregation. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

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Food Pantry Needs

Our Daily Bread has a specific need for hygiene items for their clients (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, razors, etc.). We will be collecting these items for several weeks and would appreciate any donations! Canned goods are always accepted as well. Thank you!



This past January many of you received Epiphany Stars to take home with you. These stars each held a different word that was intended to be "your word" for 2018...perhaps a word of comfort, challenge, encouragement, inspiration, etc. With the passing of a few months, I would be interested to hear if any of you have found your Epiphany Star meaningful so far and if you have any specific stories to share in relation to it. I would love to hear from you! - Patricia



The Easter Lily is the time-honored flower of Easter and is believed to represent exquisiteness, spirituality, hope, and life. The lily has come to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus because of its form and color. There is a legend that says that Jesus' blood, as it fell from the cross, was miraculously transformed into flowers that filled both earth and heaven. The bulb of this flower that is buried in the ground represents Jesus' tomb, and the beautiful, fragrant, white flowers symbolize Jesus' resurrected life. As you see Easter Lilies this month especially, may you also see the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and be conscious of the ways God is constantly working to bring forth new life both within and around us.

Happy Anniversary!



4/7 Joe and Betty Davis - 56 yrs

4/13 Kenneth and Claudia Robinette - 27 yrs

4/10 Gene and Janice Coen - 41 yrs

4/21 Dale and Sallie Ormsby - 56 yrs

4/2 Don Auman

4/6 Patsy Jenkins

4/9 Betty Evans

4/12 Charles Joyner

4/17 Jackeline Cockerton

4/30 Ric Buckner

4/3 Greer Danner

4/6 Sally Pierce

4/10 April Collins

4/14 Bobbie Sue Ormsby

4/18 Trace Davis

4/4 J.C. Lamm

4/6 Tess Ann Jones

4/11 Bonnie Barnes

4/16 Jett Gregory

4/19 Jeanne Olive





Isaac Watts, well known hymn writer, at age 18 began to openly ridicule verses of current day hymns. His disapproval of these verses displeased his father. Isaac and his brother, Enoch, shared their desire to create their own hymnal to replace the current one.

His father replied "If you don't like our hymns, then let me hear one you have written which is better." Isaac responded "Father, I have one which is better. Will you listen to it?" His father listened as Isaac read these words: "Behold the glories of the Lamb, Amidst His Father's throne; Prepare new honours for His Name, and songs before unknown!"

This new hymn was sung by their congregation the following Sunday and was so well received that young Isaac was asked to write new hymns for subsequent Sundays. This led to Isaac writing new hymns for the next two-hundred-twenty-two weeks.

Dr. Watts penned some of our most beloved hymns, including "Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed," "Jesus Shall Reign" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

As we move through this Easter season, let us reflect on and hold these words in our hearts and minds.

*"When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride."*

In Memory

Mrs. Evelyn "Tot" Spencer

Mrs. Shirley Mills
Mr. and Mrs. James and Marianne Crawford
Mrs. Martha Vetter
Mrs. Mary Jane Stephenson

Mr. Michael Lamm

Mrs. Shirley Mills
Mr. Jimmy Deaton
Lydia Sunday School Class

Mrs. Jennie Pittman Sikes

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Elaine Davis
Mrs. Shirley Michael
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Elaine Davis

Mrs. Jane Pittman

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Elaine Davis



Giving Summary	February 2018	March 2018
General Fund	22,188	30,163
Chall. to Maint.	0	0
Memorials & Honor	5,495	300
Radio Ministry/Sound	800	1,600
Baptist Men/Ramp Min.	1,431	0
Fellowship Fund	0	516
Easter Lilies	0	220
Heating and Air Cond.	1,610	750
Wed. Fellowship Meals	247	351
Missions	375	77
O'Brien Fund	1,043	0
Youth	0	185
Total Gifts	33,190	34,162
Budget req. to date	88,744	
Gifts to date	85,712	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(3,032)	
% giving to req.	97%	

Renewal of Marriage Vows

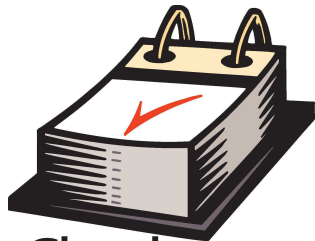
Pastor Bobby Mumford and the Pee Dee Baptist Church will be hosting a "Renewal of Marriage Vows" service at the church on Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 pm. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. To register or to get more information, please call 910-331-5781.

North Carolina Baptist Convention
April 6-7, 2018 Missions Conference - "Open Hands"
Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
Numerous Mission Breakout Sessions



Operation Inasmuch Saturday, May 5, 2018

All are invited to join together for a day of service to our community. Opportunities are available for all ages, skill levels, gifts, and talents. Please come to S150 where groups will receive assignments and go out. Signup sheets will be available during April, but you do not have to sign up to help. More specific details and reminders will be available as we get closer to May 5th.



Check Your Calendar

- April 1 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 7:00 am
- April 2 - Playground Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
- April 8 - Missions Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
- Youth/Deacon Meal, 5:30 pm
- April 15 - Children's Council Meeting, 12:15 pm
- April 16 - Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 pm
- April 19 - Pee Dee Baptist Church (Renewal of Vows) Ceremony, 6:00 pm
- April 20 - Festival of Tables (S150), 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- April 21 - Festival of Tables (S150), 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mission's Offering

Church Goal: \$2,000

Support missions by giving to the

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering (SBC)

or to the

Global Missions Offering (CBF).

"Go into all the world and
preach the gospel."

Festival of Tables



Friday, April 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 21 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Refreshments

Tickets on sale now for \$10.00

Ticket is good for both days.

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"Everyone is out with the flu, the computers
all have a virus and the shredder just threw up."

Sympathy for the families of ...



Camille Ballard who passed on March 13. She is Beverly Crouse's sister.

Robert "Doug" Trask who passed on March 13. He is Wanda Auman's father.

William "Jack" Busby who passed on March 18. He is Matthew Haywood's stepfather.



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Easter Lilies In Memory Of

Susan and Esther Johnson
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Michael Lamm
Mr. and Mrs. JC Lamm

Tom and Juanita Yates
The Children (2)

Donna Ormsby Nibbe
Dale and Sallie Ormsby

Tot Spencer
Betty Matthews

Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Buckner
Ric and Pat Buckner

Kenneth Melvin
Jeanette Melvin

AC Godwin
Frances Godwin

Myrtle Marks
Lazelle Marks

LV Reel
Lazelle Marks

Ernest Evans
Betty Evans

Clark Cox
Helen Cox

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Snyder
Glenn and Brenda Snyder

Fred Harris
Peggy and Judy Harris

Luther Pierce
Sally Pierce

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Meacham
Ric and Pat Buckner

Drew Scism
Charles and Bobbie Harrell

Judy Marks
Lazelle Marks

Alma Reel
Lazelle Marks

Ruth Reel
Lazelle Marks

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Mr. and Mrs. JC Lamm

Mrs. Sybil Easterling
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cadieu

Judy Marks
Dale and Sallie Ormsby

Michael Lamm
Betty Matthews

Mr. A.W. Meacham
Ric and Pat Buckner

Michael Lamm
Jeanette Melvin

Joshua Lamm
Jeanette Melvin

Ellis Marks
Lazelle Marks

Jim Reel
Lazelle Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Cole L. Chavis
Glenn and Brenda Snyder

Easter Lilies In Honor Of

Mrs. Hazel Todd
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cadieu

Dan and Inell Allen
Mandy Allen

Benjamin Ewing
Charles Alexander

Mrs. Hazel Todd
Jerry and Elaine Davis

Mrs. Pauline Meacham
Ric and Pat Buckner

Nicholas Ewing
Charles Alexander

Annie Grace Turnage
Jerry and Elaine Davis

Evelyn Marks
A Friend

The Family
Harvey and Hilda Auman

