

The Channel

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This Sunday is Easter! It is a time for us to reflect on the meaning of the empty tomb and to remember Jesus' words spoken to Martha at the death of her brother, Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Six hundred years before Jesus came to show us the heart of the Father, the prophet Zephaniah described the Father's love for us in a beautiful way. "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing" (Zephaniah 3:17).

As we approach Easter, is there anything that prevents you from recognizing God's songs over you?

Maybe you struggle with nagging guilt about your sin.

Look at Zephaniah 3:15: "The Lord has taken away your punishment." We must grab hold of the fact that Jesus paid the price. As Phillip Yancey has written, "The one distinct thing about Christianity is that God loves immoral people and that he has extended himself to the least deserving. Once you understand grace, you understand that none of us deserves it. In logical terms, grace is unnatural, even scandalous. It grinds against our sense of fairness and justice, lavishing good things on undeserving people. The shepherd leaves his flock of 99 vulnerable to rustlers and wolves in order to search for a single lost, beloved sheep ... The boss pays a vineyard laborer who has worked just one hour the same amount as those who work all day. Grace is not logical, but it sure is lovely."

Maybe you are gripped by fear.

Take heart, Zephaniah 3:17 says, "The Lord...is...a warrior who gives victory" (RVS). Verse 19 states, "At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you."

Maybe you are worried that God is too big and busy for you.

It does sometimes seem as though God is too big and his love unfathomable. Zephaniah 3:15 reminds us, "The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you." That promise is repeated in verse 17: "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save." In Isaiah, God says, "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit" (Isaiah 57:15).

Maybe you have been wounded by rejection.

Shame is another factor that deafens us to the songs of heaven. Jesus knows how you feel. It was heaped on him. He "redeemed us ... by becoming a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13). At the end of those anguish-filled hours under the burden of our sin, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46). He trusted his Father, and so can you.

This Resurrection Sunday morning we will gather and sing songs of praise to our God. Maybe, if we listen closely, we will have the grace to hear his songs of joy over us and we will be filled with the peace of his love (Zephaniah 3:17).

See you Easter Sunday!

DuPre



EASTER!
Join us for a full morning of
Easter activities on Sunday,
March 31!



7:00 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service

We begin the day at Merritt Commons. We will hear scriptures and a sermon to reflect on the resurrection, and celebrate together with joyful hymns! Please bring your own lawn chairs.

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

Continue the joy of the day by gathering with your small group Sunday School class!

11:00 a.m.
Worship

This will be a time of worship full of music and celebration including beautiful music from the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir as well as congregational hymns and worship songs.

Remember in Prayer



Requests

- Barry Tucker, recovering from partial knee replacement, 3/18
- Stacy Hill, recovering from surgery on both hands
- Judy Spivey, receiving hospice care
- Thomas Weaver, flank pain
- Gloria Morgan, stomach issues
- Pamela Parham, surgery on leg, 3/26
- Mack Overman, gall bladder surgery, 4/2
- Myrna Snow, hip replacement, 4/8
- Jo Overman, skin cancer surgery, 4/8
- Janice Johnson, knee replacement, 4/15
- Paul Adams, severe central sleep apnea
- Charles Jackson, recovering from bladder surgery
- Brad Laws, atrial fibrillation
- Erval Mooney, started cardiac rehab
- Bill Fuller, continues radiation and chemo for squamous cell carcinoma on tonsil
- Dorsey Gillis, squamous cell skin cancers
- Sandra Barnes, continuing to recover from retina surgery
- Judy Spivey, continues cancer treatments
- Wayne Lamberth, dialysis treatments
- Kimberly Boswell, recovering from ankle surgery
- Virginia Singleton, two fractured vertebrae
- Jessie Walker, back issues
- Peggy Moore, open angle glaucoma, surgery in June
- Barbara Weaver, health issues
- Diane Austin, being treated for multiple myeloma
- Chuck Oakley, being treated for multiple myeloma
- Sue Wilkins, at home with Alzheimer's

Nursing Homes

- Kay Reynolds at Hillcrest (room #2416)
- Louise Walthall at Caswell House in Yanceyville
- Peggy Linville at Roxboro Rehab

Also Remember:

- Jim Populorum, Julie Kennedy's father, at VA Hospital with heart issues
- Amy Newton, recovering from surgery on 3/15
- Wesley Bowen, Waylon & Mary Frances Newton's son-in-law, back pain

- Martin Stone Jr., Jena Daniel's father, health issues
- Joanne Blanks, Bob Wade's sister, health issues
- Kathy Williams, John Bailey's sister, suffers with Lewy Body Dementia
- Danny Gould, Susan Hobgood's brother; back pain
- Darrell Parham, Jane & Richard's son; PT following stroke
- Sherry Reynolds, Kay's daughter, autoimmune disorder



Our Ministry of Giving

March 17, 2024

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$11,413.00
Budget	\$13,526.51
Designated	
Rose Hill Mission Trip	50.00

March 24, 2024

Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$11,413.00
Budget	\$ 3,232.00
Designated	
Mission Trip deposits	735.00
CBF Global Missions	240.00
Building in Faith	\$25.00

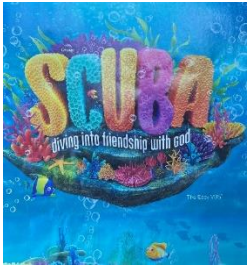


We will receive the Easter CBF Global Missions Offering during the month of April. 100% of your gift will be used to send CBF field personnel to share the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world.



Church Office

The church office will be closed Easter Monday, April 1.



Save the Date

Our Vacation Bible School will be held in the mornings the week of June 17 – 21.

Weekend Mission Trip

Rose Hill

April 25 – April 27



All ages are invited to go to Rose Hill (Duplin County) for the weekend. We will be completing light construction, painting, or maybe even some baking if that's what the camp needs us to do. You will need to take sheets, blankets, pillows, and work gloves. We will leave at noon on April 25 and return Saturday afternoon. Cost will be \$25 per person (\$50 non-members). Please sign up for this wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship as we help our neighbors in need. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 7.



Wednesday Night Fellowship Menu

March 27: Ham, green beans, baked apples, salad bar

April 3: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad bar

April 10: Pork Loin, rice and gravy, baked apples, salad bar

Graduate Recognition Sunday



If you will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, we would like to invite you to participate in our graduate recognition service on Sunday, May 26.

Please call the church office and let us know if you plan to participate by May 5.



Parent/Child Dedication

Parent/Child Dedication is a time set apart in worship for parents to make a commitment to God to raise their children in the church and to help them know Jesus. The church commits to model Christian living before the children God has entrusted to us. Our next Parent/Child Dedication service will be April 14. If you are interested in participating in this service with your child, please contact the church office.

Wanted Used T-shirts



It's time to clean out your t-shirt drawer and donate any used, unwanted, or worn out t-shirts to the church. Your used t-shirts will be cut up to make jump ropes for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

April Collections food roundup

For April we will collect items for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

- Muffin Mixes
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is a favorite)
- Brownie, Cookie, Cake Mixes & Icing
- Puddings, Pudding Cups
- Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil Pam
- Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Gift Cards – Wal-Mart, Sam's Clubs, Food Lion

Gift Cards are appreciated because they can be used to buy perishables and items not received, and they don't take up much space. All items can be dropped off in the church office by **April 28**.

Prayer Blanket Ministry



The next workshops will be **April 9 and May 14**, (the second Tuesday of each month) from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second floor in room B200. Everyone is welcome!



- 1- Cameron Hall, Keeghan Holmes, Mclver Long,
Alissa Moose
- 2- Lori Stacey
- 3- Janet Isackson, Phillip Laws
- 4- Linda Black, Nancy Warren
- 5- Joy Montgomery, Erval Mooney
- 6 - Bill Lester
- 7 – Kay Bugnar, George Daniel, Jennifer Kafer,
Susan Melton, Betty Reynolds
- 11-Ethel Fehl
- 13-Russ Parker
- 15-Mac Wilkins
- 16-Virginia Singleton
- 18-Dorothy Gillis, Pat Pass
- 19-Alta Winstead
- 22-Bill Hodgin, Mike Warren
- 24-Dustin Childers, Allison Dacus, Melanie Garrett
- 26-Blaire Roberts
- 27-Skeeta Currier, Aidan Dacus, John Nutt,
Caroline Wilde
- 28-Baker Eggleston, Patrick Holmes
- 29- Joan Rogers
- 30 – Stephanie Wade



**Please contact our
Homebound this week.**

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