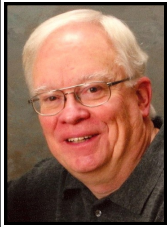


MARCH MWC FM HURCH NEWS

2016



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Our eyes are on Jesus as we enter March! Each year at this time we give special attention to what Jesus did for us by living out the life and love of God here on this earth, and giving his very life's blood to free us from our sins. We celebrate his Resurrection and his defeat of the power of sin and death! Everything we do this month is focused like a laser on these key truths. We invite you to experience the life of Jesus with us!

Here is how we are celebrating—you will see more in the newsletter and hear from us as the month goes along:

- The church is opened for **special prayer times** at 7:00AM Tuesday, Noon Wednesday, and 6:00PM Thursday each week until Easter, to thank God for sending Jesus, and to ask his help in sharing the Word more effectively.
- The **Sunday sermons** are focusing on *“Conversations on the Way to the Cross,”* looking at what Jesus told his followers, and his opponents, as he moved toward the climax of his ministry.
- **Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday on March 20** and reach its climax on **Resurrection Sunday, March 27**. You will see the other events throughout this newsletter.

For those who are already active in our church, let me remind you that this is a great time to invite friends and neighbors to think about Jesus and to welcome them to all the church has to offer. We challenge you to join us on **Saturday, March 12, for an All-Church Clean-Up Day** to prepare the facilities for company. *Choose either the 9:00 AM to Noon time period, or 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.* We will have a simple lunch available at church at Noon. We are also planning a time of **visitation on the afternoon of Palm Sunday**, with pizza at the church after worship, to get ready. We have chosen a new neighborhood to visit and ask everyone to pray for good connections with new families.

We are so thankful for at least two new people who have come to trust in Christ as savior for the first time in the past few weeks. Ask God now to help you help someone else meet Jesus this month!!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Dwight T Gregory

MARCH 20

PALM SUNDAY
COME CELEBRATE THE KING!

We begin Holy Week with our children waving palms as we sing in celebration of Jesus' Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem. With music, words, and action we place ourselves with Jesus and his disciples on the journey to the cross—and to Resurrection.

Join us!

MARCH 25

GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE 7PM

Our traditional Good Friday “Tenebrae,” service, with readings and song, emphasizes the death of Christ and the darkness of the sin that nailed him to the cross. As we extinguish the Christ Candle, we leave our sin with Jesus, in confidence of forgiveness and coming Resurrection.

SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter Sunrise service this year will be 7:00AM at the front of the church.

FOOTWASHING SERVICE

Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM

Easter
SUNDAY
• HE IS RISEN •

Sunday School at 9:45, Worship at 10:50 AM

Church and Youth News

Senior Adult Luncheon

The Senior Adults will have a catered lunch Friday, March 11th at noon. The cost per person is \$7.00. The theme is St. Patrick's Day so don't forget to wear green. For more information, contact Lori Schroyer at 361.0734.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study is on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10-AM at the church. If you are interested in being a part please call Martha Borgers at 590.9792.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE 405.732.0648.

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER



LIFEGROUP

Saturday, March 26

10:00AM

Children ages 4-5th grade
Invite your friends

Easter Egg Hunt



On Saturday, March 12th the youth will attend Winter Jam at Chesapeake Arena. The cost is \$10 per person to see 10 awesome bands perform throughout the night. The doors open at 5PM and the concert begins at 6PM. We will meet at the church at 1PM to stand in line. Please eat lunch before you arrive at the church. If you want to eat dinner, bring a sack meal to eat while we wait in line. Make sure to check the weather and dress appropriately to stand in line for 4 hours.

MARCH 12

WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH

9:00AM-NOON

1:00PM-4:00PM

SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY, APRIL 3 AT NOON. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BRINGING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' LOVE TO SPECIAL KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS? WE ARE IN THE BEGINNING STAGES OF PLANNING THIS SUMMER'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS POSSIBLE DATES AND TIMES, ETC. THIS WILL BE ONLY AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ANITA BAIRD AT 659.3322.



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