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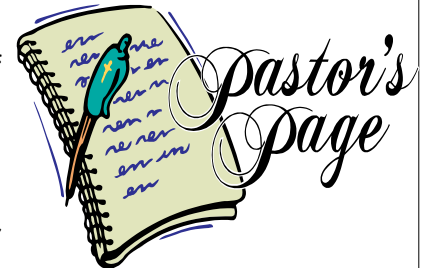
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Have you ever noticed the words that surround the event of the resurrection? The women who approached the tomb were greeted by an angel. The words that the angel spoke helped them to better understand the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. The message that was given to them needs to be given to everyone. In Matthew 28:1-8 there are some words for our celebration of Easter.



The first word, found in verse 6, is a word of invitation – Come. There was much that could have hindered the women from coming. It was a graveyard, it was early in the morning, Rome had sealed the tomb, this was a holy place and their own sin could have hindered them. Yet, the women were not hindered by those things. Nothing should hinder our service to Christ!

Second, the angel said, "See the place where the Lord lay." When we see the place where the Lord lay it will cause us to say, "It is my sin that brought Him to that end." Then we will begin to develop a proper awareness of sin and hatred for it. You and I are guilty of the death of Christ. We were there and our sins were to blame for His death!

Having been invited to "come" and "see," now the angel tells us that we must "go quickly and tell." Having come to Christ and experienced His power, having come to the grave and realized the reality of His resurrection, we now have a message that needs to be shared with the world. Notice that the angel tells them to "go quickly." There is an urgency about our message. We must go quickly because people are dying. We must go quickly because Christ is coming. If we have come, if we have seen that the tomb is empty, and if we are commissioned to go, then it is inevitable that we will have a message tell to those we encounter. The Good News must be told. The Good News that Christ died for our sins, that He was placed in a tomb, but on the third day He rose bodily, triumphantly from the grave. And because of that we can have forgiveness of sin. The greatest news in the world is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. **THEY WILL NEVER COME UNTIL WE GO!!!** How can we who are Christians fail to tell the world about it?



Library News

APRIL – HAPPY EASTER!

Easter Sunday is truly the most glorious day of the year for the Christian. Just three days after witnessing the death of the Savior, a miracle that defies explanation! Jesus was brought forth from the tomb. Jesus was restored to life on Easter Sunday. No matter what broken places you might be facing in your life at this very moment, our risen Savior can restore. Broken marriage? He can fix it. Broken hear? He's the best heart surgeon on the planet. Broken relationships? He's the mender of fences.

A God who restores is the God who can be trusted. And because of His great faithfulness, He is worthy to be praised. Lift your voice in grateful chorus? Lord, You are worthy!

Here are a few books from our Library...

Six Hours On Friday by Max Lucado. No matter what the storm clouds bring, you can face your pain with courage and hope. Over two-thousand years ago – six hours one Friday – Christ firmly planted in bedrock three solid anchor points that we can cling to: Our lives are not futile, Our failures are not fatal, Our deaths are not final.

He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado. Linger on the Hill of Calvary. Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of thorn on your brow. Touch the velvet dirt. Moist with the blood of God. Allow the tools of torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your Heart.

Jesus, Centerpiece of Scripture by J. Vernon McGee. The author who has inspired and comforted millions, delivers the Word of the Lord in a remarkable, yet very down-to-earth way. Discover a new understanding of the Scripture and how you can apply these truths to your life today

We pray that our church has a happy and blessed Easter.
Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

April Birthdays

2	Donald McGee
	Mary Hester
5	Paul Hahn
6	Evangeline Gallimore
	Emily Sparkman
7	Patty Welch
8	Linda McLain
10	Margaret Billmyer
	Meredith Warren
11	Teagan Johnson
13	Betsy Harrison
	Carrie Hull
16	Ava Huntzinger
17	Rusty Robinson
18	Trisha Price
	Paula Andre
20	Lucy Luker
21	Hanna DeLozier
	Cameron Mayton
24	Cynthia Huntzinger
29	Kristyn Crotzer
30	Julie Crotzer

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



Community Opportunities

End Slavery TN

A new feature in the newsletter (as space allows) will attempt to inform our church family regarding events or activities which impact our community. This month will highlight **End Slavery TN** to increase awareness of Human Trafficking (HT) in Middle TN. HT victims are made to work or provide commercial sex in legitimate business settings, as well as underground markets. Other victims are walking around in plain view of our neighborhoods, primarily because the public is not well informed as to signs to watch for.

The following data is supplied by the US Justice Department, Department of Public Health, and others: Currently, 94-110 minors are trafficked each month in TN. The average age is 13 years. HT is more common than gangs and fast becoming a Middle TN "Hub" because of our many interstate connections (easy escape for perpetrators). The local Spring Hill **End Slavery** groups meets monthly and supports the activities of the Nashville area, including the "Safe House" for girls escaping slavery. Parents need to be aware that 76% of recruitment of minors occurs on the internet. Two web sites provide valuable information for parents: www.bethejam.org and www.endslaverytn.org

From the Church Office







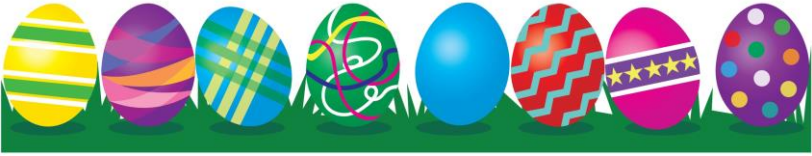
Have you noticed some of the updates and changes happening to the church facilities? The Trustees and their helpers have been very busy the past month. And you've probably seen the containers by the entrances to the church lobby. In case you were unsure of the purpose of these containers – **They are for umbrellas!** So **PLEASE** do put trash in them...they are not trash receptacles! Thank you!

You will also notice that there are many clothing items that seem to have lost their owners and have been left hanging on the coat hooks by the welcome center. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you.

Please let the church office know of events and activities for your ministry group so they can be placed on the church calendar and properly promoted. We are here to help you! Thank you.

Paula, Ministry Assistant



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	3 Facility in Use-Precepts 12-3 pm 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, Kids' Choir, Children in Action	4 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Facility in Use-Cub Scouts	5 Facility in Use-Homeschool 8am-4pm	6 
7 Deacon's Meeting 6 pm ENCOUNTER AWANA-Verse-a-thon	8 <div> WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS APRIL 7-14 ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING GOAL: \$2,500 </div>	9 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	10 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship Facility in Use-Precepts 12-3 pm 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Business Mtg., Mission Friends, Kids' Choir, Children in Action	11 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Facility in Use-Cub Scouts	12 Youth House in Use-Homeschool 8am-4 pm	13
14 Lord's Supper in Morning Worship Svc 4:30pm Trustees & Building Committee Mtg. 6 pm ENCOUNTER 6 pm AWANA-Band-aid Night	15	16 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	17 Facility in Use-Precepts 12-3 pm 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, Kids' Choir, Children in Action	18 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Facility in Use-Cub Scouts	19 <div> GOOD  FRIDAY Office Closed </div>	20 Facility in Use - Maury Baptist Disaster Relief Training
21  10 am Combined Choirs Musical No Evening Activities	22	23 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	24 Facility in Use-Precepts 12-3 pm 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, Kids' Choir, Children in Action	25 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Facility in Use-Cub Scouts-	26 Youth House in Use-Homeschool 8am-4pm	27
28 6 pm ENCOUNTER 6 pm AWANA-Dot Your Leader Night	29	30 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group				

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Sunday School – 8:45 am
 Worship – 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Rehearsal – 4:30 pm
 AWANA – 6:00 pm (Sept.-May)
 Youth ENCOUNTER – 6:00 pm
 Worship – 6:00 pm

Wednesday

ESL Classes – 6:00 pm
 Mission Friends, Children in Action, & Kids' Choir – 6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm
 Business Meeting – 6:30 pm (2nd Wednesday)

Our Church in Action

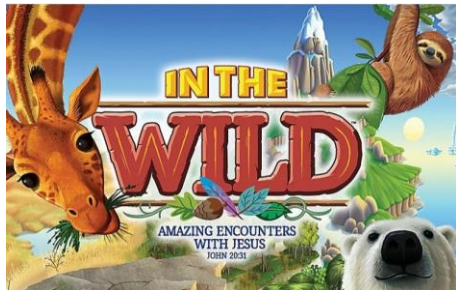


Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, April 10,
10:15 am
Everyone is Welcome!
 (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

English as a Second Language
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

More trained leaders are needed for this ministry. Please contact Pat Springer (patspr2@juno.com) for more information.

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Classes



Vacation Bible School 2019
June 3-7, 8:45 am
- Noon

Our theme is "In the Wild." Please begin praying now that

children will come to know Christ as their Savior. There are many different ways to help: Teachers, Helpers with Recreation, Crafts, or be a part of the Kitchen Crew. Please let Patty Welch know as soon as possible of your willingness to serve (615-308-308-9114 or PwelchM@aol.com).



Week of Prayer for North American Missions
April 7-14, 2019
Offering Goal: \$2,500



Future Growth Funding
 \$11,967.34 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$349,150.72 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...



Schedule

April 7: Eddie & Sharon Brawner
April 14: Tom & Linda Hagerty
April 21: Julie Crotzer
April 28: Brooks & Mary Hester

Calendar:

April 7: Verse-a-thon
April 14: Band-aid Night
April 21: Easter - No AWANA
April 28: Dot Your Leader Night



We are preparing all year to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child 2019**. Each month will have specific items needed and everyone can participate! The month of **April** we are asking for **Small Stuffed Animals**. These are great space saving containers to hold small items packed in the shoe boxes.

Collection container is in the Sr. Ladies SS Classroom. Thank you!

Background Checks



Everyone who works with children age birth through 18 years old must have a completed background check. Please contact the church office so that you may be sent the link to complete the check online. Thank you.



Thank you for your wonderful response to the food needs for The Well. **Current High Needs Grocery List:** Pancake Mix, Syrup, Boxes of Stuffing, Cereal, Canned Oranges, Ramen Noodles, & Jiffy Cornbread Mix. (Boxes located in Sr. Ladies Classroom/Library) *We delivered 100 lbs. of items to The Well collected during March. Let's continue to fill the boxes to overflowing!!



Easter Musical
 presented by the combined
 Adult & Kids Choirs
Easter Sunday, April 21st
10:00 am