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Seminary News

The latest news from our church community

Important Facts

From the Pastor's Pen

Hello Church!

Palm Sunday April 13- palm fonts Easter Breakfast 9am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am Easter Worship 10am

<u>March Attendance</u> 6th 39 13th 29 20th 34 27th 50

<u>Worship Hours</u> Sunday 9am - Adult Bible Study 10am - Sunday Service 11am - Coffee Hour

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assistant.seminaryumc@gmail.com cell-260-433-5758 The Psalms are filled with some of the most beautiful, most heartwrenching, and most personal words in all of Scripture. Many people over the years have shared with me how the book of Psalms is one of their favorites, mainly because it captures exactly how we can feel at times. I would like to share with you a psalm that has caught my attention recently:

> Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your sins, heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. —Psalm 103: 1-5

I find myself being drawn to the second verse: "forget not all his benefits." It shouldn't be this way, right? But it gets all too easy to forget the Lord's benefits. When times are tough, we may struggle to remember our bounty of blessings. But what "excuse" do we have when times are good, when the blessings seem obvious in every direction we look?

In the days and weeks ahead, as we prepare our minds and hearts to concentrate on Christ's death and resurrection, I encourage us reflect on all the good things God has done for us in the previous years. Just consider it: how has God provided for you over the years? What did God do in your life then—when the times were good, bad, or downright ugly? How have you seen the Lord at work in your life thus far as we approach Easter Sunday?

I invite you to join me in a counting of our blessings as we become one more day closer to Easter. Let us give praise to the One who forgives, who heals, and who redeems.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Chris







Children's Church with Polly Carroll



March 25 Anniversary Blessing of Carolyn & Fred Johns by Rev Heather Bunnell March 27th



Hello April,

The school kids will be off of school from April 1 till April 8. It is their spring break. We will be enjoying some field trips and being outside if the weather is nice. Tammy is going to come help sub since I will be off from surgery. I know the children will enjoy that nice surprise. The childcare will be doing their Easter egg hunt on April 14th. If anybody would like to donate candy we would greatly appreciate it. Alicia Burns, Child Care Manager



SAVE THE DATE!!!

