

# April Newsletter

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## Important Dates

- Apr 11, 18 & 25: Food Pantry & GED Study Group
- Apr 6, 13, 20 & 27: Men's Bible Study at the Barn
- Apr 7: Good Friday—No School
- Apr 8: Church Clean-up, Church and Community Easter Egg Hunts
- Apr 9: Easter Service Sunrise, Breakfast, and Worship Service (9:30)
- Apr 10: Prayer for Community Revival
- Apr 10-14 Spring Break No School
- Apr 14: Community Revival
- Apr 17: WMU Mtg & Assoc Men's Mtg
- Apr 20: Community Meeting at CFBC
- Apr 21: R.E.A.L. Meals Team Meetings
- Apr 22: Men's Ministry Breakfast
- Apr 23: Quarterly Business Meeting—Vote on Nominating Committee
- Apr 28: R.E.A.L. Full Committee Meeting
- Apr 30: 5th Sunday

## Restoration Journey Update

Wow! It seems like not ago that we began our journey to reach families in our community; however, our anniversary on [March 14](#), brought home that we've been meeting needs since opening our pantry on this date in 2014. During the ensuing years, we've met numerous families, prayed with many of them for specific needs, shared the Word with them, encouraged and shared job opportunities. It seems often that the foodstuffs we are able to give out, although needed, are secondary to the relationships we've built and are continuing to build.

We've undergone several changes as the Lord has shown us that the changes need to be made. We've had a number of volunteers come, serve and move on as needs, health and family constraints arose. Our volunteers have come from not only Cordesville Baptist, but other local churches—but that is how the Church is supposed to function. Although we've had to return to our original geographic parameters, we don't turn anyone away who comes to us; however, we do share with them the available resources closer to their homes demonstrating the need for stewardship on their parts and ours. We've been blessed with our relationship with Bi-Lo (now KJ's) in that they give us their best prices for our purchases, are willing to make special orders or packaging as requested, and have made donations of gift cards and special items. The relationships we've built with them has given opportunities to share how the Lord is working and encouraging them in their personal walks.

Families hear of us primarily by word of mouth. We have an older man from our community who comes fairly regularly for food who also finds people in need and brings them with the assurance that we won't turn them away.

Toward the end of February, I shared that we had need of eggs and additional financial support. God is so awesome! Our need for eggs was answered on a [Monday](#) evening, just in time for [Tuesday](#)'s families. Since then, we've had additional egg donations so we have nearly a months worth of eggs in the refrigerator and our financial needs have been met! Y'all are totally awesome with your continued support of this ministry. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, donations of goods and financial support. Thank you for working with us to make Jesus known in our community!

— Submitted by Anne Turner

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## 50+ Ministry

Our get together for April will be a planning session, game, and lunch. Join us with your favorite game and ideas for an activity or place you would like to vis-

it. We are considering playing putt-putt in May. We all had a good time visiting the Charleston Riverfront Park. We took a beautiful walk, looked at art, and en-

joyed a good lunch at Golden Corral.

— Submitted by Helen Joy

## Student Ministry

The “Experiencing God” bible study is being held on Wednesday nights at 7 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. On Sunday Nights at 6 PM, we have decided to offer a youth worship service with contemporary worship music.



Our group went to Top Golf in Charleston in March and really enjoyed ourselves. Looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us.

—Submitted by Melanie Lott

## Children’s Ministry

We are excited about what April brings! Lots of growing and blooming. This month the children will be planting seeds to grow in a garden and spending time together with the LORD for our spiritual growth. We celebrate EASTER. This year on [April 8<sup>th</sup>](#).

The children will be delivering Easter buckets to our Seniors who can’t get out.

They will meet at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for a picnic and Easter Egg Hunt.

The rest of the month will be spent in growing and learning about JESUS and his amazing appearances

after his resurrection.

-Submitted by Donna Garvin.

Editor’s Note:

Community Egg Hunt 4PM at park on Cane Gully near 402. We have been asked to bring drinks and ice.

## Educational Ministry

### GED

We are meeting weekly from 6-9 PM in the youth building. We currently have 4 people enrolled in the GED classes. We had our first young man that has earned his GED. Graduation will be held on June 22. One is in the process of taking his GED Ready test-

ing to qualify to sit for that section of the GED test.

Two others are preparing to begin the pre-tests. If you know anyone who is interested in getting their GED, please contact Melanie Lott or the church office. We currently have sponsors that have pledged to cover the \$50 GED regis-

tration fees for 5 more people.

### Computer Skills

We are accepting ideas on what skills would be beneficial.

— Submitted by Melanie Lott

## Men's Ministry

Kentucky Backpack Ministry-

**Apr 17** Corinth– Shampoo & Soap

**May 15** Calvary– Washcloths

**Jun 19** Harleyville– Canned Ravioli

Our church set a goal of \$1,000 that would pay for

100 pairs of tennis shoes. You all have shown up for this mission in record time! If we can collect \$160 additional dollars, we will have doubled what we had pledged with the purchase of 200 pairs of shoes. That means that 200 children will have brand new shoes to start school with. We can fill in the gap where

other churches have been unable to donate as many.

If you aren't already, please join us on Thursdays at the barn for the men's bible study.

Editor's Note: Hot off the press... We have succeeded in doubling our goal of 100 pairs of shoes. Thank You!!

## Women's Ministry

We are currently growing the Annie Armstrong Easter offering which goes 100% to support missionaries in the United States and Canada. The videos have highlighted particular missions and it is sobering to know that there

are areas in our country that have no evangelical presence! We have a couple of weeks more but the gifts have been generous. We've not set a goal for our church thinking it best to let the Lord lead each indi-

vidual giver to give as He has blessed. To learn more visit:

<https://youtu.be/9I8gr7FiHTw>

—Submitted by Anne Turner

## Missions Update

As we look to support the missions activities of our church, our association and our convention, we've seen the Lord at work. It is phenomenally awesome! The men took a goodly number of socks for the Kentucky backpack ministry to their meeting on **Monday** evening. During the month of April, they will be collecting soap/body wash/shampoo. There is a box in the church foyer for donations. We challenged the church to provide 100 pairs of new shoes for the Kentucky August mission trip. The Lord is moving in our church and community leading us to pursue additional ministries of out-

reach to the families in various levels and types of need. Please be in prayer as we seek to implement the visions the Lord is bringing to us and as we move forward to reach the lost in our community. Pray in particular as to how you can be involved. What is the Lord laying on your heart? Pray also for our pastor search committee and the man the Lord is leading to us. We have always been a loving church, but sometimes it seemed as if we were a bit complacent; however, the Lord is moving and we are becoming ever more vibrant and growing. Thank

you, Lord, for not giving up on us but urging us on to become the people and local church that accurately reflects You to the world around us. Continue to be blessed.

—Submitted by Anne Turner

Update: New Community Ministry is in the making: Making it R.E.A.L. Hot Meal

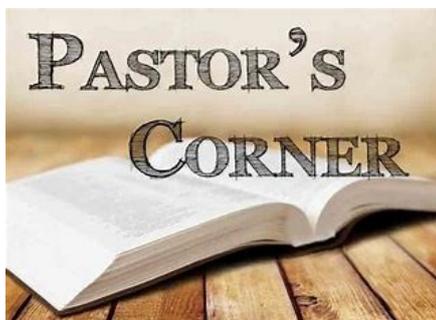
We are working to prepare a meal weekly for shut-ins and those who are in need of a hot meal. Contact someone from Ministry Team if you are interested in joining us as we join the Lord where HE is working.

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### Interim Pastor Mark & Jackie George

It's EASTER! Resurrection Day! Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto Myself" (Jn 12:32). Jesus was describing the type of death He would soon experience, death by crucifixion on a cross! Beloved, had not Christ gone to the cross, you and I would be without any hope in the world! But the BEST news

is that while He died, He didn't stay dead! He arose! He arose! Hallelujah Christ arose! And now, for all who believe, we have new life in Christ and we too will conquer death! We too will rise and go to Jesus! Don't miss the Resurrection! I'm looking forward to Sunrise service when we celebrate the Sunrise! Bring folks with you on Easter!! Many will hear and believe on Easter Sunday, more than on any other Sunday of the year! Invite! Bring! Let's celebrate JESUS!!

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## Pastor Search

### Committee

The Pastor Search Committee met with Tommy for the first training session. A congregational survey was published. We have reviewed the feedback and formed a listing. It will reference a link to a page on our website with a more detailed description of our church. We will then begin accepting & reviewing applications via a designated email address to ensure the privacy of the candidates.

Please continue to pray for unity and wisdom for the search committee, finance committee, and the Pastor and his family that the Lord is calling.

Next Step: Admin team will work on a Salary, Housing, and Benefits Plan with input from the trustees.—Submitted by Melanie Lott.

### Music Ministry

We would love for you to join us to practice on Sunday afternoons at 5 PM.  
—Submitted by Perry Gaskins

### Macedonia Middle Ministry

Please be in prayer as to how God leads us to minister the children, teachers, administration and faculty. —Submitted by Pam Gaskins