



"DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT YOU
ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.

HE IS NOT HERE;

*he has risen,
just as he said."*

MATTHEW 28:5-6 (NIV®)

Pastor Matt's Notes:

In order to work through Genesis in a single year, we have had to take a look at some tough lessons this winter. Chapters 3-11 are terrible yet honest looks at our proclivity for sin. After all, the first humans broke the only rule God gave them. The first natural born man murdered his own kin. The story gets worse from there. But that section of Scripture will end mid-March. And we are then free to look on the beautiful hope and redemption we find in the person of Jesus and in the empty tomb. I received a call from a family member recently. He was very emotional. We spoke for a long time and as we talked, I realized what all that emotion was about: God had been revealing to him just how merciful and grace filled He is. He was beginning to truly internalize the fact that, in spite of himself, he was loved in a way that exceeded his ability to understand love. He was broken by it. Soon he will feel the exhilaration that many other believers have felt for millennia that we are free to accept and rest in that love. We cannot earn it. Jesus gives it freely. We do not deserve it. He has earned it on our behalf. Psalm 57:8 states "Awake, my Glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!" This is the proclamation of a man who has faced his struggles and in so doing now rises before the sun to sing and praise God for His faithfulness and mercy in the hard times. This March I am reading Psalm 57 daily. Though it is not a typical Easter passage it is a beautiful look at our struggles and how God sees us through them. I encourage you to take up the same practice in your preparation for Easter.

Easter Events—Celebrate Jesus

Friday, March 22, 7:00 pm—Christ in the Passover—an interactive presentation by Jews for Jesus

Sunday, March 24--Palm Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service & Children Bible Classes with a palms celebration

11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts, Bingo, Hot Dog Lunch and Fellowship

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm --Last Supper Remembrance--Soup, Testimonies, Communion

Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm--Good Friday Service--Scripture & Songs remembering Jesus and the cross

Sunday, March 31--Easter/Resurrection Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service on the front lawn

10:00 am Worship Service--Celebrate our risen Lord

Verse of the Month

Psalm 57:10-11 For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

MARCH MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 pm
Mission & Ministry Meeting

Friday, March 15, 6:30 pm
Prayer Group Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm
Admin Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, noon
Ladies' Lunch & Pack Treat Bags for Egg Hunt

Plus all the Easter events listed on the front page

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Sundays

10:00 am Worship Service and Children's Classes
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Classes for Adults and Kids and Teens
4:30 - 6:30 pm AWANA

Mondays

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesdays

6:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study & Dinner

Wednesdays

8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast
9:00 am Men's Breakfast
7:00 pm Choir Practice

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

On Friday, March 22 at 7:00 pm, we will host "Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience." This powerful experience, led by Jews for Jesus, will illustrate the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples. Join us as we explore the beautiful Jewish ceremony called a seder. As we taste the traditional symbolic foods, we'll weave the story of the exodus and freedom from slavery together with the messianic hope realized in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The words "do this in remembrance of me" will take on an even deeper meaning to Christians as we learn the significance of the tradition Jesus observed the night before He died and give us a closer look at the very Jewish life He led. All are welcome for this unforgettable experience. Invite your family and friends but be sure to sign up so we know how many to plan for. We need a few volunteers to help get things prepared for the evening.

PASTOR'S MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 at 11:15 am, you can meet with Pastor Matt to learn more about our church. Learn why Baptists worship the way we do, what we believe about communion and baptism, and how to become a member of FBCC.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Palm Sunday, March 24, following the church service. Let's come together and plan, prepare, and deliver some upcoming hoppy (or happy) memories for our families. Join Pam Gerolstein and her team! We will need help with the lunch, crafts, eggs, and game. In the meantime, let the adult hunt begin for items to place in children Easter Treat Bags including all kinds of candy, lollipops, healthy snacks, little treats. Donations can be dropped off in the commons until March 19th. Make sure you invite your neighbor, kids, friends, and family.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| Megan McHale -1 | Scott Douglas -19 |
| Dave Grimm -2 | Emily Benjamin -20 |
| Ian Allred -3 | Joanne Horton -20 |
| Paula Rodman -3 | Jacob Parker -20 |
| Finn MacCredie -4 | Sophia Toward -20 |
| Kaitlyn Choy -8 | Christine Chalgren -22 |
| Johnna Wowkanyn -9 | Ben Earp -22 |
| Walt Lindberg -10 | Connie Hickman -23 |
| Tracey Parker -13 | Jewel Capps -25 |
| Noah Benjamin -16 | Landon Addleman -27 |
| John Ortiz -17 | Andrew Whaley -31 |
| Dan Friend -19 | |

MARCH DONATIONS

Food Pantry: For March, we are collecting spaghetti sauce. The pantry serves about 150 families each month. Thanks for helping with this ministry.

Jeans Collection: To help supply the clothes closet at Glen Burnie Baptist Church, we are collecting men's jeans this month. New or Used-in good condition.

Candy Donations: Looking for individual wrapped candy or small prizes for the treat bags. Drop off your donation in the commons.

Want to make some vegetable soup? Sign up to help with the Last Supper Remembrance Dinner by making soup or helping to serve.

SAVE THE DATE--VBS July 15-19, 2:00-4:30
Make your plans to help, bring your children, get ready to dive into a friendship with God.