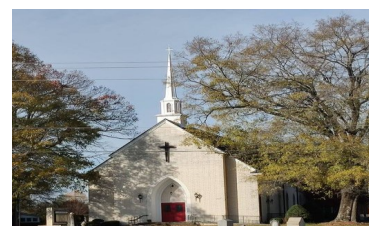


The Beacon

*"I am the Resurrection, and the Life."
John 11:25*



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday through Easter

April 13

Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship.

April 17

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship, Holy Communion and stripping of the altar.

April 18

Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Worship, the silent procession of the cross, confession &
absolution, and the seven last words of Christ.

April 20

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Worship, Easter Sunrise service held outside.
Breakfast to follow (No Sunday School).

10:30 a.m. Worship, with Holy Communion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 3 - Thurs.	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Apr. 6 - Sun.	Supper (covered dish) & Bible Study (6:00 pm).
Apr. 7 - Mon.	Women’s Meeting (7:00 pm).
Apr. 9 - Wed.	Evangelism Committee Meeting (6:00 pm). Church Council Meeting (7:00 pm).
Apr. 15 - Tues.	Women’s Craft Day with Lunch (10:00 am). See Page 5
Apr. 19 - Sat.	Easter Egg Hunt (10:00 am).
May 2 - Fri.	Gary Reitzel’s BBQ Fundraiser (4:00 pm).
May 31 - Sat	Relay for Life - Sign up online.



Tuesday Nights @ 7:00pm, Fellowship Building

A weekly study of the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

Thursday Mornings @ 10:30am, Sanctuary with Pastor Ken

- April 3 Matthew 18:21-35, Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
- April 10 Matthew 21:12-17, Jesus at the Temple
- Off for Spring Break

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Delegates Needed for Upcoming NALC Convocations:

St. James is allowed delegates to represent the church at two upcoming convocations: If you are interested in being a delegate, please reach out to Pastor Ken for more details.

NALC Carolinas Convocation: Christ Lutheran Church, Stanley NC
May 2-3: one lay delegate needed in addition to Pastor Ken.

NALC Continental Convocation: Omni Hotel, Pittsburgh PA
Aug. 6-8: two lay delegates needed in addition to Pastor Ken.



- 3. Fran Watters
- 4. Cindy Sigmon, Kathy Turner
- 6. Dillon Crouch, Leslie Reed
- 10. Vicky Lineberger, Keeley Stikeleather
- 13. Phyllis Huffman, Larry Spriggs
- 14. Heather Black, Brenda Gendron,
Ps. Malcom Lerch, Kristin Sipe
- 15. Marie Caldwell, Jamie Sigmon
- 16. Margaret Wilson
- 20. Bonnie Usher
- 23. Nickie Sain, Beverly Sipe
- 24. Connie Bell
- 25. Ansley Boldon
- 26. Nancy Smyre
- 30. Cindy Lineberger

- 4. Natalie Arndt
- 6. Brian Heavner
- 7. Claire Sipe
- 9. Nancy Alle
- 11. Robert Crouch
- 12. Anthony O'Brien
- 15. Roger Crouch, Rylee Smith
- 17. Tiffany Beal, Randy Cline
- 18. Frances Sigmon, Jay Sipe
- 19. Joe Teague
- 20. Mary Beth Young
- 21. Soundra Huffman
- 23. Chad Deal
- 24. Kathy Hagan, Victor Lineberger II,
Jessica Hatley
- 25. Margorie Moose
- 30. Marie Lingle



- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Montgomery
- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Verbos
- 21. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Sipe
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Darby Crouch
- 23. Mr. & Mrs. David Cook
- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Polson

- 3. Ps. & Mrs. Bob Alle
- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Spriggs
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Valone
- 7. Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Link
Mr. & Mrs. Wrenn Travis
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Thompson
- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Clint Burgess

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THE LAITY TEAM

Laity Team plans to meet monthly to assess the current status of Church members. Prayers, cards, encouragement, and support to each other is our calling from our Lord. Kristy Painter or Keeley Stikeleather, co-chairs, may be contacted. The committee consists of Robin Burgess, Betty Hawn, Sue Lindley, and Claire Sipe. God's continued blessings and peace to everyone.

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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

On Sunday April 6th, the Evangelism Committee will be handing out stamped postcards to the congregation. You can take the postcard and mail it to our shut-ins, members that have not been to church in awhile, or invite your friends to attend Palm Sunday and/or Easter services at our church. Also, the Evangelism Committee will meet at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 9th. **Note the time change for this meeting just for that night**

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RELAY FOR LIFE

The date and place for Relay has been set. The date is Saturday, May 31st from 6 pm til 9 pm. The place is the Crawdads stadium parking lot. There will be a kids zone with bouncy houses, a survivor section and food trucks. Our team is signed up and now we need participants. If you need help signing up, please call Joe Verbos at 828-320-6777. We are selling tickets on a clock made and donated by David Link. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See Glenda or Betty to purchase.

ST. JAMES' WOMENS GROUP

"CRAFTING QUEENS"

Come out and join the new group at the church! We will meet Tuesday, April 15th at 10:00 am to make items to be sold at the Bazaar. We have met the last 2 months, made things for the Bazaar, had lots of fun and fellowship, and finished the morning with a light lunch. Please come out and join us!!

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ITEMS WE NEED FOR THE BAZAAR

This year we are planning to have baskets to raffle off for the Bazaar. Anyone who might have things that they don't need any longer that could be used in either a **Chef's Basket, Spa Basket, Entertainment Basket or a Gardening Basket** we will gladly accept.

Please bring the items and leave on the table by the Secretary's office.

Thanks so much for your help!

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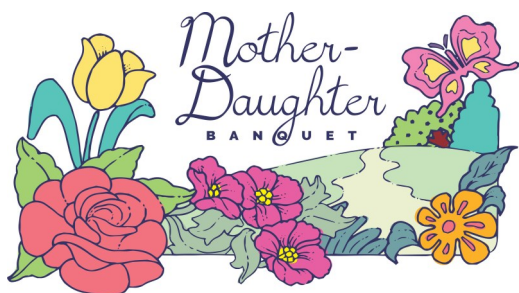
The Laity Team has been busy with the task of a new Directory for the church.

A special thanks to all that participated. There were 95 families that were photographed.

We will meet with the Photography Company in the coming weeks to start putting the Directory together. Look for it in the coming months.

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MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET



The American Heritage Girls are hosting a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Saturday, May 3rd at 11:30 in the Fellowship Building. All women of the church are invited. Please let Robin Sigmon or Erica Paquin know how many will be attending.

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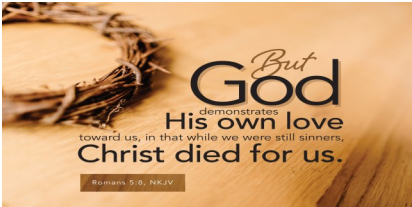
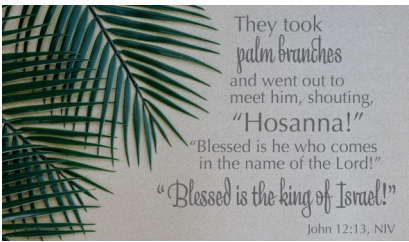
SCHEDULE

4th - 12th Grades

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| Apr. 13 (Sun) 3 pm: | Easter Party (Fellowship Building) |
| Apr. 27 (Sun) 3 pm: | Jacob's Ice Cream - meet in Fellowship Building |
| May 4 (Sun) 3 pm: | Putt-Putt - meet at church |
| May 18 (Sun) 3 pm: | Put together flood baskets for NALC Disaster Response |

SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL

- Apr. 13 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 18 Good Friday
- Apr. 20 Easter
- Apr. 22 Earth Day
- Apr. 23 Administrative Professionals Day



Sunday, Mar. 30th Darby Crouch helped Pastor Ken light the Christ Candle during the Children’s Sermon. Tucker Crouch ‘took off running’ to help Pastor Ken with his message. Tucker (and parents) and Logan listen intently.

On Sunday, March 23rd, Ron Sipe and granddaughter Madelyn Beisler sang “The Old Rugged Cross” during Worship Service. Ron concluded the song by speaking the last verse.



Liam White loves to play the organ after Worship. Liam, his dad Jason, and his brother Luke are members of our Trail Life. Liam is homeschooled, plays shortstop, competes in a National Bowling League, has been with Trail Life from the beginning.....and he's only 13 years old! Welcome Liam!