

# The Beacon

*"I am like a tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever."*

Psalm 52:8



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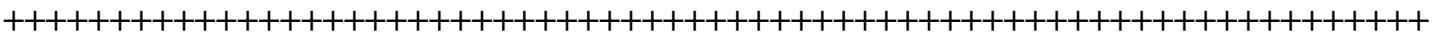
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Monday-Friday

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Enjoy some photos from Easter at St. James. Pastor Ken will have a new message for May.



**APRIL ACTIVITIES**

The **Daytime Ladies’ Circle** (which will meet on the 1st Thursdays at noon) has been put on hold at this time.  
The **Evening Womens’ Circle** will meet on Monday, Apr. 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Wednesday, Apr. 10th at 6:30 p.m.

**2nd Sunday Lunch** - April 14. Desserts are appreciated. Supports the AHG.

The **Crusaders** will meet on April 14th and 28th at 3:00 p.m.

**Movie Night** - April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Bldg. See page 4 for more info.

**AHG Spirit Night** is April 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Panera Bread. See page 4.

The **Men’s Breakfast** will be on Sunday, Apr. 28th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

**Ashure Ministry Volunteer Day** - April 29th. See page 4 for more info.

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**WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION**

Planning for **Bazaar**: Yes, it is early — but never too early to start planning!  
We plan on having some craft workshops through the year. ALL are invited. As you are beginning to do your spring cleaning there are things that we can use:

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|---------|----------|--------------------|------|
| Buttons | Material | Thread             | Yarn |
| Glue    | Ribbon   | Any craft supplies |      |

If you have any, please let Robin know. We will be doing crafts at the May meeting.  
There will be a 2nd Sunday lunch in April and May. Desserts will be appreciated.

Robin sends a special **THANK YOU** to all the ladies who brought soup and sandwiches for the Lenten services.

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**We Have Four Weekly Bible Study Opportunities**

Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm (Fellowship Bldg.)  
(studying scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday)

Thursdays @ 10:30 am (Sanctuary)  
(currently studying the Psalms)

Sundays @ 9:30 am (Fellowship Bldg.)

Sundays @ 9:30 am (Library)

*Come join us! We have a place for you!*



- 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

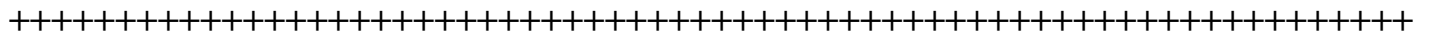


- 4. Natalie Arndt
- 6. Brian Heavner
- 7. Claire Sipe
- 9. Nancy Alle
- 11. Robert Crouch
- 12. Anthony OBrien
- 15. Roger Crouch, Rylee Smith
- 17. Tiffany Beal, Randy Cline
- 18. Frances Sigmon, Jay Sipe
- 19. Joe Teague
- 20. Mary Beth Young
- 21. Soundra Huffman
- 23. Chad Deal
- 24. Kathy Hagan,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

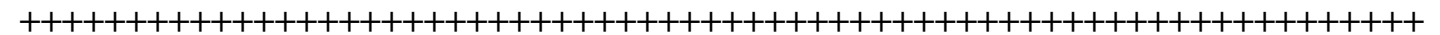
- 3. Ps. & Mrs. Bob Alle
- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Spriggs  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Valone
- 7. Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Link; Mr. & Mrs. Wrenn Travis
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Thompson
- 30. Mr. & Mrs. Clint Burgess



**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. God's continued blessings and peace to everyone.



**IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL**

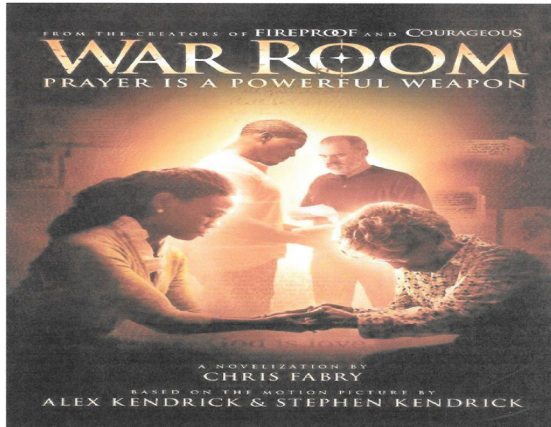
- April 22 Earth Day**
- April 24 Administrative Professionals Day**



## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

### MOVIE NIGHT

The Evangelism Committee will host a Movie Night on Saturday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. The Movie is “*War Room: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon*”. Refreshments will be available. Bring your favorite chair. Come out and enjoy a good movie and fellowship!



The Committee will hold an **Evangelism Workshop** on May 5th. More details will be available next month.

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## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS FUNDRAISERS

**Golf Tournament** on Saturday, May 18, Lincoln Country Club, 2052 Country Club Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092. Tee time is 2:00 p.m. Players - \$75.00 Team - \$300.00 Sponsors - \$100. See page 5 for additional information.

**AHG Spirit Night** on April 23rd from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Panera Bread, 2260 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory. Make sure to mention that you are eating at Panera Bread to support the AHG so the girls can get credit for your purchase.

The AHG will be hosting a **Mother-Daughter Banquet** on May 4th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. Please wear your best Sunday hat for a day at the races.

Please RSVP to Erica Paquin or Robin Sigmon.

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## RELAY FOR LIFE

*Hey, It's Relay Time!*

Relay is fast approaching. It's [Friday, April 26th](#) starting at 6 pm. Sign up and join the fun. Our team is registered. Go online to Relay for Life Catawba County and search for St. James' team. Registration is free. We will have a few items on the silent auction table at Relay. One is an ottoman donated by Temple Furniture and one is a barn quilt square painted by Lori Devine. Come by the auction table and bid. Any money raised by these items is for our team. Also we plan on selling BBQ sandwiches that night. If anyone would like to make baked items to donate for us to sell, please let Glenda Verbos [828-320-9211] or Betty Hawn [828-244-2399] know. Anyone wishing to purchase a luminary bag in honor or memory of someone, the bags are 2 for \$10 and the forms are in the narthex of the church. Any questions contact one of us and thanks.

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## SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Safety Committee is doing **Blood Pressure Checks** after church services in the Secretary's office.

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## ASHURE MINISTRY

Ashure Ministry (formerly ECCCM) has a **volunteer day** for St. James on Monday, April 29th. If you are able and willing to volunteer that day, please do so.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

The **ROSE TLC** - Reaching Out Serving Everyone Through Love and Communications

This Non-Profit 501C3 store - thrift store - is located at 1058 South Center Street, Hickory, NC 28602. It is diagonally across the street from GHCCM (Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry). It is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The **ROSE TLC**'s purpose is to provide, unite, fund and generate efforts to the improvement of the livelihoods and economic rehabilitation of those most vulnerable in the community and beyond. Please consider visiting or supporting this organization.

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**American Heritage Girls** continued from page 4:

The American Heritage Girls in Newton, NC are going to Washington, DC in June 2024. The girls have been working very hard over the last several months on various projects and fund-raising outlets to help offset the cost of their trip. We are inquiring to see if you or your company is willing to help the girls by advertising at our 1st Annual Golf Tournament. Your business will be advertised through our Facebook Page and the golf tournament on May 18th. If you have a particular girl that you would like to sponsor directly, let us know and we will make sure half of the golf sponsor goes on her account.

Currently we have 47 girls and adults going on this trip. After much consideration to make sure everyone will arrive safely and on time to our different locations in Washington, DC, we have decided to use Christian Tours. For many of the families this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity so we are asking for your help in making this trip a success. Not only are there travel expenses, there are also some behind the scene expenses the troop will be required to pay for: entries to such places as the Ford Theater, patches for the girls and some other odd items along the way.

These girls and their families are very excited and we wish to help them make some wonderful memories. Here are just a few places on our itinerary for Washington, DC.

- Tour of the White House...waiting on approval
- Tour of the US Capital...approved with Congressman McHenry
- Laying of the Wreath at the Unknown Soldiers...approved
- Ford's Theater...approved
- Smithsonian

Checks can be made to: American Heritage Girls or Shelton Financial. Please see Erica Paquin.

Thank you in advance for your support of AHG Troop 0003.

Church Family:

Thank  
you

On behalf of the Corner Table, I would like to thank you for your recent donation. We also appreciate the Saturday bags that were provided and handed out on February 24th. We could not continue and grow our mission to Feed the Need in our community.

Blessings,  
Corner Table

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This year's **Easter Egg Hunt** was a *huge* success! Thank you to all who donated eggs, candy, and helped with the event.

