

# The Glovier Messenger

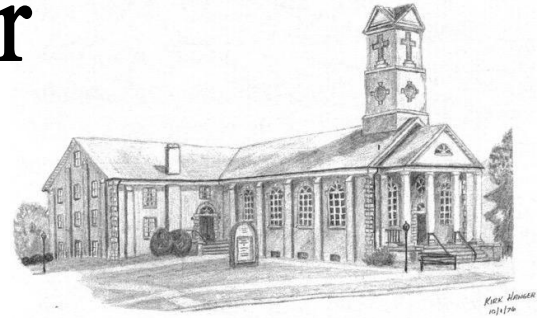
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From the Desk of Pastor Bill

## Maunder Thursday

We will come together during the final week before Easter to recall in our hearts and minds the events that occurred on Thursday (April 2) of what the church calls Holy Week, the last week in the life of our Lord. One-third of all the events that we have about Jesus' life occurred during this week: Reminding us of the great significance of these last days.

On Thursday of that week the disciples have gathered in a home, whose we are not sure, but we do know that it had a furnished second floor. As they gather they participate in what is called a Seder meal, one of the highlights of the Passover week. The Passover festival, of course, had been done for centuries before Jesus came on the scene. It commemorated that time when the Jews were in bondage in Egypt. Moses warned Pharaoh to let his people go, but Pharaoh hardened his heart. So God sent a death over the land of Egypt, but miraculously this death passed over the homes of the Jews. Thus, the season of Passover was given birth.

The meal itself was a symbolic one reminding the Jews of the sufferings of their forefathers and the power of God's deliverance. The foods that were eaten were symbols to remind the Jews of their captivity in Egypt. Apple sauce was eaten to remind them of brick mortar and the fact that they were

forced to make bricks with no straw. A bitter herb is eaten to remind them of the bitterness of their captivity. It was this symbolic Seder Meal that the disciples were partaking of that night in the upper room.

It was at the conclusion of that meal that Jesus himself added two more symbols. He took a loaf and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup with wine. He drank from it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." Thus was born our sacrament of the Lord's Supper, out of the experience of an ancient Jewish custom.

It is also important to remember that at the table of Christ we are giving thanks to God for his gracious and merciful love. In 1969, atheist activist Madalyn Murray O'Hair filed a lawsuit against NASA to prohibit its astronauts from practicing any religious ceremonies, or reciting prayers or reading the Bible while on their voyages to the moon. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, a devout Presbyterian, had been praying about some symbolic act of faith he could perform on the Apollo 11 mission to land on the moon. He got permission from his denomination's elders to serve himself the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, in space. But Aldrin



# UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3 (Tues)	10:00am	Plummers Bible Study
March 3 (Tues)	3:00pm	Choir Practice
March 4 (Wed)	6:00pm	Bible Study
March 5 (Thurs)	6:00pm	United Methodist Men
March 10 (Tues)	3:00pm	United Women in Faith
March 11 (Wed)	6:00pm	Bible Study
March 17 (Tues)	10:00am	Plummers Bible Study
March 17 (Tues)	3:00pm	Choir Practice
March 18 (Wed)	6:00pm	Bible Study
March 24 (Tues)	3:00pm	Choir Practice
March 24 (Tues)	6:00pm	Administrative Council
March 25 (Wed)	6:00pm	Bible Study
March 31 (Tues)	3:00pm	Choir Practice



## AT HOME MEMBERS FOR MARCH

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Pauline and Tobi would love to hear from you. Send them a card, text or give them a call. We appreciate our at home members as they support us each Sunday with their prayers and love.

knew he had to keep it quiet. Before Buzz Aldrin and pilot Neil Armstrong stepped out of the lunar module on July 20, 1969, Aldrin unwrapped a small plastic container of wine and some bread. In his book *Magnificent Desolation*, he shares the message he then radioed to NASA: "I would like to request a few moments of silence ... and to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours, and to give thanks in his or her own way." During this period of silence, Aldrin prayed and ate the bread and drank the wine. As he would write in a 1970 article for *Guideposts* magazine, "It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements."

On Maundy Thursday we are invited to receive the bread and the cup, just like believers all over the world will be doing, in massive cathedrals, and in little tin-roofed shacks, in house churches, in prisons, in military chapels, in hospital beds. The meaning of this meal doesn't change; it hasn't changed in over 2,000 years, no matter where or when we celebrate it. So before you come to the altar on Maundy Thursday to partake of it, please ask yourself: why are you coming forward? What are you proclaiming? I hope you are reminded of Christ's death and resurrection – the ultimate act of love that brings joy to our hearts. I hope you come in gratitude for all that God has done, is doing, and will do for us in Jesus Christ. Thank God for that!



Jim Roberson	Walter Harlow
Paul Glover	Teresa Childress
Jan Bottemiller	Jean Pittman
Pauline & Tobi Broyles	Linda Jones
Pete Phillips	Nancy Napier

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Steve Davis
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Rufus Thompson
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Ellen Ross
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Walter Harlow
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Jean Iseli
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Morgan Ellinger
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Bill Jones
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Erin Schaeffer
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Kascie Ellinger
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Daniel Good
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Harper
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Eckehardt Rupp

### NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



**United Methodist Men** will be meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Bring your own supper and join the fellowship.



**The United Women in Faith** met February 10, 2026. We would like to thank everyone who supported our Souper Sunday Fundraiser. We made \$850 to help support our missions. We

reviewed our calendar for the year. The UWF will be providing breakfast after our Easter Sunday early morning service on April 5, 2026. Karen Wright presented a program on Valentines Day with scriptures for each letter of Valentine. There was a great sharing and discussion for each scripture. Our next meeting will be on March 10, 2026 at 3pm in the Social Hall.

Ellen Ross will be presenting our program. She has invited Zion Jackson, a missionary, to share her experiences with us. Here is a summary from Zion: "I spend the majority of my year in nations that have experienced mass genocide – such as Ukraine, Rwanda, and Poland. I met the Lord when I was 12 years old through a life-changing encounter and went on my first mission trip at 15 years old to an incredibly difficult nation. Yet I fell in love with sharing the gospel with the nations, and with those around me. Here I am today a decade later working as a full-time missionary, sold out to spend my days in some of the hardest and darkest places in history".

Hope to see you at the UWF meeting.

**'Into the Heart of Romans' Bible Study Fulfilling Our Obligations to Neighbors** Many people know that the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans is his greatest letter. It is not only a vital part of scripture in its own right, it offers guidance on reading all the rest as well. To some, Paul's letter remains a mystery. If a younger Christian, perhaps a friend from church, came and said, "I've been reading Romans, and I can't make head nor tail out of it," how many would know where

to begin? Pastor Bill is leading a weekly study of Romans in the JOY classroom (6:00-700 PM). You are invited to attend In Person or on Zoom (To attend via Zoom, please send your email address to [billjones@vaumc.org](mailto:billjones@vaumc.org)).

**Daily Lenten Devotions for 2026** ("Blessed are the Meek"), prepared for you by the Society of St. Andrew (SOSA), a national ministry focused on feeding spiritual and physical hungers, are available in the church vestibule or can be sent to you upon request by calling the church office. If you wish to make a donation to SOSA during Lent, coin boxes and offering envelopes are also available. Pastor Bill is a regular contributor to SOSA devotions.

**Plummer's Bible Study** will be on Tuesday, March 3 and March 17 at 10:00am. Be sure to bring a bag lunch to enjoy during the fellowship time after the study.

**Glovier UMC Phone Tree:** Our standard caller ID utilizes multiple **405 area code** numbers for greater deliverability success. If you receive a phone call with "405" as the area code, it will most likely be the Glovier UMC "Phone Tree" with a message about a "prayer request" or an announcement about an upcoming event. If you are not a member of our "Phone Tree" and would like to join, please call the church office at 540-943-3071.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

### March 8 **Watching Our Consumption**

**Daniel 1:8–17** <sup>8</sup>But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine, so he asked the chief official to allow him not to defile himself. <sup>9</sup>Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion from the chief official. <sup>10</sup>The chief official said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king; he has appointed your food and your drink. If he should see you in poorer condition than the other young men of your age, you would endanger my head with the king." <sup>11</sup>Then Daniel asked the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: <sup>12</sup>"Please test your servants for ten days.

Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup>You can then compare our appearance with the appearance of the young men who eat the royal rations and deal with your servants according to what you observe.” <sup>14</sup>So he agreed to this proposal and tested them for ten days. <sup>15</sup>At the end of ten days it was observed that they appeared better and fatter than all the young men who had been eating the royal rations. <sup>16</sup>So the guard continued to withdraw their royal rations and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables. <sup>17</sup>To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had insight into all visions and dreams.

**1 Timothy 4:7–8** Have nothing to do with profane and foolish tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

### March 15 Giving to the Community

**Deuteronomy 15:4–11** <sup>4</sup>There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, <sup>5</sup>if only you will obey the Lord your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. <sup>6</sup>When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. <sup>7</sup>“If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. <sup>8</sup>You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. <sup>9</sup>Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, ‘The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,’ and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. <sup>10</sup>Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. <sup>11</sup>Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, ‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.’

**Matthew 25:42–45** <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in

prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

### March 22 Welcoming Others in Christ

**Acts 10:9–15, 30–35** <sup>9</sup>About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup>He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup>He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. <sup>12</sup>In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup>Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” <sup>15</sup>The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.”

**Galatians 3:28–29** <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### March 29 Waiting for God’s Peace

**Isaiah 2:2–4** In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

**Acts 17:26–28** <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’