



STAYING IN TOUCH...
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR

Steve's Corner

Hi, Grace,
this week I will preach a sermon I have longed to preach but did not feel free enough of mind or heart to do so, a sermon on Universal Salvation, on Heaven and Hell.

It is titled, That All Shall Be Saved. The texts are John 10: 14-16; 27-30. And 1 Peter 2:3-4; and 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28. I spoke a little to this in an April sermon, but this is a full sermon on the topic.

Early in my time at Myers Park I preached a sermon that suggested that the Salvation of God was broader than the Church or Christianity. It got put on the web. Soon after, if you googled my name, the first thing that came up was an article with the headline: "Shoemaker Destroys Souls."

And it stayed there for a long time, there at the top. The article quoted parts of that sermon. Not my favorite thing to see there as I googled my name. I felt a little better when I googled their website and found out that Billy Graham was also too liberal for them.

What has been called "Universalism" has been called a heresy through the years, but I'm not sure it is. And sometimes what is called a heresy is closer to the truth than some orthodoxies. Let's explore this together.

My best, Steve

Calendar

No meetings or services this week.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound:
Tressie Starrette,
Barbara Robinson,
Mary Jean Grose.

Those issues close to us:
LeeAnne Seely and family
Vera Webster,

Tim Alexander, Spencer Cox,
Virginia Carter, Sandy Gordon,
Phyllis Rogers' parents,
The African Baptist Churches of
Zimbabwe, Parlier family, Linda
Sample, Karen Marlowe, Casey
Leslie, caregivers, and healthcare
workers, homeless children, our
nations immigrants.

Those facing tough times,
those who are mentally ill, those
who are affected by violence, those
who are incarcerated.

In our community and in our world,
children who are a part of the
Guardian ad Litem program, local
law enforcement officers and fire
fighters.

Those in the military:
Molly Murphy, Greg West,
Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,
Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,
Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran
Mary Jane Johnson,
Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton, Jacob,
Taylor and Ethan Dowden,
30th Brigade.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS *Celebrations:*

Birthdays

18 - Mary Jean Grose

22 - Bob Barber

Anniversary

19 - John and Phyllis Munson

Concerns:

The over 1.5 million people infected with COVID-19 in our nation.

The friends and families of the over 50 thousand who have died from the virus in our nation.

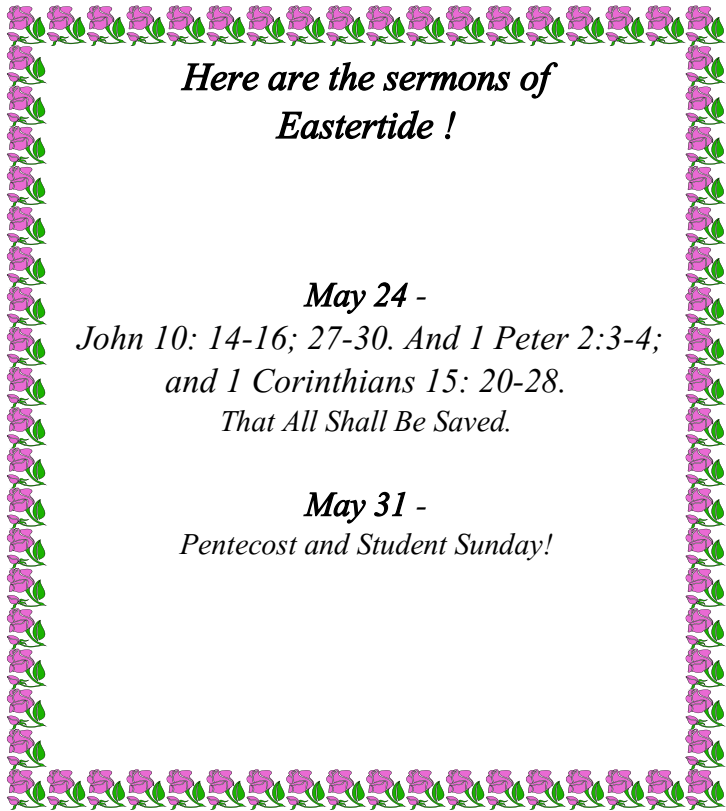
The over 4 million people worldwide infected with COVID-19.

Kim Osucha's family and fiancé'.

Chris Brown's dad, Charles.

Governor Roy Cooper as he makes decisions about Re-opening the state of NC.

The week of May 17-23, 2020



*Here are the sermons of
Eastertide !*

May 24 -

*John 10: 14-16; 27-30. And 1 Peter 2:3-4;
and 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28.
That All Shall Be Saved.*

May 31 -

Pentecost and Student Sunday!

Budget

Needed year to date: \$39,527.60
Received year to date: \$36,108.00
UNDER budget: \$3419.60
Weekly needs: \$1976.38

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR
NATION AND THE WORLD**

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN HOME FROM
SCHOOLS.

LEADERS TO HAVE UNCOMMON WISDOM.

CORPORATE LEADER.S

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

THOSE WITHOUT INCOME.

HIGH RISK GROUPS.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES.

ANYBODY IS CHARGE OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE.

FACILITY RESIDENTS WITH NO FAMILY VISITS.

THOSE WITH ANXIETY ISSUES.

THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST LOVED ONES
DUE TO THE VIRUS.

STILL BEING MINDFUL OF THE WORLD EVEN
AFTER THIS ISSUE HAS PASSED.