

Baptist Connection

Newsletter of Berryville Baptist Church
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EASTER



April

2019

EASTER SUNDAY

A CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Early Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Easter Egg Hunt	12:00 Noon

Easter is the most significant day of the year for the believer. On this day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is an occasion of celebration, hope and joy. Invite a friend to be your guest here on Easter Sunday.



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday ***Sunday, April 14th, 2019***

We will begin our celebration of Holy Week with our Palm Sunday worship on Sunday, April 14th. We will have our regular schedule, with Early Service at 9 a.m., followed by Sunday School and then our 11 a.m. Worship Service, which will begin with a processional.



Good Friday Worship ***April 19th, 2019***

The Clarke County Ministerial Association will sponsor a service at noon, at the Berryville Presbyterian Church.



EASTER WORSHIP ***9 AM and 11 AM*** ***Sunday, April 21st, 2019***

With all the earth and with believers from around the world, we will welcome Easter Sunday with a celebration of worship. This will be a joyful experience and we will want to invite family and friends to join us for this most significant day in the life of our faith. Be aware of special visitors on that Sunday and make a point to welcome them individually and warmly.

Christ the Lord is risen, He is risen, indeed!



Maundy Thursday Worship ***April 18th, 2019***

This year, Berryville Baptist Church will be hosting this service as a time of remembering the last meal Christ shared with his disciples. The service will be on Thursday, April 18th, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. As a part of this service, we will share in the observance of Holy Communion.



EASTER EGG DECORATING We need your help decorating Easter Eggs! Join us Saturday, April 20th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a light dinner and lots of fun! Please bring a dozen HARD boiled eggs for each child. Each child will be able to select two eggs to take home and will share the rest with our Easter Egg Hunt (to be held after the Easter morning service). The Recreation Committee will provide the egg decorating kits and tools, the light dinner and beverages. And if you don't want to decorate eggs, please join us for the food, fellowship and fun. All are invited.

EASTER EGG HUNT The Easter Egg Hunt will be directly following the Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Please meet in the PreSchool room on the first floor.



THE PHOTOGRAPHER IS COMING We are pleased to announce that we have contracted with LifeTouch to produce a new pictorial directory of all our families.

Our photography will take place at the church, April 29 – 30 between the hours of 2:00 PM and 8:50 PM. Please make an appointment for the date and time that suits your family's schedule. If you are available during the afternoon, please consider one of those appointment times.

Appointment sheets are available in the church library for you to sign up during the next few weeks.



BAPTIST RASCALS

We continue practices for Mission 2019 to Puerto Rico. We are learning the programs in English and Spanish with the help of our friends from First Baptist. We will leave on June 22 and return June 30, 2019.

Puppet practice will be rescheduled from Easter Sunday to April 14 at 4.

On Sunday, April 28 the Baptist Rascals will travel to Mt Nebo Baptist Church in Marshall, Va for the morning service. Please keep us in your prayers.

Our final fund raiser is selling "walking tacos" at the craft fair in the Berryville Park on Saturday, June 20.

We are so grateful to Justin for his help in making this happen.

PALM SUNDAY

The children will be processing into the church on the first hymn of the 11 AM service holding the traditional palms. We will meet in the back of the sanctuary at 10:45



Nurses's Corner

William Whiting Borden. Eric Liddell. James Elliott. What do these three men have in common?

They were all three healthy, intelligent, good-looking, financially well-off and deeply devout. They were all driven by the Spirit into foreign lands to make disciples for Christ. And they all died horribly painful deaths, very far from home, in the prime of their lives.

I can just imagine the anguish- and anger- expressed by the families, churches and communities at the loss of these fine young men. This could not have been the will of God, why couldn't they have just stayed home where they would have been safe, think of all the good

they could have done here, the church could have used them to bear fruit in their own town, all that talent and intelligence gone forever, etc, etc. (By the way, what does this remind you of- maybe Mark 14:4, ... "why was this waste of the ointment made?")

You might be tempted to think that God was caught by surprise, that He looked down from His throne in Heaven and said, "Whoa, I did NOT see that coming. My bad." But if you are a believer, then you know that God lives in eternity, that He knew us well before we were formed in the womb, that He has a reason for everything that happens to you, that He will walk with you through every valley and every fire, and that ALL things - ALL things- work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

I want so badly for all of you to be in the best of health, and to live long lives that you will enjoy. To that end I do my best to nag, remind, encourage, pray and educate in the areas I think are lacking. But there are times when the plan of God includes trusting Him and Him alone with your physical well-being, as you step into the mission field (our own Lottie Moon literally starved herself to death in China, weighing only 50 lbs at the time of her demise).

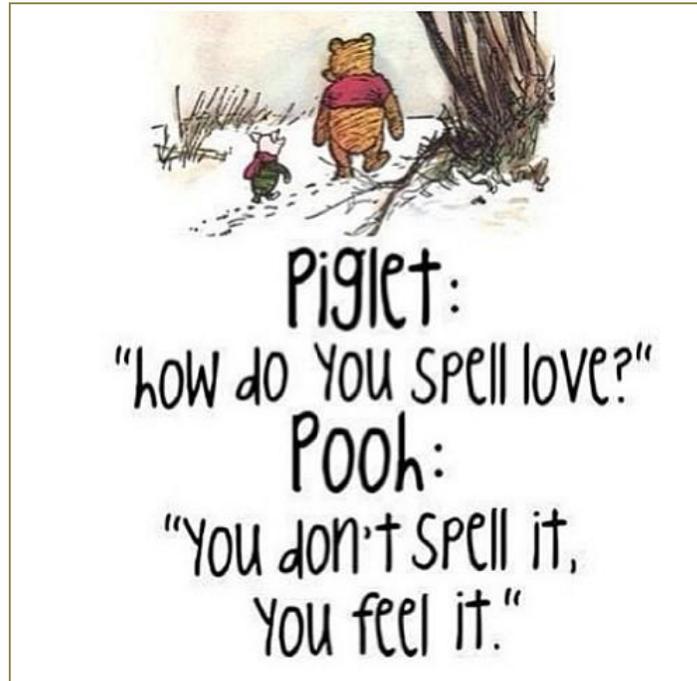
So I have some questions for you, that only you can answer. How real is God to you? How much do you really love Him? What, and where, is your mission field? What are you afraid of? What do you need to do for God that you haven't been doing? (I have a good friend who did a pro-life march on the Washington Mall a few years ago. She got conked on the side of her head with a beer can. Afterwards she gave a testimony about it, rejoicing that she could suffer for Christ.)

Finally, what are you going to do for Operation Inasmuch?

Happy Easter, my beloved in Christ.

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¹ John 3:16-18 “This is how we know **what love is**: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

OPERATION INASMUCH – A Compassion Revolution

“It’s really about reaching out to help others to demonstrate God’s unconditional love in some tangible way. It’s about making the Bible come to life in our community.”

This one-day mission’s blitz carries a lasting impact, both for those giving and those receiving services:

“As I was checking out of the Dollar Tree with a cart full of personal care items and other items for our Teams, someone asked what all the lotion, chapstick, socks, etc. was for. When I told her about Operation Inasmuch, the person handed me a dollar. They couldn’t do much, but they wanted to help. Now, that was a blessing.”

It’s amazing what you can accomplish with a few contributions and lots of cooperation. It’s part of God’s guiding hand. He is Good!

Saturday, April 27, will be “A GREAT DAY”.



" INASMUCH "

STRANGER passes this way at night
When the earth is laid to rest
He pauses before each cottage door
Like a long expected guest.
Is it only a ray of the white moonlight
That falls on the dewy ground?
Or is it the gleam of a Kingly Robe
That sheds such radiance round?

He pauses before each cottage door
When the silence is still and deep
There are souls that work and souls that rest,
And souls that must watch and weep.
Is it only the track of the children's feet
That has furrowed the roadway there?
Or is it the print of a Pierced Foot
That was heavy with human care

Then to those who weep, and to those who sleep,
And to those who watch and wake,
There comes the touch of a tender hand
For a suffering stranger's sake.
Is it only the breath of the balsam pine
That is filling the midnight vale?
Or is it the balm of a Healing Calm
That sweetens the perfumed gale ?

For a stranger came to these gentle souls,
And a sick heart craved for rest
They gave her their love and they gave her their care
And they gave her of all their best.
Is it only the wind in the waving pines
Or the sound of the distant sea ?
Or is it the voice of the Stranger Guest-
" Ye did it unto Me."

*Nova Scotia, 1907
From Manx Melodies, 1922*

