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The Churchland SPIRE



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Birthdays

- 1 Stan Felton
- 2 Betty Klise
- 8 David Gutierrez
- 10 Wendell Griffin
- 12 Susan Shelton
- 15 Elizabeth Shiembob
- 16 Emma Adams
- 17 Ronald Creamer
- 18 Sheena Noyes
- 19 Dwain Ayres
Kara Pruitt
- 20 Bobby Glisson
Jenny Hodge
- 21 Brad Sawyer
- 24 Frances Johnson
Margey Mitchell
- 25 Amy Broughman
Becca Coleman
- 27 Wendell Sodergren
- 29 Ada Bradley
- 30 David Cherry, Sr.
Kevin O'Brien
Zeb Pruitt

Anniversaries

- 3 Terri and David Cherry
Fannie and Quennon Hundley
- 6 Lynne and Randy Robinson
- 7 Sue and Bill Knowles
- 28 Sarah and Brad Sawyer
- 29 Marie and Frank Bogue
- 30 Sheena and Phillip Noyes



Church Staff

JoAnne Fisher
Custodian

Jenny Hodge
Minister of Children/Youth/
Young Adults

Ramona Kirsh
Records & Financial
Secretary

Dan Koger
Pastor

Dennis Price
Director of Music

Patricia Price
Organist/Pianist

Trudy Smith
Director of
Weekday Preschool



Easter Morning
Sunday, April 16
11:00 a.m.



BEING BLESSED AND BEING A BLESSING

Genesis 12: "The Lord says, I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing." (Genesis 12)

The story of God's love for us from the very beginning is a story of all the ways God blesses us. The verse above is a promise God gave to Abram. A promise that God would bless Abram and, as a response, Abram would extend the blessing to others. It is a blending of the ongoing circle of love and the idea of "paying it forward."

The weekend of March 24-26 was a wonderful experience of being blessed and being a blessing. "Be a Blessing" will become an ongoing ministry of our church, thanks to the efforts of our planning group and those who participated. From dinner on Friday evening through the sharing of pictures and God sighting stories in worship on Sunday, we were blessed by the presence of God in so many ways. Who would have thought the Spirit would speak through moving boxes and raking leaves and coloring blessing cards and playing bingo in a

nursing home. Yet, each of these efforts was a blessing. To those from our church who extended the blessing as well as those who received the blessing.

My thanks to the planning group, led by Stephanie McRae. Serving along side Stephanie was Cydney Cavender, Laura Flick, Neal Griffin, Jenny Hodge and Deana Otwell-Clinton. We were blessed by dinner on Friday thanks to Samantha Quales, Stephanie Horton, and Heather and Zeb Pruitt. Enjoy the photos in this issue of our newsletter. We were truly blessed by our time together.

IS THERE HOPE?

Jesus Christ's resurrection gives us hope for life and even hope for death. (Martin Thielen)

On Easter Sunday, we will hear the story again. The story of the Resurrection. Sometimes we need to hear it more than others; yet, we need to hear it and we need to hear it often. It is a story of hope. Hope in the midst of darkness, despair, loneliness, betrayal, and death.

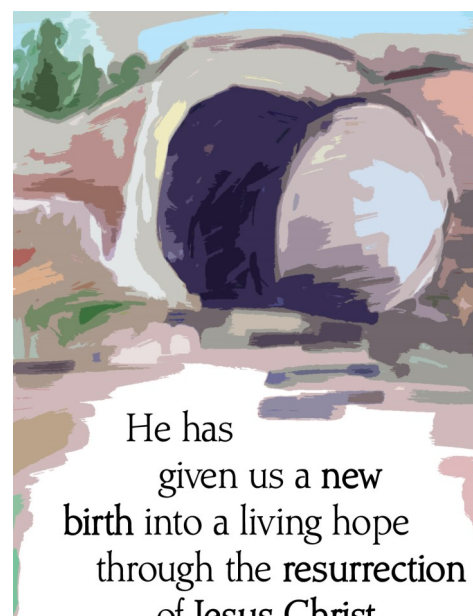
For a long time, the Church has always thought of Sundays as "Little Easters." Regardless of the time of year or the season of the church, Sundays remind us of the Resurrection. We get a glimmer of hope whenever we worship.

It is a word all of us need to hear. It is a truth we need to experience. I often think of hope this way: "There are times when I hold on to hope because that is all I have. In those moments when I am unsure, hope holds on to me."

Decorating a Cross. For those of you who have been decorating one of the foam crosses, be sure to bring it with you to worship at 11 am on Easter Sunday. We'll display them at the front of the Sanctuary. We have a few left - so there is plenty of time to decorate one. You can find them in a basket by the east entrance to the Sanctuary or in the Narthex.

Worship with us on Easter Sunday as we hear a word of hope. For this life and the life beyond.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Dan



He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



Church Wide Mission Trip!

Intergenerational opportunity for 2017!

Sign up in April and May

See, call, or email Jenny with any questions:
(757) 708-5619 and churchlandbaptistyouth@gmail.com



Who: High School and older!

When: July 1st - 8th

Cost: \$50 per person

Where: Metro Baptist (New York City, NY)

What: Metro Baptist in NYC provides a summer day camp opportunity for elementary age kids in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Groups are asked to spend their days leading the camp and are free to spend the evening immersing themselves in all NYC has to offer!

Metro Baptist: CLUE Camp



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Morning Narthex Greeters

April 2- Barbara Crowson

April 9- Dee Sword and Steve Fisher

April 16 - Debbie Fehrm, Beverley Byrd

April 23 - Mark and Bonnie Vinson

April 30 - Cydney Cavender

Sunday Extended Session

April 2

Heather Pruitt, Marion Wotring

April 9

Michele Leonard, Alice Ftiscar

April 16

Linda Francis, Marsha Perry

April 23

Dorothy Wise, Sandy Wotring

April 30

Beverley Byrd, Penny Overton

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH "Operating Account"

Income vs Expenses
as of March 26

Income: \$ 95,268
Expenses: \$ 86,702



April 17
Easter
Monday



Oasis Food Drive

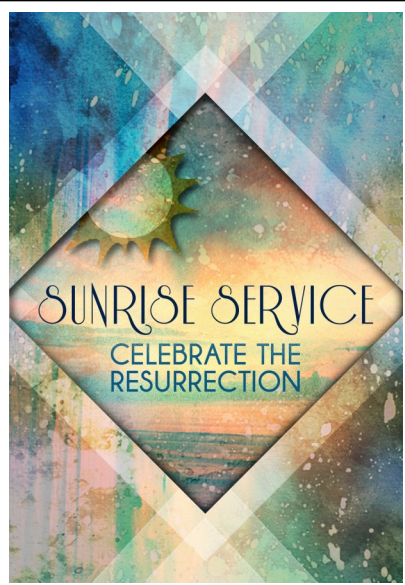
"Feed My Sheep" Oasis Social Ministry Food Drive: Thank you for helping to provide food to our neighbors in need. The **April** food pantry focus item is: **Pasta, Sauces and Mac & Cheese**, but any non-perishable food item is always appreciated! **Adult and baby diapers** of all sizes are always needed. Please be sure food you bring is not expired.



April 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>2 Lent 5 Communion</i> Missions 4:00 Vision Team 4:00	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Staff 9:30 ERGC 10:00 Social Hall Choir 7:45	<i>5</i> Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> WDPS Eye Screening Library 9:15	<i>1</i>
<i>9 Palm & Passion</i> ‘Walking the Way of the Cross’ 3:00	<i>10</i> Susie Person 7:00 Social Hall WDPS Spring Break	<i>11</i> Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45	<i>12</i> No Wed Activities Reports for Business Mtg packets are due today	<i>13</i> Maundy Thursday 7:30	<i>14 Good Friday</i>	<i>15</i> Choir Rehearsal 10:00
<i>16 Easter Sunday</i> Sunrise Service 6:30 Worship Service 11:00	<i>17</i> Office Closed	<i>18</i> Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45	<i>19</i> Dinner 5:45 Bible Study 6:45	<i>20</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> Lunch Business Mtg 12:30	<i>24</i> Care-a-Van	<i>25</i> Staff 9:30 Choir 7:45	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Social Hall reserved 7:00	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>					Mission Madness to Hampton VA	
	Mission Madness					



Sunday, April 16
6:30 a.m.

If you have any flowers that you can cut from your yard, please bring them to put on cross.



My family and I can’t thank our church family enough for the out pouring of support extended to us following the death of my mother. Churchland Baptist Church was instrumental in helping us to provide a beautiful, meaningful memorial service and reception for my mother. The cards, letters, flowers, and meals were all greatly appreciated. During this very difficult time, your kind expressions of sympathy did so much to keep our spirits uplifted. You are a tremendous blessing!
Sincerely, Ginney Freeman & Family

CBC would like to thank everyone who participated in the “Rise Against Hunger” mission project. This a worthwhile mission for our church and am glad so many come out to participate.



Midweek Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
Beginning April 19



Join us as we consider how those who knew Jesus responded after his resurrection. We will learn from Mary Magdalene, Peter, John and the disciples in Jerusalem. We will consider what took place on the first day after the Resurrection as well as the attempted cover-up by the Jewish religious authorities. Studying the response of the early followers helps us to shape our own response to the resurrection of Jesus.



WALKING THE WAY
of the CROSS

Palm Sunday - April 9 - 3:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

“Walking the Way of the Cross” is a guided meditation using art, scripture, prayer and music. We begin in the Sanctuary. As we walk, we pause at various locations to reflect on an image that reminds us of the last hours of Jesus’ life.
Why walk the way of the cross? It a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus’ gift of himself to us. It is an imaginative exercise that our senses, our experience and emotions. To the extent we come to experience the love of Jesus for us, to that extent the gratitude we feel will be deep. Deep gratitude leads to real generosity and a desire to love as we have been loved.



Fellowship



Missions



Worship

Preschool News

The Churchland Baptist Weekday Preschool continue to be a busy and active place. With the coming of spring, there were days of warmth and sunshine so that the children could play outside and learn about the world of nature. During March, the teachers focused on wind, spring, and other aspects of our world. They continued to work on the alphabet and reviewed colors, shapes, and numbers.

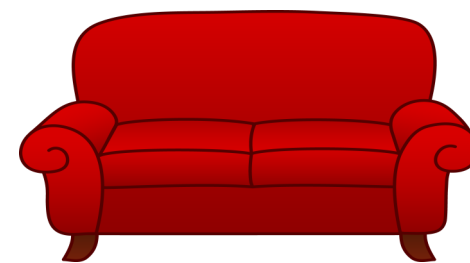
In March, the children went out and flew kites. They also learned about the season of spring and the changes it brought. In observance of St. Patrick's Day, there were special snacks and a "Treasure Hunt" for all of the preschoolers. A team from the Virginia Zoological Society visited with cute animal friends and presented a program called "Same or Different?" dealing with different animal adaptations. Attached to the monthly newsletter from the preschool to the parents was a brochure from Scholastic Book Club which offers a wide selection of excellent age-appropriate books, CD's, and software that the preschoolers could order.

Registration for preschool classes for the 2017-2018 school year continues. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center desk or interested parties can call Trudy Smith at 484-2351.

The Churchland Baptist Preschool continues to provide a stimulating, comfortable, and happy environment in which the children can play and learn. Stop by anytime, and see all that is happening!!

We Need Furniture!

Please donate any gently used couches and armchairs.
To be used for creation of new gathering space and
Sunday School classroom!
Contact Church Office: 757-484-2351 with any questions!



Business Meeting
Sunday, April 23

Immediately after lunch
in the Social Hall

All reports for the meeting
packet are due by
Wednesday, April 12



Baked Potato, Soup, and Salad Bar
Youth Fundraiser Luncheon
(Church Business Meeting to follow)

April 23rd at Noon
Fellowship Hall
\$5 per person

Kids Eat free - chicken nuggets and chips.
Contact Jenny at 757-484-2351 with any questions!

