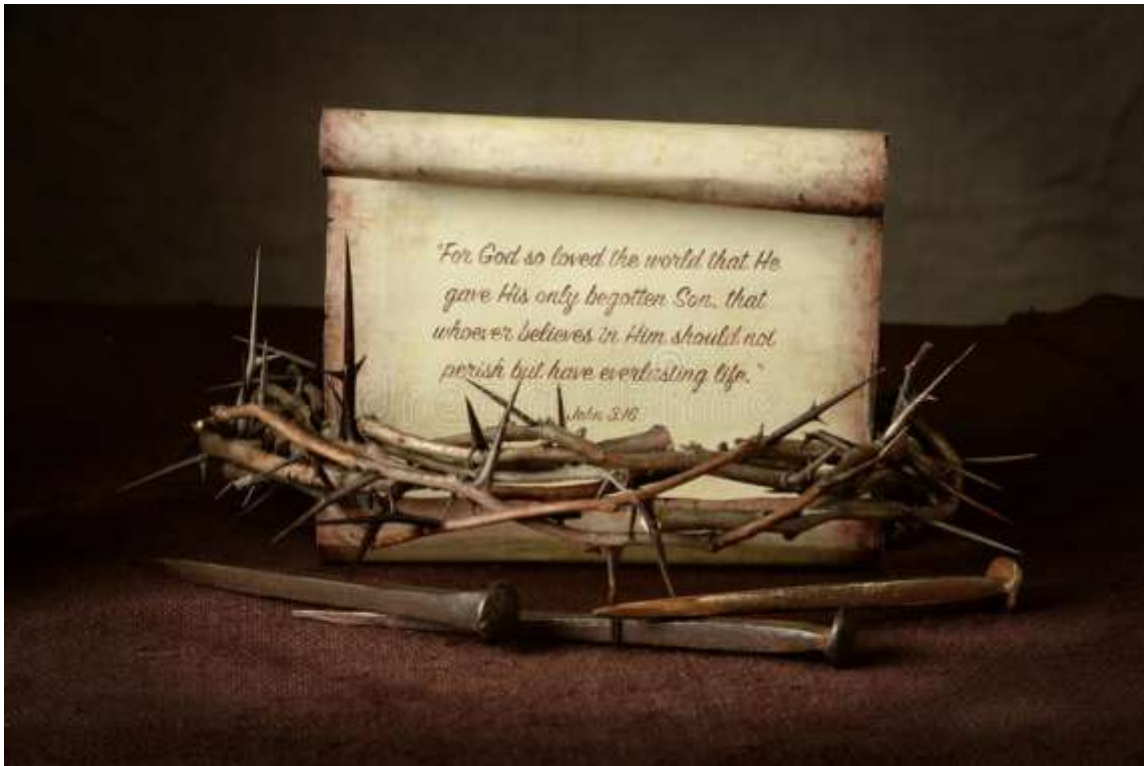


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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
LeeAnn Burt: leeinkc@hotmail.com or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

Pastor's Corner



The Great 50 Days

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the miracle in all the pages of the Bible. Think of what it means to you and to me and all who believe. It means that death, sin, and evil ... even though they are pretty powerful forces here and now ... do not get the last word! They do not claim the ultimate victory! Christ gets the last word and that is because Christ has already claimed victory!

A man converted to Christianity from his former religion. Some of his friends asked him, "Why have you become a Christian?" He answered, "Well, it's like this. Suppose you were going down the road and suddenly the road forked in two directions and you didn't know which way to go. And there at the fork were two men, one dead and one alive. Whom would you ask for directions?"

On the Christian calendar, a new season of the year begins on Easter Sunday. It is a season of seven weeks plus one day. The season is known as "The Great Fifty Days of Easter," "Eastertide," or simply "Easter" (as distinguished from "Easter Day" or "Pascha"). There are actually eight Sundays in the season with the final one being the Day of Pentecost—the fiftieth day of Easter.

While Sundays are not a part of Lent and are therefore referred to as Sundays in Lent, the Sundays beginning with Easter and continuing until the Sunday before Pentecost are properly referred to as Sundays of Easter (not Sundays after Easter). This is similar to the way Sundays during the season of Advent are called Sundays of Advent.

Several of these Sundays in Easter have names which correspond to the biblical, historical, or theological theme of the day. For example, the Second Sunday of Easter is called by many "St. Thomas Sunday," or "Low Sunday" or even "Quasimodo Sunday." Use your favorite search engine to look up the term and see why this Sunday is called this interesting name. The third Sunday is "Meal Sunday," the fourth is "Good Shepherd Sunday" and the fifth is "I Am Sunday." I could find no names given to the sixth and seventh Sundays and the eighth Sunday is "Pentecost Day" ("Day" because Pentecost by itself refers to yet another season).

Easter does not end at noon on Easter Sunday. It is just beginning. Enjoy the season. The Lord be with you ...

All Military Overseas
& Home
All 1st Responders
All Educators
Pastor, Church
& Officers
Debbie Anderson
Albert
Rick Burton
Betty & Paul Carlisle
Andrew & Michelle
Cook
Beth Day
Bonnie Fulks
Joe Garcia
Kelly Graham
Lois Hagen
Larry Ickes
Joanne
Grace Johnston
Betty Jones
Gerald Marsh
Dolori Morales
The Nolen Family
Kathy Smith
Bob Yuille



Names will remain on the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 239-694-2444 if you wish to add or delete a name.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 4	CONSTANCE STARKMAN
APRIL 12	JOANNE WAGNER
APRIL 12	RODNEY GREEN
APRIL 18	GENE HUMBARGER
APRIL 20	THOMAS MARI
APRIL 24	ELIJAH HINTZ

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 5	CAL & ALEXIS BROWN
APRIL 11	JOE & GENA GARCIA
APRIL 19	WILLIAM & ELIZABETH PATTON
APRIL 29	JERRY & LOIS MARSH
APRIL 30	TOM & MARY MORTENSON





Lord forbid that I should fear to change for the better or be so pleased with myself and the things which surround me that I feel no need for a higher life. Make me dissatisfied if I am not trying to grow in truth and to live in noble deeds. Amen..



Sundays at 11:00 am — Fellowship follows each worship service Please come and join us!

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm — Wednesday Night Connection

Friday, April 8 at 4:30 pm — Fish Fry

Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 am — Palm Sunday BBQ, hot dogs and Easter Egg hunt for the kids

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm — Maundy Thursday service

Sunday, April 17 — Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am and Easter Worship 10:00 am

Online Giving Available

Online giving offers multiple methods and accepts most common forms of payments, making it easier than ever to keep current with your pledges, tithes, and special offerings.

Scan the QR code below to give an online offering from your web browser now or you can add the Give+ App to your Apple or Android phone. You can set up for one-time or recurring offerings from your checking account, credit card or debit card. You can also go to our church web site anytime and access the online giving web page from there – buckinghampc.org. If you have any questions, please email or call our Technology Committee members:

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April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship	4	5	6 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Meeting 6:00 Connection	7 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	8 4:30 Fish Fry	9
10 Palm/Passion Sun- day 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship	11	12	13 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	14 Maundy Thursday 9:00 Labor & Land 7:00 Maundy Thurs- day service	15 Good Friday	16 Great Vigil of Easter
17 Resurrection/Easter One Great Hour of Caring 8:30 Choir 7:00 & 10:00 Wor- ship	18	19	20 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	21 9:00 Labor & Land- scape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	22	23
24 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship	25	26	27 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Wednesday Night Connection	28 9:00 Labor & Land- scape	29	30



The Legend of the Dogwood

Jesus cursed the dogwood tree so that never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender, bent and twisted and its blooms shall be in the form of a cross, two long and two short petals. In the center of the outer edge of each petal will be the print of nails. In the center of the flower, stained with blood, will be a crown of thorns, so that all who see it will remember...

Service of Witness to the Resurrection

In our sanctuary this Saturday, April 2, at 2.00 pm we will have a *Service of Witness to the Resurrection* in memory of Kyle Nolen.

Please keep Kyle's family in your prayers. We stand in the hope of the promise of the resurrection.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.



THANK YOU! Your most recent quarterly charitable donations to Amazon totaled \$36.69 .

Please remember this is an excellent way to contribute to BPC if you aren't already doing so. You can use the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile phone to sign up for AmazonSmile and select "Buckingham Presbyterian Church" as your favorite charity.

For more information contact Rodney Burt, 816-260-7767 or rfburt@gmail.com.

Mission Study Committee

The Mission Study has begun! We had our first meeting on Monday March 14 in the Church Library. We are on our way for calling our permanent (called) pastor for Buckingham Presbyterian Church and the committee is very excited.

Our committee consists of:

Eileen Friday

Grace Johnston - Chairperson

Roy Lipsett - Co - Chairperson

Barb Mitchell

Kathie Saum - Secretary

Pastor Tim Stewart &

Pastor Brad Rogers – Presbytery

We are meeting on Mondays at 11:00 am at the Church.

A Mission Study is an opportunity for the Congregation to work together in faith while intentionally listening to God for guidance and direction.

Kathie Saum,

Mission Study Committee Secretary

Compassion Meditation

By William Menniger

May you be happy. May you be free.
May you be loving. May you be loved.
May every fiber of your being resonate to the glory to which God calls you.
May you be successful in your every endeavor.
May you experience the fullness of peace in body and soul.
May you know God in all God's goodness.
May you forgive every transgression.
I forgive you with all my heart and soul
May you know what it means to be a child of God.
May you experience the glory of possessing the kingdom of God.
May you live and walk in peace and fellowship with all of God's creatures.
May every blessing be yours.
May goodness and love show itself in everything that you do
and in all that is done to you.
May you be one with all of God's creation.
May you experience the blessings of God's grace for all eternity!





BPC's World Famous Fish Fry is Back!

We had a very successful Fish Fry on Friday, March 18. We started serving at 4:30 pm and sold 140 dinners. I would personally like to thank everyone who helped make it a success.

We are planning another Fish Fry on Friday, April 8 .

Cal Brown
Fundraising Chair



Easter Dinner for Tice

We are collecting food for the Easter dinner for 50 families from Tice elementary school. In addition to the food, the church will be providing 50 hams. Please have your donations in by April 10 so that we can deliver the items to the school on April 13. Please provide a bag with handles. The list of food needed:

- 1 large can of yams 2 lbs. 8 oz.
- 2 14.5 ounce can of green beans
- 1 pound of white rice
- 1 can of pie filling
- 1 box of Jiffy pie crust (available at Winn-Dixie and Walmart)
- Jellybeans
- Peanut butter and jelly

Thank you for your donations. These families will not have an Easter dinner without your support!

Mary Edmonds,
Mission Committee Chair



Stitch N'Stuff

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you and he will. Psalm 37:5

Why is it that some people have more energy than others? We all have basically the same glands. The difference is some people's glands don't get stimulated, so they don't put out energy.

If you want to see the result of energy being put forth, you need to visit the Stitch N'Stuff sewing circle on every other Thursday beginning April 7 from 9:00 -12:00 pm in Clayton Hall. While we are small in number, we are mighty in the large number of items we make.

Any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.



Nursery Attendants On-call

April 3 - Susie Green
 April 10 - Mary Edmonds
 April 17 - Vicki McWhorter
 April 24 - Alexis Brown

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

We are so very grateful, thankful, and blessed to have Susie Green as our interim Administrative Assistant and Ellen Gerbracht as our interim Choir Director. Susie was our previous Administrative Assistant and had retired a few years ago. Her experience, time, and talents is keeping the “business” of our church working smoothly. Ellen has been a seasonal Winter member of our choir for several years. Her love and gift for music inspires us to “make a joyful noise” during Worship each Sunday without missing a beat.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Thessalonians 5:16-18

Vicki McWhorter,
 Clerk of Session and
 Personnel Committee Chair

Stewardship Committee

Below is a look at pledges received to date and our 2022 stretch budget pledge goal – highlights are:

Total pledges received - 41
 Total amount pledged - \$120,966
 Pledge goal for 2022 - \$120,000
 Additional pledges needed to reach 2022 goal—\$0

 Goal exceeded by \$966!

We need everyone who has not pledged to prayerfully consider pledging to help make this a banner year for our church and missions.

THANK YOU!

Rodney Burt,
 Stewardship Committee Chair

Mission Soup & Salad

Our soup and salad lunch was a great success! Thank you to all who made a soup or chili. Not only did we have some delicious soups, we collected \$300. This money will help with future Mission work. See pictures on page 10.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee has been very busy behind the scenes getting things ready for Communion every Sunday during Lent. On Maundy Thursday, we will resume Communion with grape juice and bread with the congregation coming to the front of the Church (provided that Covid-19 is under control).

The flowers for the front of the Church brought in by various individuals have been gorgeous, if you would like to sign up for a Sunday contact: Barb Mitchell 239-694-8775.

If anyone would like to volunteer for the Worship Committee please contact: Kathie Saum 419-423-3517.

Kathie Saum,
 Worship Committee Chair



**Mission Soup & Salad
Luncheon
March 13**

Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Rodney Green
Kathie Saum
John Graham

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
Grace Johnston
Vicki McWhorter
Bob Peterman

Vicki McWhorter,
Session Clerk



Orange Harbour Pickin' & Grinning



**John Graham
Installation and Ordination
March 13**



**HAPPY 91ST BIRTHDAY
KATHERINE NOLEN!**

March 18 Fish Fry
(First Fish Fry in 2 years due to Covid)







When Jesus hung on that cross, He took all of your mistakes, all of your failures, all of your weaknesses, every wrong, and He forgave it. Tell God thank you!