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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



He is Risen!

Kurt E. DeHaan writes, "If Jesus did not rise from the dead, the Christian faith is a foolish fantasy. However, if the resurrection of Christ did occur, it confirms his life, message, and atoning work. It is the basis of our hope of life beyond the grave.

He goes on to say that Jesus predicted his resurrection (Matthew 16.21; Mark 9.9-10; John 2.18-22), it is prophesied in the Old Testament (Psalm 16.10; compare Acts 2.25-31; 13.33-37), the tomb was empty and the grave clothes vacant (John 2.3-9), many people saw the resurrected Christ, touched him, heard his voice, even ate with him (Matthew 28.16-20; Luke 24.13-39; John 20.11-29; John 21.1-9; Acts 1.6-11; 1 Corinthians 15.3-8). Moreover, the lives of the disciples were revolutionized. Though they fled and one even denied Christ at the time of his arrest, they later feared no one as they proclaimed the risen Lord (Matt 26.56, 69-75). The resurrection was the central message of the early church and that church grew with an unwavering conviction that Jesus had risen and was the Lord of the church (Acts 4.33; 5.30-32; Romans 5.24). Finally, men and women today testify that the power of the risen Christ has transformed their lives. We know that Jesus is alive not only because of the historical and biblical evidence but also because he has miraculously touched our lives.

This year Easter Sunday falls on April 9. Sunrise on that day is at 7.10AM. We will begin the morning with an Easter Sunrise service at 7.00AM under our porte-cochere. Once again this year our "old rugged cross" will be in front of the sanctuary (at both services). The cross will be covered in chicken wire in order for worshipers to insert fresh flowers around the entire cross transforming our "old rugged cross" into a Resurrection cross. Come to your service of choice bearing fresh flowers cut from your garden, your trees, or your favorite grocery store.

Enjoy the following poem I came across.

Some of us stay at the cross,
 some of us wait at the tomb,
 Quickened and raised with Christ
 yet lingering still in the gloom.
 Some of us abide at the Passover feast
 with Pentecost all unknown,
 The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
 that our Lord has made His own.
 If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,
 His work had been incomplete.
 If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb,
 He had only known defeat,
 But the way of the cross never stops at the cross
 and the way of the tomb leads on
 To victorious grace in the heavenly place
 where the risen Lord has gone.

~ Annie Johnson Flint

PRAYER CONCERNS:

All Military Overseas &
at Home
All 1st Responders
All Educators
Pastor, Church & Officers

Debbie Anderson
Kevin Barnett
Dixie Battin
Margie Bethune
Diana Dixon
Harriet Brandt
Pat Frasche
Scott Gallaway
Joe Garcia
Betty Jones
Lehman Family
Gerald Marsh
Judy McInnes
Katherine Nolen
Nolen Family
Debbie Robinson
Family of Anton Sigurdurson
John Smith
Diane Williams
Sherry Wilmer

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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

APRIL 12 RODNEY GREEN
APRIL 12 JOANN WAGNER
APRIL 18 GENE HUMBARGER
APRIL 20 THOMAS MARI

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 5 CAL & ALEXIS BROWN
APRIL 11 JOE & GENA GARCIA
APRIL 29 JERRY & LOIS MARSH
APRIL 30 TOM MORTENSON &
MARY BECKER

**May your Day Be Blessed**

Because you are so special
I wish all these things for you:
Friendship, joy and happiness,
and may all your dreams come true.

Believe in love and miracles,
find the beauty in each day;
Take time to enjoy the simple things
filled with blessings along the way.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Sunday, April 2 at 11:00 am—Palm Sunday Church BBQ

Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 am—Easter Sunrise Service

A Note from your Stewardship Chair:

- If you want to save on your tax bill this year, plan on making your pledge donations using a tax free donation from your IRA or Brokerage account.
- Please remember your church when updating your Trust or Will.

Contact Rodney Burt or Roy Lipsett if you have questions or want to learn more.



**Nobody is
perfect,
but remember;
GOD thinks
you're to
die for!**

Palm Sunday Annual Church BBQ

Join us on April 2 following the worship service. The church will provide pulled pork, hot dogs, coleslaw, cake and drinks..

Please bring a side or dessert to share.

Everyone welcome!

Thank you,

Sue Barshinger and Bob Yuille
Fellowship Committee

April 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Palm/Passion
Sunday
10:00 Worship
Church BBQ

9:30 -11:00 R&R
11:00 Mission
Committee Mtg
4:00 Choir
6:00 Connection

9:00 Labor &
Landscape

7:00 Maundy
Thursday

Good Friday

9 *10* *11* *12* *13* *14* *15*

7:00 am Easter
Sunrise
10:00 Worship

9:30 -11:00 R&R

4:00 Choir
6:00 Connection

9:00 Labor &
Landscape

16 *17* *18* *19* *20* *21* *22*

Second Sunday
of Easter

10:00 Worship

9:30 -11:00 R&R

4:00 Choir
6:00 Connection

9:00 Labor &
Landscape

23 *24* *25* *26* *27* *28* *29*

Third Sunday of
Easter

10:00 Worship

9:30 -11:00 R&R

4:00 Choir
6:00 Connection

9:00 Labor &
Landscape

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Fourth Sunday
of Easter

10:00 Worship



Why did Jesus fold the napkin?

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone rolled away from the entrance.

She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!'

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stopped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!
Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day.

The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it.

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished..

Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm finished.."

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because ...

The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!"

Fish Fry Fridays

Don't forget to come support our last fish fry for the season on Friday, March 31, 2023. Drive-thru service begins at 4:30 pm and continues until we run out of food. The cost is \$13 per person or \$25 for two. It includes a fish filet, Cole slaw, salt potatoes, roll, and a cookie or brownie. Please share with your family, friends and neighbors!



Be the person who breaks the cycle.

If you were judged, choose understanding.

If you were rejected, choose acceptance.

If you were shamed, choose compassion.

Be the person you needed when you were hurting,
not the person who hurt you.

Vow to be better than what broke you,
to heal instead of becoming bitter
so you can act from your heart,
not your pain.



We received a total of \$3,137 for parking at the Fort Myers Rodeo. Thanks to everyone who helped with this fundraiser.

Yee Haw!!!



Stitch N' Stuff

I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me. Phillippians 4:13

I am not sure what is going on with Healthy Start. We are still doing for the young ones and older children. It is a group by the name of RCMA KRONE CDC. I had my son check them out online. They are all in 21 counties in Florida with children from six weeks to 11 years of age. At the present time they have 650 children in the program. Our first donation included 223 items to help them with their needs. We are still doing for Gulf Coast Hospital, Hope Hospice, as well as the homeless and outreach through our church.

We put in a lot of hours to meet the needs of other people. To me that shows our love for people who need our many items. Hope to see some of you at our next meeting to check us out. We next meet on Thursday, April 13. We meet every two weeks in Clayton Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 am. If you have any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-219-3014.



You guys are awesome! Thank you to everyone who helped provide 50 families at Tice Elementary their Easter meals. Without your help, some of these families would not have a meal for Easter. A big thank you to Publix for providing a \$250 gift certificate that was used to purchase the hams.

One Great Hour of Sharing

We are collecting a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter. This offering will go toward:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Restores streets to live in

Presbyterian Hunger Program
Share Your Bread With The Hungry

Self-Development Of People
Lose The Bonds Of Injustice

There will be envelopes in the blue folders in the back of the chairs or you can place your offering in a separate envelope labeled one Great Hour Of Sharing. Thank you!

If you will focus on meeting other people's needs, God will always make sure your needs are supplied. God will take care of your problems for you.



Random Acts of Kindness

Do you know who this man is disguised as a hobo?

"I dressed as a hobo as part of a social experiment and it was a great experience. Dressed as a hobo nobody noticed who I was. I felt like a homeless person as people walked past and looked at me in disgust. Only one lady was kind to me and gave me food. So many times we forget we cannot appreciate what we have and how lucky we are and can help someone else. In finishing my experiment, I drove around and handed out food. I gave \$100 to every homeless person I met and they were crying with gratitude.

Be the change you want today."

Richard Gere

Soup and Salad Luncheon

We raised \$165.00 for the Community Cooperative from our annual Soup and Salad Luncheon. Thanks to everyone who attended, supplied food and made donations.

Feeding People. Nourishing Lives.



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I am the vine
you are the branches
John 15:5

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