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Sunday, March 17, 2024, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Be Holy

1 Peter 1:13-16

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, [\[a\]](#) and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, **15** but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

We are well into our Lenten Season as we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The scriptures in Leviticus 19 through 26 are themed with a call to holiness. First Peter echoes this as a call to believers of Jesus. From the Old Testament to the New, we as God's people are called to be holy as our Lord is holy.

First Peter asks us to "prepare our minds for action" and to deny ourselves those things that would hinder us from our relationship with Christ. This is the very essence of Lent. We have been fasting and praying in order to draw closer to Christ and one another in worship. Holy week is a special time of year when we are giving an even more intentional focus to these disciplines of faith. Throughout the week there will be many opportunities to pray, fast, worship, and just encourage one another in our faith.

I encourage you to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible during Holy Week this year to "Be Holy as He is Holy". Whether you stop by the church for prayer and communion Monday through Wednesday at 11, attend Maunday Thursday service at 6, or Good Friday Service at 12, the church is open to help build those spiritual muscles as you prepare your heart and mind for Easter.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Prayer Vigil

One of the most powerful ways that we can prepare for Easter Sunday is through prayer. We pray for our own spiritual nourishment, to intercede for other that we know within the church and our families, and to ask the Holy Spirit to move in people's hearts that might know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We want to invite our congregation to "keep watch" in preparation for Easter by joining in a prayer vigil in our Sanctuary starting Maundy Thursday (March 28) at 7p through Good Friday (March 29) at 12noon. There is a sign up sheet as you come in the entrance headed to the office. You can sign up for a one hour time slot that you would like to come to the church and pray.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, March 31, during the Sunday School hour. What is needed?

- Kids to participate so INVITE!!
- Volunteers to help manage the event
- Candy to fill eggs

Please see Katie for more information.

Scripture and Sermon:

John 21:4-11

"Miracles:
Second Time Around"



New Concerns

Mollie Austin
Pat Maddox
Mr Floyd, Kelly & Sherrie
Barbara Carter

Continue Prayers for:

Family of Sue Braun
Lisa McDonald
Rae Cox
Family of Bill Outz
Mac McCullough
Floyd Griggs
Cassandra Yazinski
Bill Outz
Thomas & Joy Fleming
J.O. & Lynn Miller
Paul Dunn

Christa Avret
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Cary Martin
Mac McNeal
James McNeal
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for March 10

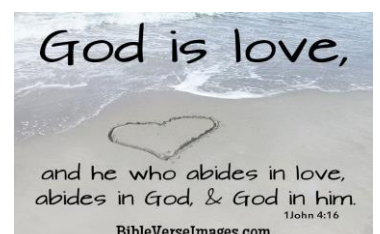
Operating Budget.....	\$9,934.00
Technology.....	101.00
Food Pantry.....	<u>251.00</u>
Total.....	\$10,286.00

Worship Attendance

133

Sunday School

40




Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- In memory of Sue Braun by Centerville Senior Citizens Club
- In memory of Sonny Watson by Jean & Ronny Bennett
- In memory of Ann Stafford by Steve & Pam Creech

Thank You

*We would like to thank you for yuour prayers, food, text messages, visits and cards during Thomas’ recent surgery. We love you all! ~~ Thomas & Joy Fleming ~~

*Thanks to all who donated and attend the Wesley Glen Abundant Life celebration event Saturday evening, it truly was a miraculous night!!! More than \$462K was raised in our local community. God is so good!! ~~ Stevie Bowen ~~



18
Sharon Morrison

20
Frazier Phillips

23
Kay Darnell



- ✓ 03-24-24 Palm Sunday
- ✓ 03/25-27/24 Monday-Wednesday Prayer/Communion 11a-noon
- ✓ 03-28-24 Maundy Thursday Service 6p
- ✓ 03-28-24 Prayer Vigil 6:30p til noon Friday
- ✓ 03-29-24 Good Friday Service 12 noon
- ✓ 03-31-24- Easter Sunday

Community Missions

- Food Pantry totals for February: families served- 615; people served- 2,220; portions given- 848; weight of food distributed- 17,153 lbs... that’s the hands and feet of Jesus, yall!
- The next Food Pantry is March 27, 2024 and have begun opening every Wednesday, 10a-1p with a new format and process for recipients... also, volunteering will be on rotation now, so get with Cheri and sign up... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Clothes Closet is moving out to the Outreach Center- hopefully, we’d like to begin transferring things on March 18th and get as much done as possible so we won’t have that much to do during Holy Week. **We need volunteers!** Marilyn will post a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin for volunteers to help during the week of March 18th – 23rd. **The Closet will be closed March 19th and 26th.**
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

Bible Reading Plan

Week of March 17th:

Sunday..... Hebrews 4

Monday..... Hebrews 5

Tuesday..... Hebrews 6

Wednesday..... Hebrews 7

Thursday..... Hebrews 8

Friday..... Hebrews 9

Saturday..... Hebrews 10

Church-Wide Clean Up

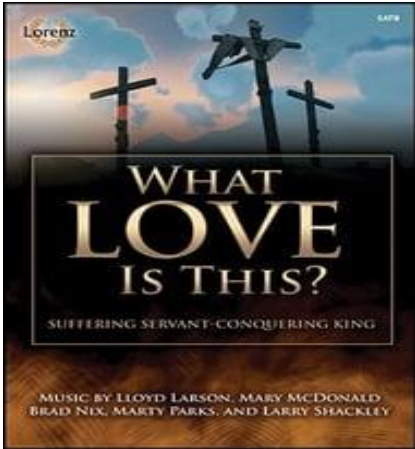
Mark your calendars for the church wide clean up days **March 15 and 16** at 8a- until each day. We will be moving the Clothes Closet to the Outreach Center and moving shelves and racks from their storage room. Come if you can, stay however long you can, any help is appreciated.

Friendship Sunday

Since this month’s 5th Sunday falls on Easter, Admin Council voted to move it to Friendship Sunday, which is the Sunday after Easter, April 7 and of course, after the Worship Service. The church will provide fried chicken, so bring your favorite side dish to offer for some food, fun and fellowship.

Easter Cantata

The Chancel Choir will bring us “What Love Is This” on Sunday, March 24 at 10:30a.



Our next Blood Drive will be April 12, 2024, 1p-5p in the Fellowship Hall. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: The Well at Centerville to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Vicky Moore, Cynthia Boutwell
Stevie Bowen & Kay Kelley

Finance Stewards

J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke, Mel Smeltz

Assisting with Children

Sunday- March 17

Nursery- Lynn Miller, Laura
Children- Katie Odum

Sunday- March 24

Nursery- Dawn, Laura
Children- Brenda Crow

Monday- March 18

10:00a Quilters

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- March 19

First Day of Spring

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Partners in Prayer

10:00a Yoga

Wednesday- March 20

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast

11:30a Friendship Circle

1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"

6:00p Choir Practice

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- March 21

10:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

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6:30p Handbells

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Friday- March 22

2p-4p Young at Heart

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Issues & Answers

New Beginnings

Christian Fellowship

Youth

Pilgrims

Studies

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Matthew

Revelation

2 Corinthians

Message of the Empty Tomb

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cooked

Easter Hams

Now on sale by The Men

Pick up Saturday, March 30th

10a and 2p

**See J.O., Mel, Jim, Stevie or come by the
office for your ticket(s)**

Remember, they freeze well!!



\$40