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“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
~Philippians 2: 5-11

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are coming down the home stretch in Lent. It has been a long haul. Some of you are in withdrawal from soft drinks or sweets. Some of you are holding your breath to keep from gossiping. All of these things are difficult. Not because we love those things so much, but because they remind us of all that Christ gave up to be our savior. As we head into Holy Week, think about how Christ gave up the power and glory of equality with God to come and live, die and be raised for us.

On Maundy Thursday, we will remember Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper, as well as his command to love one another as he has loved us. On Good Friday, we will remember Christ's obedience and sacrifice. Though you have heard the stories before, I encourage you to let the remembrance of Christ's costly love for us wash over you anew. Take advantage of the opportunities to join together in worship, and always keep Christ centered in your sight.

God Bless,
Pastor Tim

Last month Pastor Tim asked for some of our sisters and brothers to share who Jesus is to them. On Sunday, the 26th, Elena shared and it was most interesting. We have posted its entire message on the church's web site for you to read again.

Such as, . . . “with such strong impact on my life that I have never told it to anyone before. You will be the first to hear it. . . *I knew it was Jesus; there was absolutely no doubt in my mind that it was Him.*” (These are only small excerpts.)

MISSIONS

On Palm Sunday we will collect the Lent Boxes for your gift for the Mission Trip supplies.



April 9 Palm Sunday
April 13 Maundy Thursday
Services at Bethel UMC—7:00 pm
April 14 Crosswalk begins at 11:30 am
Stokesdale UMC
Good Friday Services at
Flat Rock UMC 7:00 pm
April 16 EASTER
Sunrise services at Oak Springs
6:30 am



Countryside Village Easter Egg Hunt
In the front entrance field
2—4 pm
Bring your children
Enjoy finding candy filled eggs

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Once again the Good Samaritan are collecting school supplies in order to finish out this school year. They need: glue sticks, crayons, pencils, notebook paper. Please bring these items to church by Sunday, April 9th.

For March our church was asked to provide 100 canisters of quick oatmeal. I'm sure Jackie found the most bargains to fulfill this item for the pantry. Check the bulletin for our food item for April.



There is a bridal shower in the Fellowship Center on Sunday, April 30, 2-4 pm in honor of Joel Pegram and Emily Maggard.

We would like to congratulate Ryan Fields on his proposal of marriage to Deborah Swim.



Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

APRIL



Mary Caffey	April 2	Bryant Joyner	2
Sydney Kroll	2	John Knight	20
David Williams	3	Josh Newnam	20
Claude Raeford	5	Linda Byrd	21
Mandy Williams	9	John Marvin	22

A special lady will have a nonagenarian birthday (meaning a person who is between 90 and 99 years old) on the 2nd. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Mary Caffey.**

April Anniversaries

Tim and Cindy Lafon	April 5
Josh and Jenny Newnam	5
Wayne and Nancy Farrar	10
George and Anne Thacker	20

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Sun	8:30 am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion on 1st Sundays)
		Liturgical Dance Team Practice (check time in bulletin)
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Countryside Village
Wed	9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship with Pastor Tim at BJ's
Wed	6:30 pm	"Covent" Bible Study

Worship Helpers for April

Ushers: Roger and Debbie McClure

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
April 2	Lisa Hutchins & Janet Hanks	Emily Fields & Ethan Cox
April 9	Priscilla Slate & Misti Ridenour	Charlie Fields & Will Hutchens
April 16	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Ryan Fields
April 23	Jackie Younts & Erik Cox	Wayne & Nancy Farrar
April 30	Mandy & Dakota Williams	Denise Pegram & Margaret Norris

United Methodist Women

Northern Piedmont District Prayer Breakfast

The women need to let Jill know if you plan to go to the Prayer Breakfast before April 19. Reminder: date is April 29., at Tabernacle Methodist Church, speaker is Dr. Nancy Rankin, times are: Registration and Breakfast—9-9:50 am; memorial service and guest speaker begins at 10:00 am. (No fee for breakfast.)

A special 'THANK you' to all who came out and gave your support to our Spring Bazaar. Also, thank you, men of the church who helped in the kitchen cooking, filling orders and delivering the breakfasts. This year's bazaar was a great success and will go to the UMW Missions.



Annual Chili Cookoff is April 22 and their needs are for bake goodies. They can be brought to church for Wayne and Nancy Farrar pick up on Friday from 4:30—5:30 pm and on Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30 am. Call if you need more information—336.427.4320. Thank You..



Can you help us by bring small bags of potato chips for the Cross Walk? We need 100 to feed these walkers. Put in box marked "clips" in kitchen. THANKS!

UPCOMING EVENTS
*mark your calendars

March 31	5-6:30 pm	Youth Meeting @Emily & Charlie's House
April 8	2-4 pm	Countryside Village Easter Egg Hunt
April 8	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
April 9		Palm Sunday
April 13	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday @Bethel UMC
April 14	11:30 am	Crosswalk begins at Stokesdale UMC
April 14	7:00 pm	Good Friday services @Flat Rock
April 16	6:30 am	Sunrise services @Oak Springs
April 16		EASTER
April 19		RSVP Registration Prayer Breakfast Deadline
April 22		Camp Carefree Chili cook off Day fundraiser
April 23		4th Sunday Lunch
April 24	Noon	Newsletter deadline
April 29	9:00 am	Northern Piedmont District Prayer Breakfast
April 30	2-4 pm	Wedding Shower (Joel Pegram and Emily Maggard)
April 30		5th Sunday Singing at Gideon Grove

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