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Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday Evening April 12 at 5:30



Help us fill 3000 eggs for the hunt! Bring your
candy to the atrium desk by Sunday, April 9th.

JOURNEY TO CALVARY

Turning our faces toward Jerusalem

March 26

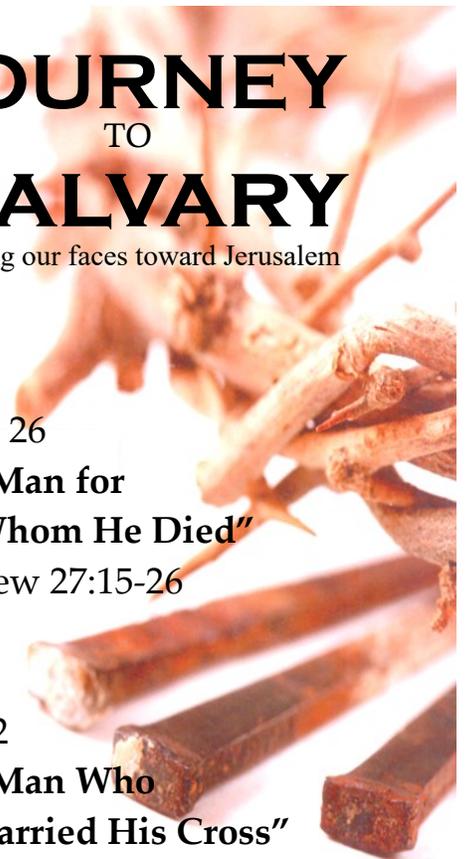
"The Man for
Whom He Died"

Matthew 27:15-26

April 2

"The Man Who
Carried His Cross"

Mark 15:21, Luke 9:23-24



Dr. Glenn Armstrong,
Interim Pastor

I attended your business meeting last Sunday evening. I wanted to see how Third Baptist conducted business and made decisions. I was impressed:

- With the expeditious manner with which the meeting was conducted under the leadership of Moderator Joe Bob Pierce.
- With the obvious love and respect all those in attendance had for one another (unlike many other Baptist business meetings I've attended).
- With the positive content of the various reports submitted - a healthy balance of funds in the bank and receipts only five

percent below that which was projected by last autumn's subscription campaign, and an unusually large number of lay people involved in work and ministries of the church.

- With how blessed we are to be part of a church where everyone has a voice in the decision-making process and how important it is for each member to assume his/her share of the responsibility for deciding the future of the church.

Such business meetings are indications of a happy church, and a happy church is a healthy church. Fortunate will be the

person God brings to Owensboro to be your pastor!

Sermons between now and Easter will continue to focus on the cast of characters who played roles in the crucifixion and death of Jesus. The topics and texts of the next two messages will be:

March 26, "The Man for Whom He Died," Matthew 27:15-26

April 2, "The Man Who Carried His Cross," Mark 15:21, Luke 9:23-24

If I have not met you, please speak to me Sunday. I want to get to know you!



I really cannot say it has been a long winter because for the most part we did not experience too much bad weather! But, Spring is here! Easter is on the way!

We are ready for Spring in the Children's Department. We are preparing our Easter music to share with the congregation! We are stuffing candy into Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Christmas has the tree, the stable, and of course, the Divine Infant. These are all physical things we could touch and understand. But Easter is different. In many ways it's about celebrating emptiness: a missing person, an empty tomb.

Jan Lampkin, Minister to Children

When you think about it, it's very different than celebrating the overflowing gifts and abundance we do at Christmas. There is incredible hope in the emptiness of some of our children and their families. Easter is also a time to fill the emptiness with unseen things - like great opportunities to learn more about the true love we find in Jesus!

As the earth awakes from its winter slumber and as Easter hope approaches, let us remind ourselves that Jesus was awakened too. Let's focus on that promise in the emptiness. God loves our children and their families. This is the perfect season of promise to explore that truth together.

We will conclude our special emphasis on Support A Child next week, however you have the opportunity to support our children

all year long. We thank you for your continued support and prayer.

Please pray for our children, their families and the volunteers that work with them week to week. Blessings!

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*



We have 3000 eggs to fill!
Drop off the candy at the atrium desk.
Got a few minutes? We could use a little help in filling the eggs too!!!

Wes Roberts

Minister to Youth

One Step at a Time
Yesterday as I walked, then jogged, then ran in the cool spring air, it hit me. The whole experience is much like life. There are still days when it's difficult to even put one foot in front of the other. There are other days when we feel like jogging a bit or moving forward. And then we have those days when we feel like we can run or sprint with a spring in our step. All we know to do is put one foot or one

step after the other, trust our Lord and keep moving.

Of course we look back; how can we not? We must keep moving forward. Someone told me not long ago, "Wes you don't have to be great to start, you just have to start to be great!!" Words we try to live by everyday. Keep praying and keep moving forward, forward toward the prize and that prize is Christ Himself!!

#keepsmling

David Roberson, Minister of Music

So I was working on my computer with a program I can input music into, assign different instruments, tempos, etc., and then play it back. I'd worked on a song for about an hour when my computer locked up. I hadn't saved any of the work I'd already done so I lost everything I had done up to that point. Very frustrating and not only that, I know enough about computers to know you should periodically save your work just in case this happens. So not only was I frustrated, I was mad at myself for being so dumb!

I sort of do this sometimes in choir. I'll realize I've misunderstood some of the musical markings and what I've been telling the choir to do for the

last hour is wrong. I have to reboot, apologize for my mistake and restart. Luckily our choir is very forgiving!

We all have moments where we get in the middle of something and whether its someone else's fault, our fault, or something out of our control happens, our project is ruined. We have to start over.

In these situations I've always liked the phrase "our God is a God of second chances." Heaven knows I've put my foot in my mouth too many times, charged when I should of retreated, spoken when I should of stayed silent. But God is there to forgive, to give us mercy and to give us a second chance. I still feel pretty dumb but at least I know I have a chance to make up for it!!

Joe Bob Pierce

Formations

In the last Courier I wrote a few words about the season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. When First Christian Church came to our facility after the fire, they continued their tradition of Tuesday Lenten services. These Tuesday meetings offered an opportunity for anyone who wanted to observe a brief time of meditation and worship during the lunch hour. After the service, the congregants gather for a salad and finger food-type luncheon.

I am glad to report that First Christian is continuing their noon Lenten services on Tuesday in the new facility. The services start around 12:10 p.m. and lunch is served around 12:30. The aim is to allow time for people who work to be able to participate in the service and the meal without missing any work time.

The last one of these Tuesday services is April 4th, and the cost for the meal is \$7.00; the proceeds of which go to church mission projects. The Lenten service is a great opportunity to mark this season in our life of faith.

**how are you
SERVING?**



SUNDAY, MARCH 26
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 Lord's Supper

MONDAY, MARCH 27
 1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal
 5:30 PM BAM Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
 5:00 PM Children/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Children/Youth Mission & Music
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
 5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 4:30 PM Mission Teams Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 3
 7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
 10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
 5:30 PM BAM Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
 Spring Break - No Children/Youth Events
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting, FSR
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
 5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY APRIL 7

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, PALM SUNDAY
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance Mtg.
 12:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Sharing
 the Lord's Supper
 March 26 ~ 10:45 am



DEACON INFORMATION
March 26

Cherri Lolley, Chris Holbrook

Hope and Harvest Team
 Cherri Lolley, Laura Bronn

April 2
 Debby Montgomery,
 Lee Kincaid

Hope and Harvest Team
 Debby Montgomery, Bill Genet

PRESCHOOL PRAISE
March 26

Jackie Napper, Patty Ray
April 2
 Jan Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL
March 26: Pairs & Spares
April 2: Women of Faith

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the church have been made in memory of:
Chuck and Anette O'Neal by Carolyn Estes, Barry & Linda Spinks.

OUR RECORDS

	March 5	March 12
Total Offering	\$11,687	\$9,155
Capital Fund	0	\$200
Memorials	\$75	0
Other Funds	\$1,449	\$2,068
General Fund	\$10,163	\$6,887
Weekly Needs	\$7,720	\$7,720

Subscription Status Report through February 28, 2107

Date	Subscription	Received	Difference
January 1	\$7,720.00	\$7,544.00	(\$176.00)
January 8	\$7,720.00	\$5,061.00	(\$2,835.00)
January 15	\$7,720.00	\$5,789.95	(\$4,765.05)
January 22	\$7,720.00	\$6,435.80	(\$6,049.25)
January 29	\$7,720.00	\$6,729.89	(\$7,039.36)
February 5	\$7,720.00	\$11,417.39	(\$3,341.97)
February 12	\$7,720.00	\$5,757.72	(\$5,304.24)
February 19	\$7,720.00	\$7,062.00	(\$5,962.25)
February 26	\$7,720.00	\$10,163.49	(\$3,518.76)
TOTALS	\$69,480.00	\$65,961.24	-5% difference

Just Older Youth



*Senior
 Adult
 Fellowship*

**Tuesday
 April 4 at 10AM**

Program: Our program this month will be music provided by Bob Dasher. Bob is a wonderful artist who has delighted us with his talent of singing and playing the dobro.

Mission Project: We will be taking an offering and making a donation to our very own Support A Child Ministry! Through our blessings, we bless others!

Lunch Menu: Breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes, peas,

cranberry salad, hot biscuits, and chocolate cake. Where else can you get a meal like this for only \$6.00 per person? Please call Doris Smith at 270-729-2111 with the number of lunch reservations.

Transportation: Call Frank Beller at 270-570-8537