



New Salem Baptist Church

Your Journey. Our Focus.

April 9, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

Just like many of you, I've colored enough Easter eggs in my life to exhaust a barnyard of chickens. Like you, I went to church to show off my new "Easter clothes". Like you, I went to Granny's house for Easter egg hunts until the last adult finally said, "OK, this is the last time!" Like you, I've spent the week after Easter consuming marshmallow peeps, chocolate bunnies, jelly beans and peanut butter eggs.

As a child, I came to believe that Easter was all about me! Weren't the new clothes, egg hunts with prizes, and candy all the evidence anyone could possibly need? *My* appearance, *my* stash of goodies, *my* fun day. Yes, sir! Easter was all about me!

Now that I'm all grown up, I've come to realize that I was right all along... Easter really is all about me! At least, that's what Jesus would say. He came and lived in our sin-cursed world just for me. (**Romans 5:8**). He died a brutal death at the hands of hateful people so that I might have life and have it more abundantly. (**John 10:10**) He defeated death, hell, and the grave...you got it...just for me. (**Revelation 1:18**)

Our wonderful God isn't asking us to replace family fun and lasting traditions with stiff, obligatory, religious ritual. He loves to see us smile, hug, and enjoy treats. But I believe He'd delight even more if we would all remember how He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever would believe in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

So go ahead. It's alright. Tell your kids and grandkids that Easter is all about them. (But never lose sight of the fact that Easter is for us grown-ups as well!)

Weekly Schedule for April 9 to April 16

Today Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Choir Practicefollowing evening worship

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am
 Ladies' Prayer Group9:30 am
 (at Tammy Ponder's home)

Resurrection Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 12

5:30-6:30 pm - Fellowship Supper
7:00 pm - Candlelight Communion

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 pm

Pastor Ponder preaching and serving Holy Communion at Telford Baptist Church

Saturday, April 15

9:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Children's Easter Party

Easter Sunday 7:00 am

Sunrise Service (a light breakfast will follow)

Easter Sunday

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Resurrection Celebration Service

(All evening activities will be postponed on Easter Sunday)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Rachel Ratheal, Laura Norton and Pam Dugger	AM - Bo, Noel, and Lilly Shell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

This annual offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving all across North America. We will be accepting contributions toward our church's goal of **\$1,000** through **Easter Sunday**. Offering envelopes are available on the back table.

EGG-CITING NEWS!

Our Children's Easter celebration will be held on this Saturday, **April 15th** at **George & Sandra Jaynes'** house (271 Bud Ball Road; right by *The Spot*.) This event is for all kids from the nursery through the 5th grade. Activities will begin at **11:00 a.m.** with lunch being served around noon.

A box will be in the foyer through Wednesday night, April 12th to receive your donations of eggs and candy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Doug ShawMon., Apr. 10 Alma Ruth Snapp ...Thurs., Apr. 14	None this week...

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
(James 5:16)

Sickness & Hospital

Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Amy Bird
Donna Bishop
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Matthew Cutshall
Sam D'Antonio
Mary Davidson
Charles Ellis
Daniel Gardner
Nancy Gillis
Kenneth Gray
Anita Hall
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Dorothy Holley
Elisabeth Holley
Ray Holtsinger
Glen Johnson
Lisa Justice
Bobby Kilgore
Roger Lester
Jacob Luttrell
Herman Marcum
Katrina Mausolf
Sanford McCarty
Tom McCurry
Jim McNamara
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Randy Moore
Pastor Kevin Morris
Jenny Murray
Peggy Payne
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Glenda Purdue
Bart Rickman
Vickie Rust
Jordan St. John
Dorsey Smith
Larry & Judy Smith
Brother Snapp
Mildred Snapp

Betty & Elmer Taylor
Gary Stafford
Tom Swaim
Al Vanderland
Judy Vanlandingham
Megan Vess
Linda Vogel
Cameron Whitaker
Gene Wilcox



Other Requests

American Military
Radio Ministry
The Spot
The families of our
community
Washington County
Jail Ministry
Issac Cutshall
Unspoken requests
FISH Ministry
The young couples of
our church
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Grieving families
Our school teachers
Jason Jackson
Barry Myers

Praise the Lord!

Salvation!

Shut-in & Nursing Home

Christine Harris
Rena Hensley
Martha Quinn
Lou Shelton
Eric Starner
Brownlow Yarbor
Millie Yarbor

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Tom Swaim
Michelle Ayers
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Pam Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

Note:
If a name needs
to remain on the
prayer list for
longer than one
month, just let
Pastor Craig or
Linda King know.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

This week's menu:

**Sub sandwiches, baked beans, chips,
dessert, & drink**

(A **sign up sheet** is in the foyer.)

Meals are **\$4.00** for each adult.

Supper will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**It's VERY important to let the cooks know how many
meals to prepare. Otherwise, food may be insufficient.**
So, **please remember to sign up before Wednesday!**

Thank you for your help in making these fellowship suppers a
time of social and physical nourishment.

**Can't join us for supper? Then, please join our
church family after supper as we gather for a
special Candlelight Communion Service at 7:00
p.m. this Wednesday evening.**

*Need more information or need to **sign up** or **cancel**?*
Call Lavon Jones @ 426-8105.



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