

## April Birthdays

- Apr 1—Mieko Mangar
- Apr 2—Patrick Tyler
- Apr 4—Dwayne Shurum; Sonia Thibodeaux
- Apr 5—Andy Chaviers
- Apr 6—Lauren Guy; Sarah Piper
- Apr 7—Hilliary Hay; April Sargent
- Apr 8—Glenda Watson
- Apr 11—Mary Laverty; Maylee Pruitt
- Apr 12—Katelyn Hamilton; Marcie Horton
- Apr 13—Doris Edwards; Bettye Hickman; Sadie Ridley
- Apr 15—Bill Carter
- Apr 16—Mackie Giddens
- Apr 17—Casey Roberson
- Apr 19—Jerry Butler; Scott Mayfield
- Apr 22—Helen Roberson
- Apr 25—Greg Thornton
- Apr 26—Mae Roberson
- Apr 28—Braylynn Horton; James Peoples;



## April Anniversaries



- Apr 03—Curtis & Cindy Coleman
- Apr 07—Tom & Tammy Young
- Apr 15—Mike & Sherry Ingram; Bobby & Barbara Peoples
- Apr 18—Scott & Mandy Mayfield
- Apr 19—Maury & Jackie Forbus
- Apr 30—Chris & Sonia Thibodeaux

## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM

At the home of Robb & Nicole Peoples. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Nicole Peoples.

The Children's Ministry is also **collecting donations of individually wrapped candy**. There is a collection box in the church vestibule.

## Remember this stuff too . . .

- CLC Reserved - Sat, Apr 1st.
- Children's Picture Fundraiser - Sun, April 2nd.
- No Evening Worship - Sun, April 2nd.
- Drama Practice - Sun, April 2nd & 9th from 5-7 PM.
- Deacon's Meeting - Sun, Apr 2nd at 7pm.
- Business Meeting - Wed, Apr 5th at 6pm.
- Drama Practice - Wed, Apr 5th at 7 PM.
- Kid's Easter Egg Hunt - Sat, April 8th.
- Men's Breakfast - Sun, Apr 9th at 8:30am.
- Kid's Bake Sale - Sun, Apr 9th.
- No Evening Worship - Sun, April 9th.
- Wednesday Supper - Wed, April 12th at 5pm.
- Choir Dress Rehearsal - Wed, April 12th, 7 PM.
- Dress Rehearsal for All- Fri, April 14th at 6 PM.
- BBQ Plate Fundraiser - Sat, April 15th.
- Easter Musical - Sun, April 16th at 11 AM.
- No Evening Worship - Sun, April 16th.
- Newsletter Deadline - Wed, Apr 19th.
- Senior Adult Trip - Sat, April 22nd.
- Wednesday Supper - Wed, April 26th at 5pm.

## Ministry of Hope

Confidential, Christian counseling is provided free of charge by Darlene Touart. To schedule an appointment, call Darlene at 256-872-6140 or call the church office at 256-249-3850.

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## Church Staff:

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Pastor

Josh Piper  
Associate Pastor of Youth  
& Outreach

Dolores Catchings  
Pianist

Harold Catchings  
Drummer

Anneliese Varnado  
Secretary

## Services:

### Sunday:

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Choir Practice 5:00 PM

Worship Service 6:00 PM

### Wednesday:

Supper 5:00 PM\*

Youth 5:45 PM

Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM

Team Kid 6:00 PM

\*Every other Wednesday.

## From Your Pastor

Sunday, April 2, the message will be, "While the Door is Open," based upon Luke 13:22-30. To allow the choir and drama team additional preparation time for Easter, we will not have an evening service on April 2nd.

Sunday, April 9 is Palm Sunday, and the message will be, "Acknowledging the King," based upon Luke 19:28-40. Once again, we will not have an evening service on April 9th, to provide additional rehearsal time for our choir and drama team.

Sunday, April 16 is Easter. We will not have Sunday School. Our theme is "Celebration Sunday: He is Risen." Worship will begin at 10:30 am, in the sanctuary, and will include scripture, drama, choral music, congregational singing, the Lord's Supper, and as always, the opportunity to respond to God's invitation. We will not have an evening service on April 16.

Sunday, April 23, Jake Elliff will be in town and will be preaching in morning worship. It has been a while since Jake has been able to visit, and he usually sings, so we look forward to this opportunity for Jake to share God's word with us. We will resume our regular Sunday evening schedule on April 23rd, with Children in Action back at the 5:00 hour, and evening worship for all ages at 6:00 pm, in the sanctuary. The focus of the evening service on April 23rd will be organizing for outreach in our community as we prepare to begin home visits for Operation Evangelize Sylacauga. We hope to appoint team leaders for visitation, and provide materials for use in witnessing, and praying with the people you will meet.

Sunday, April 30, our 40 days of prayer and fasting for Operation Evangelize Sylacauga will be ending and we will begin the phase of community outreach, home visitation, and witnessing. We will look at the map and lay out our plans to contact our community, home by home, to share the saving message of Jesus. We will close the service with a time of prayer and dedication of ourselves to the task of sharing the gospel. On Sunday evening, April 30, we will once again look at the importance of discipleship. We will also remind everyone of the D-Life ministry and see who is interested in being trained as a leader for a D-Life small group.

What better time to share Jesus than now? As we celebrate the resurrection and are reminded of the new life that we have found in Jesus Christ, we can see others come to know, love, and follow the Savior. I hope you will choose to take part in every opportunity to worship, work, and witness.

In Christ Alone,

*Bro. Danny*

### Spring Pictures Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 2nd

Cost is \$5 for a 5x7 with a Spring background. This is a fundraiser for the Children's Mission Adventure Camp. See Nicole Peoples or Rena Carter for information.

### No Evening Worship Service

Sunday, April 2nd, 9th or 16th.

### Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, April 2nd at 7:00pm.

### Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00pm.

### Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th

10:00am

At the home of Robb & Nicole Peoples. Please see the Children's board to register and to bring a food item. Donations of individually wrapped Easter candy is greatly appreciated. There is a collection box in the church vestibule.

### Children's Fundraiser Bake Sale

Sunday, April 9th in the church vestibule.

Proceeds benefit the children's summer camp.

### Men's Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th  
8:30am in the CLC.

### Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, April 12th  
&  
Wednesday, April 26th

### Youth BBQ Plate Fundraiser

Saturday, April 15th  
From 11am - 1pm in the church kitchen.  
Cost is \$10.00 per plate. See any youth to buy a ticket.  
All proceeds benefit MFUGE Youth camp.

### Choir/Drama Practice Schedule

Sun, April 2nd & 9th at 5-7 PM.

We will eat a light meal between practices so bring your preference (sandwiches, chips, drinks, cookies).

Wed, April 5th at 7 PM.

Wed, April 12th - Dress Rehearsal for choir at 7 PM.

Fri, April 14th - Dress Rehearsal from 6 PM - until...

We will eat again between dress rehearsal. Please bring finger foods, soups, desserts, drinks, etc...

### Easter Drama & Musical

Celebration Sunday  
"He Is Risen"

Sunday, April 16th  
10:30 AM

The choir and drama team will present a dramatic Easter musical about the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come join us in our sanctuary for an amazing performance.

### Senior Adult Trip

Saturday, April 22nd at 2:00 PM

The senior adults will be going to see the play "The Miracle Worker" at B.B. Comer Auditorium and to eat dinner at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant. Cost is \$15 plus your dinner. See the sign up board to register.

### Senior Recognition Service

Sunday, May 7, 2017

We will recognize our graduating high school seniors with a breakfast. Parents and grandparents are invited. Please let us know how many will be attending. Also we need a few pictures of each senior, their college choice and major as well as any special recognitions. Please submit all info to the church office or Josh Piper.

# APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  CLC Rsvd
2 Spring Picture Fundraiser No PM Worship Deacon's Meeting	3	4	5  Business Meeting-6pm	6	7	8  Kids Easter Egg Hunt
9 Men's Breakfast Kid's Bake Sale No PM Worship	10	11	12 Wed Night Supper	13	14	15  BBQ Plate Fundraiser 11am-1pm
16 AM Easter Service No PM Service	17	18	19  Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22  Senior Adult Trip
23	24	25	26 Wed Night Supper	27	28	29

### Youth & Outreach Ministry

The students had a great month in March with our DNOW and Envelope fundraiser. The Envelope fundraiser raised just over 500 dollars that will go toward camp! Thank you to everyone who supported our youth.



In April we will be having a BBQ Fundraiser with Good Ole Boys on the 15th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Plates are \$10 each and include baked beans, pulled pork, and cole slaw. Plates can be picked up in the church kitchen. If you would like to by a ticket please see any of the students or Josh. Deadline to purchase your ticket and pay is Sunday, April 9th.

Our outreach focus for the next month is going to be Operation Evangelize Sylacauga. We will be praying and focusing on getting out to our community as much as possible!



June 16-17, 2017 at the BJCC Arena.

Guest speakers will be:  
Bill Butterworth, Coach Hugh Freeze,  
David Jeremiah, Fred Luter,  
Henry Cloud, & Phil Waldrep.  
Worship Leader: Charles Billingsley

There is a sign up list on the bulletin board. Please see Tom Young for more information and pricing.