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*Come To Me, All
You Who Are
Weary And
Burdened, And I
Will Give You Rest.*

— Matthew 11:28

I hope this past week went better than you could have hoped. As we continue along our Lenten journey to the cross and then to Easter, the word **perspective** keeps coming to mind. Perspective is an important thing for each of us in all we do. It is especially important during times of discouragement, disappointment, and difficulty. I read a recent devotion on this topic that I found to be encouraging (based on Psalm 77). May it bless and encourage you, as well, in the coming days.

Pain always seems worse in the middle of the night when sleep escapes us and we are left to toss and turn in our beds. That's when we often question God's intentions: "Have you forgotten me, God? Are you angry with me? Do you even love me anymore?"

The writer of Psalm 77 experienced these feelings of lonely despair and yet found a glimmer of hope in remembering. Verse 11 says, "I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old." When faced with doubt and suffering, the psalmist went back to the past to find evidence of God's provision and care. He cites the example of when the Hebrew people were escaping Pharaoh's army and were up against the seemingly impenetrable barrier of the Red Sea. Verses 19-20 state, "Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron."

*God's rescue was through a seemingly impossible path. His footprints were invisible in the swirling water, **but they were there**. He led his people to safety.*

We have many reasons to be encouraged! May God take our hands and lead us through these 40 days of prayerful reflection and repentance to the resurrection joy of Easter. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday. Please plan on coming and let's make it a great day.

With Every Blessing,

Whit

Worship Preview:

Text: Matthew 6:9-15
Psalm 103
Psalm 51:1-12

Title: "Forgiven and Forgiving"

REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD SATURDAY NIGHT

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. BETH BARRINEAU

By: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Helms

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By: Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Richter

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PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER:

The Preschool is currently selling South Pit BBQ tickets for our annual fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held on Thursday, March 22nd. Tickets are \$8.00. You may purchase tickets from Ruth in the church office, Jamie in the preschool office, or on Wednesday nights from Jeanette Shiver.



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SATURDAY NIGHT!**

PERKINS UMMEN:

Will meet Monday, March 12, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship. Contact Billy Wind or Dale Helms for reservations for the meal.

Name _____ No. _____



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

ARCHBOLD:

Mrs. Sammie Harper

AT HOME:

Mr. Bob Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Godwin
Mrs. Bonnie McMillan (mother of Keri Hopkins)	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hopkins
Mr. Henry Andrews	Dr. Bob Kral
Mrs. Carolyn Brown	Mrs. Louise Lloyd
Mrs. Zena Brown	Mrs. Pat Manny
Mr. Keith Campbell	Mr. Billy Rathel
Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Clark	Mrs. Sandee Rinker
Mrs. Nan Crawford	Miss Aubrey Walden (granddaughter of Rodney, Cindy Turner)
Mrs. Minnie Jenkins (Sisters of Sally Miller)	Marilyn Wright, Gerald Anderson, Cecil Gibbs - Michelle Thornton's family members
Mr. Craig Cutchens	Mr. Alan Young
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gainous	
Mr. Smiley Gale	
Mrs. Jennette Gandy	

GAINESVILLE, GA:

Mr. Steve Dupree

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mrs. Marjorie Blair (Mother of Debbie Davis)

EVERETT, WA:

Mr. Doug Ricks (Brother of Marilyn Ricks)

MD ANDERSON:

Mrs. Deborah Hudson (Step-Mother of Robert Hudson)

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

New Additions in **Bold**

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED

LIVING RESIDENTS:

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Joan Cassels
Mrs. Helen Williams

BAINBRIDGE, GA:

Mr. Ronald Hall
Mr. Sam Inabinet

REMINGTON HEIGHTS, OMAHA, NE:

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson

DISCOVERY VILLAGES, SUWANNEE, GA:

Mrs. LaVonne Childers

CARLYLE PLACE, MACON, GA:

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Skinner

ST. PETERS, MO:

Mrs. Joyce VanLandingham



**Week of
March 11-March 17
2018**

Sunday, March 11:

- * 8:15 am Early Worship - Chapel
- * 8:55 am Contemporary Worship
- * 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- * 9:45 am Sunday School
- * 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm Bible Study
- Children's Activity
- 5:30 pm Youth Activity

Monday, March 12:

- 9:30 am Ladies' Sewing Group
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 7:00 pm Perkins UMMen

Tuesday, March 13:

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
 - 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
 - 5:30 pm Finance Committee
- Fellowship Hall Reserved*

Wednesday, March 14:

- * 5:00 pm Handbells
- * 5:50 pm Meal
- * 6:30 pm Age Level Activities
- * 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 15:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, March 16:

- 2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6
- 9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

MILITARY:

Please remember our members of the military.

John Godbehere, Josh Ballroe, Nathan Greene, Dr. Kevin Gray, James and Brittany Ragan



Birthdays

March 12: Sonya Porter

March 14: Cheryl Mills, Michelle Thornton

March 15: Ryan Mitchell, Bob Ponder, III

March 16: Michelle Bishop, Robbie Harrison

March 17: Linda Johnson (Mrs. Jon), Randy Wind

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 3/4/18

8:15 am Worship24
8:55 am Worship56
11:00 am Worship117
Weekly Receipts\$11,630.00
Weekly NeededTBD
Received to Date - Op\$104,465.64
Designated\$480.00
Bucket Brigade\$107.78

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for March will go to South Georgia Conference Special Offerings.

OUR VISITORS, MARCH 4, 2018:

(Registered) None registered.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Can be found on the table in the downstairs hallway. If you give weekly or monthly, please pick up and use your offering envelopes. This is most helpful in making sure contributions are posted correctly.

Sunday, March 25th

FOR SUCH A ONE AS THIS

A dramatic musical presentation for Holy Week

SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY MORNING CONCERT:

"For Such a One as This." There are two opportunities on Palm Sunday for a reflective time on Jesus' last week on Earth. One presentation at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and another at 10:30. The Chancel Choir; Soloists, Brendan Forrest and Cheryl Mills; interspersed with nine Characters sharing their thoughts and insights on the last moments at the cross with Jesus. The children will be processing with the palms. The events of the passion of Christ as seen through the eyes of some of the disciples; Mary Magdalene; Mary, the mother of Jesus; Pontius Pilate; and Simon of Cyrene. Each character has a spoken monologue interspersed with original choral pieces by Hayes, Make your plans now for your entire family begin Holy Week with us on Palm Sunday morning, 8:30 and 10:30 presentations, "For Such a One as This."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...JODI

email: jdforgione@gmail.com
text: 229.263.1350

March 25th is Palm Sunday and we would like to have some of our children participate in the worship service by carrying palm branches at the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Please let me know which service your child will be able to attend.

I need some men who would be willing to put together the two new cribs we have for the nursery and remove the old cribs.

- Wednesday evening we will be continuing our lesson on The Ten Commandments.
- Please start bringing in candy filled eggs for our egg hunt. (A dozen eggs per child)

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 25 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Egg Hunt



YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KYLE

The youth had a fun time this past Sunday night youth night! We will be continuing this every Sunday night from now until summer. It starts at 5:30 and runs to 7:00. Hope to see your youth at the next one!



Drama Opportunity! The Worship Team is looking for actors and a director for a skit to be performed during the combined worship on April 29. We are seeking the following actors: 1 teenage male, 1 teenage female, and 2 adults. Rehearsals will begin in early March. If you have an interest in participating in worship through drama, please contact Cheryl Mills 404-771-3719.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - March 11, 2018

Chapel Informal Traditional 8:15

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Matthew 6:9-15 (*Pew Bible, Page 685*)

THE SERMON“Forgiven and Forgiving”Rev. Byram

Sanctuary Contemporary 8:55

ACOLYTESSusannah Byram

CHILDREN'S SERMONMrs. Cheryl Mills

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
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THOSE WHO SERVE: 8:55 AM

8:55 SS Greeters/Ushers: Tom and Carol Lehman

Praise Band: Kyle Parker (leader and vocals), Chris Parker (vocals), Jeremy Thomas (bass guitar), and Brendan Forrest (percussion and keyboard); **Tech:** Max White

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CAIRO FIRST
March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Christian Color: Purple

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Whit Byram

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESSusannah Byram

THE PRELUDEMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey
Be Still, My Soul - Thompson

(The prelude is a prayerful preparation for the worship of God)

THE CALL TO WORSHIPPsalm 9

Leader: I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

People: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: Those who know your name trust in you,

People: for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

All: With grateful hearts, let us now sing praise to the Lord.

*THE HYMN OF THE CROSSNo. 298
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles' CreedNo. 881

*THE RESPONSE*Glory Be to the Father*No. 70

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE ANTHEMChancel Choir
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYERDr. Ed Lyon

*THE HYMN OF ASSURANCENo. 364
Because He Lives

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Byram

THE OFFERTORYMr. Self
My Song Is Love Unknown - Vaughn-Williams

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

THE SOLOMrs. Whitney Scanling
Devotion - Courtney

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Byram
Matthew 6:9-15 (*Pew Bible, Page 685*)

THE SERMON"Forgiven and Forgiving"Rev. Byram

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 398
Jesus Calls Us

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Byram

*THE POSTLUDEMr. Self
Am I a Soldier of the Cross? - Powell

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Mike Mills

Bulletin: Diane, Bob Jones

Ushers: Gene Smith

SS Greeters: Azalee Wight SS Class

Altar Guild: Cheryl Mills, Charlene Powell

* Please stand as you are able.

^ Please come forward at this time if you wish to unite with this Christian fellowship. The doors are always open for those desiring to become members.

Please sign the attendance register.



Notices/Events

SMALL GROUPS:

Post High School/Young Adult Sunday School class will be meeting in the chapel during the 10-11:00 Sunday School hour. We will begin with an overview of the Old Testament especially as it relates to events in the New Testament. For information contact Carol Lehman or Elizabeth Watkins.

TWO YOGA CLASSES:

Chair Yoga will continue every Monday at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. This is a great way for beginners to start doing yoga.

Mat yoga classes will be held at 1:30 PM on both Mondays and Wednesdays at Kasey Oliver's gym, Cairo Acrobatics.

BOOK CLUB:

Will next meet on April 15th to discuss *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Will meet Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 10 am in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School classroom. You are welcome to attend.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm.

CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:

Please make reservations for the meals by calling the church office or filling out the form below and placing in the offering plate even if you have had reservations in previous years. Permanent reservations must be honored unless cancelled by noon on Tuesday. \$4.00 adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. Maximum family charge is \$13.00 for those living in the same household.

_____ 3/14/18 _____ Permanent

Name _____

_____ No. of Adults _____ No. of Children (3-11)

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- Rev. Whit Byram *Pastor*
- Mrs. Ruth Sims *Adm. Assistant*
- Mrs. Jamie Allen . . . *Preschool Director*
- Mr. Kyle Parker . . . *Director - Contemporary
Worship, Youth, & Family Ministries*
- Mrs. Jodi Kindred . . *Children's Director*
- Dr. Ed Lyon *Minister of Music*
- Mr. Ed Self *Organist*
- Mrs. Megan Lokey *Pianist*
- Church Office 229-377-3051
- Emergency Number . . . 229-377-1017

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use one of the following addresses:

adm.cairofum@syrupecity.net
cairofum@syrupecity.net

E-MAILS ADDRESS/CELL PHONE NUMBERS: Contact with church members is very important. Please turn in email addresses and cell phone numbers especially if you no longer use a land line for your telephone. Thanks

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Cell Number _____

Thanks ever so much!