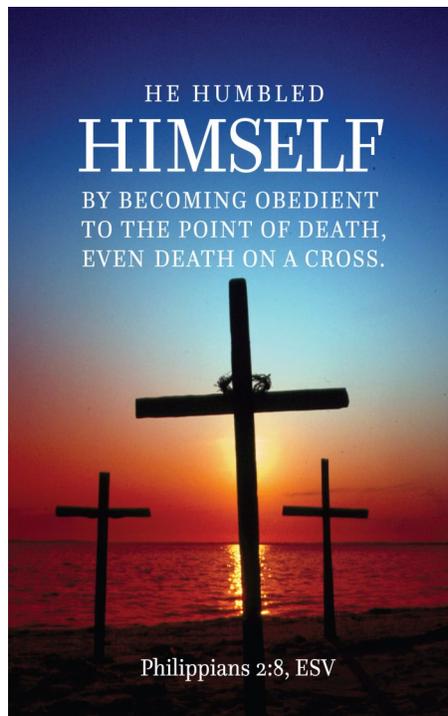


JESUS, OUR REDEEMER

In order to become our kinsman who redeems us, God's own Son had to leave the eternal smile of his Father's blessing and enter this world of suffering and evil. Jesus Christ has to expose himself to the hatred and enmity that this world has for whatever is good and holy, and to learn through harsh experience how to trust his Father in the dark times as well as the good times. Jesus received a body that could experience evil in its most vicious forms. He had a back that could be scourged and beaten until it was bloody and raw, hands and feet of living flesh that could be pierced by cruel nails, a side that could be stabbed with a spear, and a heart that could be broken by hypocrisy, treachery, ingratitude, faithlessness, and abandonment. The one who is himself the Good Shepherd took the place of his errant sheep in order to rescue us from the dangers of the valley of death's deep shadow. The faithful Son was abandoned by his own Father in order to buy us back from our bondage and return to us the inheritance that we squandered through our own sin and evil. He redeemed us from all evil by taking upon himself the punishment that our sin deserves as its penalty and by covering us with his perfect holiness and purity. That is the power of the cross: the Son of God who was slain for us now clothes us with his perfect righteousness, thereby accomplishing God's eternal purpose to have a holy people who would belong to him forever.

We live in an evil and broken world. However, as the cross and the resurrection of Jesus demonstrate, we serve a God who regularly brings glorious light out of the deepest darkness, beautiful good out of the ugliest evil, perfect healing out of painful sickness, and resurrection life out of death itself. This is the faithful, shepherding God who has committed to himself to lead you until the day of your death and then welcome you into a glorious inheritance in Christ, in which all of the evil of your life will be beautifully and wondrously redeemed.

— Iain Duguid/Matthew Harmon, *"Living in the Light of Inextinguishable Hope"*



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In honor of
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Sunday, April 23, 12:00 pm
Back of the sanctuary
The couple is registered at Target and
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"I give them eternal life, and ... no one will snatch them out of my hand."

JOHN 10:28, ESV

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ROTATION

APRIL	2	9	16	23	30
Infant	Lisa Robertson	Leigh Anne Hill	Chrissy McLeod	Jean Miller	Claire Stover
Infant	Claire Stover	Susan Goode	Suzan Freeman	Kris Herndon	Beth Wilson
2's & 3's	Kathryn Searle	Deby Buchanan	Jack Totherow	Mary Mallory	Susan Weaver
Children's Church 4y-1st	H & K McWilliams	Amy Minish	Alice & Jay Walker	Sue Pruitt	Chrissy McLeod
Children's Church 2-6gr	Dameon Chad	Jeremy Eddie	Shannon Dameon	Chad Jeremy	Stay in service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



2nd-Jean Miller; 3rd-Sonny & Susan Weaver (A); 4th-Kay Pugh, Sam Smith; 7th-William Folsom; 10th-Dorothy Burleigh; 13th-Joni Russ; 18th-Bernie Gilliland; 19th-Peck Mallory III; 22nd-Leo & Phyllis Berthiaume (A); 24th-Forney Russ; 25th-Rick Searle, Lucy McWilliams; 27th-Boyce & Donna Callahan (A); 30th-Sandy Orr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Head of School Search

There is a Head of School Search Committee meeting Sunday evening, April 2, at 7:00 pm in the church office.

No Sunday School April 9

On Sunday, April 9, the Alabama Cycling Classic will take place on Choccolocco Road. The road will not be closed, but the event will affect traffic patterns during church hours. The race is a 22-mile loop that will take cyclists over Choccolocco Road approximately every 45 minutes between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. There will be a 15 to 20 minute delay while traffic is held for the cyclists to pass. For this reason, we are canceling Sunday School so that people can allow extra travel time for the worship service.

STORY TIME IN THE NURSERY

