

Upcoming Activities

- ◆ Apr. 1-SonRise Service 8:30 am
- ◆ Apr. 1-Breakfast 9 am
- ◆ Apr. 1-Children’s Easter Egg Hunt 12 pm
- ◆ Apr. 1-NO PM
- ◆ Apr. 1-Quarterly Reports Due
- ◆ Apr. 5-J.O.Y. Club 11 am
- ◆ Apr. 8-CentriKid Breakfast Fundraiser 9:30 am
- ◆ Apr. 8-Youth FFF Kickball and Corndogs 4:30 pm
- ◆ Apr. 8-Quarterly Business Meeting 6 pm
- ◆ Apr. 9-Deacon’s Meeting 6:30 pm
- ◆ Apr. 14-Youth Canoe Trip
- ◆ Apr. 15-VBS Workers Meeting
Supply List Deadline! 3 pm
- ◆ Apr. 17-WITS Missions Group 11 am
- ◆ Apr. 18-WMU 6 pm
- ◆ Apr. 21-Joseph Ministry
- ◆ Apr. 21-Brotherhood Fishing Tournament
- ◆ Apr. 22-Youth MFUGE Dessert Auction 12 pm
- ◆ Apr. 23-Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm



CENTRIKID BREAKFAST BISCUIT FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 8th
9:30 am

We will have some breakfast biscuits available for you to pick up on your way to Bible Study. Pick up a biscuit, fix a cup of coffee, make a donation and off you go! Let us take care of breakfast for you!



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“Stop doubting
and
BELIEVE”



JOHN 20:27, NIV

SUNDAY

Sunday School9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Creative Ministry.....3:00 pm
Adult Discipleship Training.....4:00 pm
Choir practice/Small Group Studies.....4:45 pm
Youth/RA’s/GA’s/Mission Friends.....4:45 pm
Evening worship6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Prayer –Adult Small Group Studies.....6:00-7:00 pm
Preschool & Children’s Choirs.....6:00-7:00 pm
Youth Collision.....6:00-7:45 pm

“The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again.”

–A.W. Tozer

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From the Pastor...

APRIL FOOLS! Have you ever had an April Fool's joke played on you? A guy named Tim was driving his truck all over town as usual, But this day was different. People were pulling up right on him and honking their horns, waving and yelling. It was getting ridiculous. About 2 thirds of the way through the day, he had enough. He started reacting in ways that were not normal for him. I will leave that to your imagination. But at the end of the day he got out of his truck and walked around the back of his truck. Some of his friends put a sign on his tailgate that said , "HONK, YELL AND WAVE AT TIM...THIS IS APRIL FOOLS and he has no idea this sign is on his truck!"

Easter is April 1 on April Fool's day. Think about that. "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God". The devil tries to make us fools. He, however, is the ultimate fool. He thought he had gotten rid if the Son Of God, but Jesus fooled him on that resurrection morning! UP FROM HE GRAVE HE AROSE!

What joy that brings to the world! What HOPE! Without hope there is no joy. Without hope there is no peace.

Forgiveness, joy, peace, love, purpose, LIFE ETERNAL., all because of Jesus Christ. I look forward to seeing you as we celebrate Easter together April 1. The schedule for the day is found here in the bulletin. Don't miss a thing because Easter is no April Fool's joke. What a great day it will be.

I'm proud to be your Pastor
Ronnie Boulware

Dear Church,

Greetings in Jesus' name. During this Easter season, may I ask, are you laying things aside in your life that don't need to be there and, are you putting on those things that look like Jesus? What a wonderful time to give God ALL OF YOU! I'm reminded of all He gave for us.....His very life! Surely, if we call him Lord, we can lay aside weight and sin, which, by the way, so easily besets us, and look to Jesus, our author and finisher of our faith!! The closer I look at Gethsemane, the more I recognize His suffering for me!! That makes me want to strive to be like Jesus! Because, after all, I'm wanting to hear: "well done"!

As many of you know, I was raised in the north until I was a junior in high school. There was a strong Catholic presence all around. Each year during the Easter season, my friends and townspeople would take part in lent. They would pick something to "give up" during that season. That always seemed to help ground them to the things of God and brought dedication to God, their church and religion. Listening to their stories of their desire to change some things in their lives, it occurred to me one day: why wouldn't I want to give up everything for Christ? God began to put His finger on that in my life and I found great peace in knowing that if I wanted to be like Jesus, I needed to surrender my WHOLE being to His perfect will in my life. I figured if He died for me, I could strive to die for Him, daily! Die to those things that didn't look like him, and live an abundant life! Take up my cross daily and live in the fullness only Christ can offer, in the Holy Spirit!

Let's all ask God to fill up all the voids in our lives so, at the end of the day, we look more like Him, daily! Keep your hands to the plow and "plow on"! Happy Easter!

In Christ alone,
Brad

Dear Parents and Students,

On Wednesday nights we have been studying through the covenants in the Bible. We will be talking about the new covenant of God's grace around Easter time. It has been very rewarding seeing our students understand how important the covenants are to the overall story of God's redemption plan. If your student isn't coming on Wednesday nights, I encourage you to send them. I am constantly reminded and marvel that God wants to have a relationship with us at all. Despite our doubts, half hearted worship, our disobedience, and sometimes being distracted from what is really important, our God still pursues a relationship with us.

There is nothing that is more important than having a relationship with God. Parents, you can't encourage your student if you aren't living for the Lord. Take time to gauge where you are in your walk with God. Take steps to be more disciplined in reading the word and praying regularly so that you are equipped to help guide your students through life's struggles and difficulties. Perhaps you are struggling to relate to your student and feel discouraged in decisions they are making. Despite the discouragement, be that constant source of encouragement and wisdom that only comes from the overflow of your relationship with God.

Use each moment God gives you to invest spiritually into your children. None of us will stand before the judgement seat of God answering for why we missed a particular ball game or band performance. We will be judged for how we raised the children God has given us. As always, I'm here to help support you in what you are doing to spiritually develop your children. Let me know of specific ways I can help you.

Blair McBride