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9:00 A.M. — NURSERY THRU 3 YEAR OLDS

04 Peggy Wooddall, Mo Andriate
11 Stephanie Roberts, Mo Andriate
18 Michelle Gaddy, Karen Davis
25 Michelle Gaddy, Karen Davis

10:00 A.M. — NURSERY THRU 3 YEAR OLDS

04 Carmel Thompson, Rebecca Sims
11 Jessica Carson, Hannah Peace
18 Carmel Thompson, Renee Wright
25 Mandy Cornelison, Amanda Richardson

11:00 A.M. — INFANTS— 3 YEAR OLDS

04 Jenny Eidson, Lisa Grace
11 Joe and Jessie Tallant, Blake Wilbanks
18 Lisa Skelton, Jim Gaddy
25 Karen Lambert, Wendy James



April 2021

*~Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever!*

Psalm 23:6

When I was a little girl, I believed God had a magic wand of sorts and was going to magically turn me into a perfect Christian after I accepted Him. Big surprise, it didn't happen. When my Sunday School teachers told us the story of Solomon and how he asked for Wisdom and got it, I too prayed for Wisdom (I really did sincerely ask). I was so hopeful, but once again, it did not happen. Not instantly at least.

And as I think about growth, especially growing in faith, I've discovered that there is no magic wand. Quite the opposite, it is often through struggle that real, lasting growth happens. I think of Spring and how nature seems to suddenly burst forth into beautiful color, but in reality the messy process of growth happened over the long, bleak Winter.

Educators call the place of growth the "Learning Pit." We enter and must figure out how to succeed—or survive. Whether we jump in willingly or are pushed in by our circumstances, the "pit" can be a scary place where we come face to face with fear and uncertainty and doubt. It's a new place, a place that is uncomfortable at the least and painful at the most. But we must fight through in order to learn and grow. As Christians, we don't get a free pass out of the struggle, but God does not leave us to struggle alone.

The church has aptly named the day of Jesus' crucifixion, "Good Friday." It is the day of the Ultimate Struggle. Like us, Jesus longed for an easier way and asked God to somehow allow Him to avoid it. But Christ knew He must face His own "pit," the cross and then the grave, so that we might gain direct access to the Almighty God. He understood that without God's help, sin and evil would overcome us, so Jesus gave His life; and the veil between God and us was forever torn.

With that accomplished, God's very purpose in creating us could now be fulfilled-- we could now enjoy God and He us. He could abide with us and be our "Good," our Comforter and Helper, even our Victor, just as He was on Easter Morning! Come what may, we are blessed because He is with us and we are with Him.

I have a lot of growing still to do and no doubt it will involve much struggle, but God's Presence and His Power will always be with me, and in the end, that is better than any magic wand I could ever wish for.

Carmel Thompson



Damon Skelton Traditional Worship Leader

Easter should be the most celebrated day of the year. John's gospel tells us that, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." However, the Word did not just come to the earth to dwell among us; the Word came to die for your and my sins. Moreover, the most glorious part is the Word overcame death and the grave to bring us life everlasting! This victory over death is something that should be celebrated every day and what better way to celebrate than with worship!

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

1 Corinthians 15:17

Our faith and hope is based solely on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. His life, death, and resurrection paved a way for us to receive eternal life in order for us to spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Spend time this Easter in worship to the One who Paid It All.

Here is a list of some of my favorite worship songs to help celebrate: Resurrecting – Elevation Worship
My favorite lyric in this song is "by your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat, the resurrected king is resurrecting me. In your name I come alive, to declare your victory, the resurrected king is resurrecting me!"

Up From the Grave He Arose. One of my favorite hymns to declare victory over the grave.

Forever—Kari Jobe

Just to hear the words - "Forever He is glorified, forever He is lifted high, forever He is risen, He is alive He is alive!" Wow! Brings joy to my heart.

I hope these worship songs can bring your heart to a place of celebration this Easter. Come be a part of Resurrection Sunday this Easter and join us as we worship as a community of people in need of a Savior.

With much love and God's blessings,

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Eric Patterson Student Minister

April Showers

Every year during this time I am reminded of the saying "April Showers bring May Flowers!" I remember seeing this plastered on every bulletin board throughout my time in grade school and it still brings fond memories. I have never really thought about why this saying comes to me every year, but as I look at how the past year played out I understand the heart of the statement. This statement is not just about flowers and summertime, it's about hope. The children's saying helps to remind us that although storms will occur, they are often necessary for growth.

There will be times in the life of the believer when we can't see the purpose of our pain, but we have to be careful to remember that just because we can't see the purpose does not mean that there isn't one. We see this in scripture when the disciples witnessed their Lord and friend tortured then eventually murdered. They could not see the purpose in their pain and it was not until the Lord was resurrected by the power of the Holy Spirit that they began to understand that Christ's pain was necessary for the flourishing of humanity. So, take this saying with you to understand that often purpose is on the other side of pain and we can have this hope throughout the rest of our lifetime.

Love Y'all
Eric Patterson

Michelle Gaddy Interim Children's Minister

Hi PBC Family! I'd like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to you. My name is Michelle Gaddy and I will be serving as Interim Children's Minister. I have a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in secondary education. Our family have been members of Palmetto Baptist for about five years. Rene' asked me to be her Children's Ministry Assistant around three years ago and I was pleased to help in any way I could. While helping Rene', I also work part time at our church's wonderful preschool program in the two-year-old class. I can genuinely say that I love coming to work every day.

I have a wonderful and supportive husband of almost 12 years, named Jim. He serves as part of the deacon body and heads up the softball team, champions, I might add. We have two spirited little boys named Landon (9) and Lincoln (7). Maybe you've seen them around. They enjoy running through the sanctuary when the chairs are put away during Upward season. When we began a family, we decided that I would stay home with them. As they grew older and entered elementary school, I began working again, part time. PBC has given me countless blessings and opportunities over my years working here.

While change can be scary, it can also lead to many blessings. Our church is going through many transitions and I can assure you that I am fully committed to the growth and enhancement of our church and our Children's Ministry program. Children are the future of our church and the cultivation of their spiritual walk is vitally important. My goal and intentions are for church to be a place where children want to come, a place of comfort and a place where they know they are loved. I am excited to serve in this new capacity and am thankful for all Rene's hard work. My door is always open, and I look forward to the future.

Michelle

Jess Wilbanks Minister of Senior Adults

Light Bearers

Luke 11:33-36

The Light in You

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

The Well is a quarterly Women's Worship evening in Newnan, some of PBC's ladies have been going for a year. The most recent facilitator challenged us to remember we are light bearers. She asked us if we consider ourselves light-hearted? She wasn't suggesting we make light or fun, she was asking about the condition of our hearts- are they filled with light?

We all know the song, This Little Light of Mine from childhood. Consider this practical example: we wouldn't go to Target and spend good money on a fantastic lamp to then leave it in the trunk of the car. Jesus paid for us to have light through salvation; we need to show people who He is and be a light for others to find their way out of darkness. Be a Sunbeam! - Jess

The Well

May 3, 2021, 7pm

SonRise Baptist Church





April 2021

April Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Senior Adults go to Sistine Chapel Exhibit 10am	2 Good Friday Senior Adults BBQ luncheon 12 pm	3 PBC Kids Easter Egg Hunt 11am
4 Easter	5	6 Men's softball game 7pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Conference 10am Church Council 12pm	19 My Brothers Ministry	20 Men's softball game 7pm	21 PBC Kids paint the parking lot	22	23	24
25	26	27 Men's softball game 8:05pm	28	29	30 Red Cross Blood Drive Students DNOW Lock in	

Buck Tallant	01	Joan Cordle	17
Ellie Tallant	01	Nancy Holifield	17
Rick Baird	02	Mae Adams	18
Amber Beatty	02	Neal Carson	19
John Michael Roley	02	Savannah Cody	19
Meredith James	03	Marcus Barela	20
Jacob Rice	03	Peggy Wooddall	21
Betty Powell	04	Anniston Hembree	22
Brian Smith	05	Karen Lambert	22
Alex Gould	06	Emily Sims	23
Jamie Farr	06	Kenneth Grace	24
Jimmy Johnston	06	Will Schornhorst	26
Jessica Carson	07	Alex Smith	27
Gavin LaFlamme	07	Rebecca Thompson	27
Rayda Wolfe	07	Amelia Hendrick	28
Nathan Crawford	09	Will Watson	28
Stephanie Roberts	09	Sonja Higginbotham	29
Janessa Smith	09	Linda Huff	29
Anthony Andriate	10	Melissa Jenkins	29
Olivia Douglas	14	Wanda Moore	29
Kathy Belcher	16	Greg Williams	29

April Deacons

March 28—April 3
Dave Eidson, David Carpenter, C.J. Richardson, David Grubbs

April 4—10
Claiborne James, Shannon Becham, Jeff Collinsworth, Lee Cunningham

April 11—17
Jim Gaddy, Tommy Wood, Kenny Thompson, Erv Carter

April 18 - 24
Gary Milner, Jack Sims, Roger Smith, Alton Powell

April 25—May 1
Neal Carson, Frank Lambert, Eric Johnston, James White

PBC Sundays

Traditional Worship Service
PBC Bible Studies
Contemporary Worship Service
PBC Home Groups

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
PBC Kids' activities
Vertical Student Ministry
PBC-Bible Study Classes
Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday Evenings

4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:45 p.m.

PBC Deaf Ministry
PBC Food Pantry
PBC Media Ministry
PBC Ladies' Fellowship
Palmetto Baptist Weekday
Preschool (September—May)
Prayer Ministry
Faith Riders

Additional PBC Ministries

My Brothers Ministry
Men's Ministry
PBC Mission Trips
PBC Hispanic Ministry
Love in Buttons
Clothes Closet
Upward Basketball &
Cheerleading (Jan./Feb.)