# the FARRAGUT family

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SERVE ALL

Shannon and I went for a walk this week in the warm weather. We try to walk everyday, if the weather allows it. We walked on Wednesday and I noticed the red bud trees, with buds on them. A little later we saw some green shoots of daffodils coming up out of the ground. The red buds and daffodils hadn't bloomed yet, but there is an anticipation that they will be blooming soon. We did the exact same walk on Tuesday and I hadn't noticed. I assume they were the same on Tuesday as they were on Wednesday, these things don't grow that fast overnight, but for me it is as if they do, since I didn't notice them. All of this makes me think about Easter. As we go through our day to day life, it is easy to miss things. This week we have been praying for friends who have lost loved ones in their family. We are praying for friends having cancer surgery. We are praying for friends who are waiting for test results. We are praying for folks who have been affected by three different shootings across our country. On top of all of that we are busy working, raising kids, and paying bills with our heads down, just getting by. Yet during all of this, Easter is coming closer and closer. For us in the midst of the struggle, the green has broken through the ground, the buds are getting ready to burst forth with beauty and color. The flowers coming back reminds us that Easter is near and Easter reminds us that Jesus came back from the grave. And because Jesus came back from the grave, we can be transformed no matter what we are going through. Christ in you, the hope of glory, Paul tells us. Easter reminds us that we are being transformed into the love and beauty of Jesus. The same power that brings the flowers back each year, brought Jesus back and now resides in us.

This Easter we hope that you plan on celebrating with us. The week of Easter we will send out our Easter week devotionals for you to do privately or with your family, to help focus your mind from the mundane of the world to the grace and beauty of Jesus. As a church we alternate each year between a church Seder Supper and a Good Friday service. This year we will do a Good Friday service. If you want to do your own Seder supper at home with your family, small group, or neighbors, feel free to reach out to us and borrow some of our Seder supplies. We invite you to come to the church on Friday, March 29th at 6:00pm for our Good Friday service. In this family friendly service we will focus our hearts on Jesus' death on the cross. At the end we will remind ourselves that it is Friday, but Sunday is coming.

Saturday we invite you to come be a part of our Building Easter Family Event and Egg Hunt from 4:00-5:00pm.

Sunday morning we will start early with our Sunrise Service at 7:00am in the foyer of the church. In this short service we will sing, pray and talk about what it was like early that first Easter. Finally, we want you to celebrate the resurrection at our 10:30am service with our church family.

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Jason Warden-Senior Minister
Randi Nussbaum-Children's Minister
Kenny Shubert-Youth Minister
Aaron Brunsman-Worship Minister
Dena Cunningham-Secretary

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School (all ages) ~ 9:15am Children Worship Service ~ 10:30am Worship Service ~ 10:30am Sunday Night: 5:00 ~ 6:00pm\* Children & Youth: 5:00 ~ 6:15pm\* \*Fall and Spring semesters

# **Student News**

### Lift Tour

3/1-3/3 in Chattanooga

8th-12th Grader

The Lift Tour is a weekend event that is similar to TCTC. Its website describes it as follows: "A two-day weekend experience for middle and high school students designed to intentionally create an environment where students can EXALT Christ through Christ-centered worship, ENGAGE through biblical teaching, and be EQUIPPED with the necessary tools needed to be salt and light for their generation."



Cost: \$100 Deposit: \$25

1st Deadline: 2/21

2nd Deadline: 2/25 (added fee of \$50 if after 2/21)

Register: farragutcc.com/youth

















# **Small Group & Ministry Announcements**

Gouples/Family Shower For Gabe Warden & Emily Hudelson March 2 at 11:00am

All are invited and welcome to attend! Brunch will be served so please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Gabe & Emily are registered at Target and Amazon.



55+ Barbershop Quartet
Performance
Friday, March 8 @ 5:00pm
Desserts & Coffee will be served
a love offering will be taken
Please sign up in the foyer



Craft Days Friday & Saturday March 8 & 9 10:00am - 5:00pm

Come join other ladies in the church as we fellowship, work on our craft and maybe even learn how to do something new!

Bring your own snacks and/or lunch and stay as long you can

# **Children's Ministry**

# Building Easter Weekly Family Devotionals

These hands-on, interactive devotionals are designed to help your whole family prepare their hearts and minds for Easter. Each week, a new kit will be located in the Kids/Youth Hallway. Grab yours beginning March 3rd!



Thank you to the 55+**Group** for their incredible the Kid's aenerositv to Ministry by way of gifts, toys, classroom essentials cards! aift lt is even wonderful to be a part of a church that values learning about Jesus and that every age plays an important role in doing so!



Special THANK YOU to Branson Bridges, Ben Sealey, and Amber Roberts for playing crucial roles in our SuperStart trip!! Also, thank you to everyone who bought doughnuts at our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser event!! Nine of our preteens were able to attend and learn that Everyone can be Kingdom Workers. Everything can be used to share the Gospel. And we can share the Gospel Everywhere!

## **Announcements**



Daylight Saving Time set clocks forward an hour



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3/3 KidMin Family Devotionals begin 3/25 Easter Week Devotionals begin 3/29 Good Friday Service ~ 6pm 3/30 Building Easter Family Event ~ 4-5pm

3/31 Sunrise Service ~ 7am 3/31 Worship Service ~ 10:30am



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I am a big fan of the PBS show Finding Your Roots. The show traces famous peoples' ancestry. I don't know why I like it, it isn't my story, but I enjoy hearing other peoples' stories. It is interesting to see how people respond to learning their story. Sammy Hagar and Julia Roberts in separate episodes, both found out that their last names really aren't Hagar or Roberts. Apparently their DNA tells a different story of what their last name should be compared to the last name handed down to them.

Since January, we have been looking at story after story in the book of John. What can we learn from these peoples' stories? I hope that what we can see is that though they all have been told by society or the world that they are one thing, Jesus tells them a different story. The world has handed down a story and a name for them, but Jesus is giving them a new name, a new story. We want you to see that is true in your life. As we finish looking at the stories that John tells in March, see that a new story is being given to us in Jesus. Christ in us, the hope of glory, is your new story. Come and be reminded of that story.

March 3 ~ John 9 - The Story of the Man Born Blind

March 10 ~ John 11 - The Story of Lazarus

March 17 ~ John 12 - The Story of Mary

March 24 ~ John 18-19 - The Story of the Cross

March 31 ~ Easter ~ John 20 - The Story of Life Again