

The Scroll

PREPARING MY HEART FOR EASTER

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor.”

Luke 4: 17-19

(Isaiah 61: 1-2)

Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus

As we begin Passion Week on Palm Sunday, consider how Jesus’ followers experienced that week. We know that Jesus conquered death and was resurrected on the third day. But how did it feel in the middle of the experience?

Consider what Ann Marie Stewart says in *Preparing My Heart for Easter: A Woman’s Journey to the Cross and Beyond*. “But one problem I have is that I see the resurrection backwards. I’m influenced by knowing the *end* of the story. What would it have been like to be a woman in the crowd during Jesus’ day, experiencing great hope, and then great loss, not comprehending that He would return? Walt Wangerin writes in *Reliving the Passion*, that knowing the end of the story alters our experience of comprehending that final week.

‘It is the experience of genuine grief that prepares for joy... . The disciples approached the Resurrection from their bereavement. For them the death was first, and the death was all. Easter, then, was an explosion of Newness, a marvelous splitting of heaven indeed. But for us, who return backward into the past, the Resurrection comes first, and through it we view a death which is, therefore, less consuming, less horrible, even less real. We miss the disciples’ terrible, wonderful preparation.’ (p 32)” (p v).

As you prepare your heart to celebrate the victory of the Resurrection, try to view the events through the lenses of a man or woman following Jesus during the week before Easter. I am including a list of scriptures (taken from the chart Major Events of Passion Week in the NIV Life Application Bible) encompassing Jesus’ activities between Palm Sunday and Easter to guide you.

Sunday Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
Matthew 21:1-11/Mark 11: 1-10
Luke 19:29-40/John 12:12-19

Monday Jesus clears the Temple
Matthew 21:12-13/Mark 11:15-17
Luke 19:45-46

Tuesday Jesus’ authority challenged in the Temple
Matthew 21:23-27/Mark 11:27-33
Luke 20:1-8
Jesus teaches in stories and confronts the Jewish leaders
Matthew 21:28-23:36
Mark 12:1-40/Luke 20:9-47
Greeks ask to see Jesus
John 12:20-26
The Olivet Discourse
Matthew 24/Mark 13
Luke 21:5-38
Judas agrees to betray Jesus
Matthew 26:14-16/Mark 14:10-11
Luke 22:3-6

Wednesday The Bible does not say what Jesus did on this day. He probably remained in Bethany with His disciples.

Thursday The Last Supper
Matthew 26:26-29/Mark 14:22-25
Luke 22:14-20
Jesus speaks to the disciples in the upper room
John 13-17
Jesus struggles in Gethsemane
Matthew 26:36-46/Mark 14:32-42
Luke 22:39-46/John 18:1
Jesus is betrayed and arrested
Matthew 26:47-56/Mark 14:43-52
Luke 22:47-53/John 18:2-12

Friday Jesus is tried by Jewish and Roman authorities and disowned by Peter
Matthew 26:57-27:2, 11-31
Mark 14:53-15:20/Luke 22:54-23:25
John 18:13-19:16
Jesus is crucified
Matthew 27:31-56/Mark 15:20-41
Luke 23:26-49/John 19:17-30

Saturday Jesus was in the tomb

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E A S T E R R E F L E C T I O N S

I wonder if we REALLY understand the meaning of Easter? The more important question is how do we live in light of Easter? For so many church folk the meaning of Easter has become either just another annual celebration on the Church calendar or the annual pep rally production where we all lock arms, sing Kum ba Ya, and get all pumped up because death has been defeated, our sin is covered, and now we've got our ticket to eternity! Hmm, is that what the Bible really teaches? Well, I don't think so....

Easter is certainly a time to CELEBRATE. Let's ALL PARTY, but let's know what the party is REALLY all about. Is our eternal destination all that Easter is about? What about the present? What about the past? Well, here is something to ponder. Someone once said that time is swallowed up in eternity and God knows no beginning or end and He lives in eternity not time. This is good theology for understanding Easter.

Here is my point. So many folk only see the meaning of Easter in a future tense, the eternal destination and gloss over the implications for the present and past life.

You see eternal life DOES NOT begin AFTER we die, but when we come to know Christ. Listen to Jesus in John 17:3, "And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." Do you see the implications for life this side of Heaven?

Let me briefly share three points for you to ponder. First, because of Easter we are no longer under the penalty of our past, present, and future sins. Christ has paid the price for us. When God looks at our sins, He also looks at what Christ did for us at Easter. He looks through the lens of eternity which encompasses the past, present, and future and He sees that the sin in our life has been covered by the blood of Christ on the Cross.

Second, because Christ paid the penalty for our sin, we no longer have to carry around the baggage of guilt associated with sin—it is finished. So many folk just want to hold on to the guilt of sin. The consequence is the everlasting treadmill of trying to be good enough, trying to work harder, or trying to bargain with God. Ultimately, the result is sheer exhaustion and frustration that results in the prune face

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P R A Y E R R E Q U E S T S

At Home

Ivey Epley-Ken Epley's father
Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's brother
Esteen Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's mother
Tiffany Matthews-youth from Maplewood
Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus's
daughter-in-law
Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece
Charlotte Shore-Danita Disher's mother
Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore's
son
Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore's
nephew

Nursing Home/Rehab

June Blunk
Audrey Chewning
Nell McKnight
Lois Sencial
Betty Shore
Laura Jane Shore
Beulah Stanley
Tobie Styers
Polly Todd
Mary Waller

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B I R T H D A Y S

Apr 6 Junior Gough
Apr 10 Cindy Austin
Apr 15 Blake Holden
Kayla Smith
Apr 26 Brenda Bowman
Apr 28 Melinda Cook

**For You created my
inmost being;
You knit me together
In my mother's womb.
I praise You
because I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made;
Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.**

Psalm 139: 13-14

Courtney Clothing Closet

**Courtney Baptist Church would like to invite you to
our clothing closet in building C of our church . We
are located at 3341 Courtney Church Road.**

**We will be accepting donations and have clothes
available to anyone who needs them. Our hours of
operation are Wednesday 2 -4 pm and
Thursday 10 am-12 noon, 2-4 pm, and 6-8 pm.**

The church phone is 336-463-2681.

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S

	Nursery Workers		Children's Sermon/Church	
Jesus said,	Apr 1	Freddie and Rhonda Robinson	Apr 1	Collins Sisters
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."	Apr 8	Linda and Kristie Kent-Hall	Apr 8	Sherry Leftwich
	Apr 15	Melinda Cook and Janet Epley	Apr 15	Charles and Ann Holden
	Apr 22	Bobby and Rosie Lynch	Apr 22	Tammy Smith
	Apr 29	Debbie and Barry Orrell	Apr 29	Rick Page
Matthew 19:14	May 6	Kent Brandon and Heather Holbrook	May 6	Collins Sisters
	May 13	Bill and Lisa Nance	May 13	Sherry Leftwich
	May 20		May 20	Charles and Ann Holden
	May 27	Kristy White and Kelly Keaton	May 27	Tammy Smith

H A N D S O F H O P E M E D I C A L C L I N I C

OUR MISSION

The Hands of Hope Medical Clinic is a voluntary effort of health professionals, private citizens, businesses, churches, foundations, and other human service agencies. It is and will be a community effort to provide free medical care and resources to the sick and needy in a loving and compassionate manner as best shown by the life of JESUS CHRIST.

OUR LOCATION

Yadkinville Church of Christ
617 West Main Street
(across from the hospital)
Yadkinville

OUR HOURS

Every Tuesday
5:00PM-6:00PM
We accept a minimum of 12 patients and possibly more depending on our volunteers and the severity of the first 12 patients .

Joy Club

The Joy Club will meet on Thursday, April 26, at 11 am at the Old Stage Grill for lunch and fellowship. The May meeting will hopefully be a trip to Mrs. Howard's house for crafts.

Ushers

Apr 1	Edsel Allgood, Chris Disher, J. D. Hutchens, Wayne Renegar
Apr 8	Kent Brandon, Lee Cook, Barry Orrell, Harrell Todd
Apr 15	Janet Epley, Robin Gough, Clyde Hoots, Woodie Gough
Apr 22	Edsel Allgood, Ann Holden, Rosie Lynch, Randy Watson
Apr 29	Youth

Backpack Ministry

The Seeker II will pack the backpacks in April, the Outreach Committee will pack the backpacks in May, and the deacons will pack the backpacks in June.

He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me. Mark 9:36-37

Easter Services

The sunrise service will begin at 6:30 am. Breakfast will follow in the fellowship hall.

The worship service will begin at 10:30.

Please plan to attend both services as we celebrate the resurrection of our LORD!

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Newsletter submission

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at teresa.w.page@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

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| Apr 1 | Palm Sunday and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering | Apr 19 | Outreach/Missions Committee meeting 7 pm |
| Apr 2 | HIM class 7pm | Apr 22 | Worship team meeting 8:45 am |
| Apr 4 | Family Night at the Creek | Apr 23 | HIM class 7pm |
| Apr 5 | HIM class 7pm | Apr 25 | Family Night at the Creek |
| Apr 7 | Operation Hop-A-Long 4–6 pm, Community Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival | Apr 26 | Joy Club will meet at the grill at 11 am |
| Apr 8 | Easter Sunday | Apr 26 | HIM class 7 pm |
| Apr 9 | HIM class 7 pm | Apr 28 | Operation In As Much, meet at the church at 8 am for the teams to go out into the community |
| Apr 11 | Family Night at the Creek | Apr 29 | Boys from Enon worship service 11am |
| Apr 12 | HIM class 7pm | Apr 30 | HIM class 7 pm |
| Apr 12 | Outreach Committee meeting 7 pm | May 20 | May meeting at the Deep Creek Community Center |
| Apr 14 | Spring Barbeque, pick-up only 4–6 pm, the proceeds will be used for missions | | |
| Apr 15 | Deacons meeting 8 am | | |
| Apr 15 | Baptist Men 6 pm | | |
| Apr 15 | Baptist Women 6 pm | | |
| Apr 16 | HIM class 7pm | | |
| Apr 18 | Family Night at the Creek | | |

**Boys From Enon
Special Worship Service**

The Boys From Enon are coming to the Creek! Please join us on April 29 at 11 am for this special worship service to hear the Boys From Enon sing. Bring a friend to this "old time Gospel Music worship hour."

From the Healthy Initiatives Ministry

Greetings from the Healthy Initiatives Ministry! God has blessed us with great attendance at our Monday and Thursday evening classes and has allowed us to witness His will for us and also witness to others about how God can use us if we will only let Him. We have had fun-filled classes with lots of activities including taste testing, recipe analysis, and lots of wonderful exercise to help strengthen our earthly bodies so that we are able to do God's will.

Stress and its effects on our body were discussed this month. Information about how stress affects us is now on our church website and is available simply by clicking on the "Ministries" link and following to Healthy Initiatives documents.

We have also included a recipe analyzer link for your convenience. So, the next time you really want to know the facts about what a recipe contains, use the analyzer. I have found it to be very accurate but sometimes aggravating with pop-up ads!! I am including a recipe for Turkey Wraps that was originally developed by Joy Bauer and edited by me to have less sodium and fat as well as fewer calories; but is delicious and amazingly filling. Please try the dish on a warm spring evening! The recipe analysis is also included. The recipe will be uploaded to our website so that you can access it there. If you do not have access to a computer, just ask me.

We would love to have you join our HIM class at any time. Come out and join us and get a bit healthier as well as enjoy the fellowship and nourishing sense of community we experience in this ministry.

Classes are held every Monday and Thursday evening at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise stated) in the Fellowship Hall. A huge "thanks" to Nathaniel Todd for setting up our sound system and loaning us his video equipment! And a very big thanks to all of you who are participating! If you have any questions, please let me know.

In Him,
Fran

Lenten Readings

Mon Apr 2	Luke 22:16-20	Th Apr 5	Luke 23:39-43
Tues Apr 3	Matthew 26:20-25	Fri Apr 6	Luke 23:44-46
Wed Apr 4	Luke 23:32-38	Sat Apr 7	John 19:25-30

From The Sanctuary for Lent 2012 by Robert V. Dodd

Reflections

of the joyless Christian life. Not exactly what Jesus had in mind in John 10:10.

Finally, God is in the resurrection business this side of Heaven. It is being in Christ that allows God the Holy Spirit to pour out the same resurrection power that raised Christ to life 2000 years ago. So in light of Easter, how has God resurrected your life? The resurrected life is a changed life, the resurrection life is a surrendered life, and the resurrected life is the abundant life of Christ.

So, this Easter let me invite you to ponder about the REAL meaning of Easter and how you are living life now in light of what God did in eternity past more than 2000 years ago.

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In "HIS Grip,"
Rick Page

My Heart

Sunday The Resurrection Matthew 28:1-10/Mark 16:1-11/Luke 24:1-12/John 20:1-18

Please join in experiencing the week before the resurrection as if you were walking along the road with Jesus and His followers.

In Him,
Teresa Page