

Equipping God's People for Works of Service-Eph4:11-16 The Hunt for the Hidden Resurrection

Baptist Church Louisa

God's Word

whatever things were gain me, those things have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More that that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I

may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11

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Have you ever had a grand plan for a ministry event, and at the last minute have the Lord come in, stick His nose in your business and change EVERYTHING?!

For Resurrection Sunday I had this wonderful worship lesson planned for the kids during Children's Church. The turnout was low (not a big deal); the children present were really young. The planning I had done was geared toward a more diverse range of ages. The opening devotion...a hilarious disaster. Through the laughter (in my head) of the failure, my brain went into overdrive, "Lord, we (You) need to fix the rest of this!" So, this is what the Lord immediately commanded, "Stick to the basics of My Resurrection." We did a short Q&A to gauge what they already knew. I filled in the holes and, and we focused in on 4 keys to Jesus' Resurrection story. During the other stations of the morning, those 4 keys were slid in on the various activities; repeatedly.

In the original plan for the morning, before their egg hunt game, I wanted the young disciples to know that unlike the eggs that had been "hidden" from them Jesus' passion/His love for them is in plain sight. They never have to scramble for it, or quickly snatch if before somebody else grabs it, or pry it open to get the temporary thrill inside.

Needless to say, that little speech never happened. We just let them have fun in the wet grass gathering up those plastic eggs. I prayed that those 4 seeds would take root and emerge from their young souls to glorify the Father, His Son and His Spirit.

So...I salute all of us whose grand plans in ministry that have ever been thwarted by the Lord and His divine sense of humor. I'm grateful for His unfailing love; for Him butting into my life, and for reminding me of the necessity of being ready when His Spirit overtakes anything I do in His Name...

In Jesus' Name...



Sick, Shut-in and Prayer Requests and Prayer

Please call these names out during your personal prayer time; and in your intercessions ask the Father to bless these individuals and ministries in His own way and in His own time.

Bro. John Agee Bro. Nathaniel Agee Sis. Yolanda Allen Sis. Ada Anderson The Arnette/Cavanaugh Family

Dea. David Ayers, Sr. & Family

The Banks/Callahan Family

Sis. Ethel Barksdale Bro. Atilol Bland

Dea. James W. Bland

Sis. Lolita Bland Sis. Martha Bland

Dea. Henry Bradshaw

Bro. Russéll Bradshaw, III

Bro. Larry Brown

Bro. Sherman Brown

Bro. William Brown Sis. Mamie Bruce

Bro. Andre Callahan

Rev. Edward Christmas

Sis. Felicia Christmas

Bro. Shaun Daniel

Sis. Cheryl Brooks-Davis

Sis. Marcine Dillard

Bro. John/Sis. Susie Divers

Bro. Charlie English

Dea. Ashland Fortune & LC Sheriff's Dept.

Bro. James Fox Dea. Roger Gaines

Bro. Jamar Galdden &

Family

Bro. Robert Grooms Bro. Alfonso Hardy Bro. Franklin Hardy
Sis. Letia Harris
Sis. Marie Harris
Bro. Hobart Howard
Sis Janas Howard
Kingdom Living Temple
Sis. Stacy Jackson
Dea. Duke Johnson
Sis. Jessica Johnson &
Family

Pastor Lewis & Family Sis. Rhoda Lewis & Family

Bro. Greg Marsh &

Family

Bro. Walter Martin Bro. Lamont Minor Sis. Harriett Parrish

Dea. Roger Parrish Sis. Audrey Perkins

Sis. Adeline Quarles

Sis. Rosemary Quarles & Family

Sis. Lucille Randolph Rev. Tanya Richardson Bro. Ted Richardson

Bro. Alfonza Scott

Bro. Travis Shelton

Rev. Otis Spellman

Rev. Beulah Spellman

Sheriff's Dept. Sis. Charmeka Stewart

Sis. Doretta Trice

Sis. Shelia Waddy

Bro. Thomas Waddy

Sis. lesha White

Sis. Lorraine Winston Walton/Shipman Fam

Walton/Shipman Family



Preaching Schedule

8:00 a.m. Mav



5 - Rev. Dr. Sarah Slaughter

12 - 10 am Worship ONLY

19- Min. Dory Martin

26 - Elder Dorothy Bishop

11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning

Elder Ruben Lewis, Jr.

Away Preaching Engagements

May 3 7:00 p.m. - Pastor Lewis @ Union Branch Baptist, Arvonia-Men's Retreat

May 4 10:00 a.m. - Pastor Lewis @ Union Branch Baptist, Arvonia-Men's Retreat

May 5 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Fortune @ St. James Baptist, Waynesboro

May 12 9:30 a.m. - Rev. Fortune @ Pleasant Grove Baptist, Prince George - Mothers' Day

11:00 a.m. - **Rev. Slaughter** @ Shady Grove Baptist

May 19 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Fortune @ Tabernacle Baptist, Chesterfield

3:00 p.m. - Pastor Lewis

@ Mt. Zion Baptist, Greenwood- Homecoming (Gospel Chorus

& Ushers to accompany)

May 26 11:30 a.m. - Rev. Fortune @ Cloverdale Baptist, Bremo Bluff

On the cover: 2019 Resurrection Sunday, April 21st - Children's Church hard at work.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Chad **V** Christy White
- 2 Julia Richardson
- 3 Flossie Quarles
- 4 Mary Grooms Lloyd Martin
- 6 Antonio Lewis, Jr.
- **7** Robert Scott, III Takara Smith
- 8 Melissa Bishop
- 9 Takiyah Anderson
- **10** Robert Scott IV Takara Smith
- **14** Leroy Wattie Price
- **15** Haley Hardy Raquan Jones
- 23 Sharon Bradshaw
- **24** Sarah Morris Leathrice Price
- 25 Bri'Anna Callahan
- 26 Donna Aheart
- 27 Rachel Carr Kalailah Lewis







Trustees of the Month

Thomas Waddy @ 434-589-8786

Please contact for entry into the church after hours or for other church related concerns during May



Vacation Bible School 2019



Come explore God's love for the nations. **Revelation 7:9**

It's a Vacation Bible School like no other!

Kids will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges as they fill their score cards.

They'll also discover that, no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race—the human race—and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

As they examine the events surrounding the tower of Babel, kids will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. And that he wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away.

Join *The Incredible Race* and experience God's love for every tribe, language, and nation!

Registration begins May 5th

For your volunteering options, please contact Sis. Kimberly Gaines and/or Elder

Susan Lewis

We look forward to seeing your





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Prayer Service 7:00pm	2	Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	4 -10:00am Gospel Chorus
Men of Promise 6:30am	Bible Study 7:00pm	7 Bible Study 12:30pm	8 Preaching & Praise Service 7:00pm	9	10 Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	11 -10:00am Senior Choir
10,00 am Worship Only	Bible Study 7:00pm	14 Bible Study 12:30pm	Prayer Service 7:00pm	16	Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	18 -10:00am Men's Chorus
Men of Promise 6:30am	Bible Study 7:00pm	Bible Study 12:30pm	22 Prayer Service 7:00pm	23	Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	25 -10:00am YPU
Youth Sunday	Memorial Day Memory	Bible Study 12:30pm	Prayer Service 7:00pm	30	31 Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	1 -10:00am Gospel Chorus

Other Important Dates

May 12 - 10:00 a.m. Mother's Day Worship

May 27- Memorial Day— Church Office closed

Pastor Lewis' Office Hours

Monday 4:00 - 7:00 pm **Tuesday** 8:00 am - 1:00 pm **Thursday** 4:00 - 7:00 pm

PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES





SUNDAY SCOOL LESSONS (Adult)

Unit 3: Call to Life in Christ

May 5 "Called to Righteousness" Lesson focus: Disciples are justified by faith in Jesus, not their works

Romans 3:21-26 (God's Free Gift of Grace), 27-31 (For Both Jews and Gentiles)

May 12 "Called to Life in the Spirit" Lesson focus: Be free to live a life governed by the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-4 (No Condemnation), 5-8 (Life in the Flesh), 9-14 (Life in the Spirit)

May 19 "Called to Mutual Acceptance" Lesson focus: We can all be on God's family tree—

Jews, Gentiles...everyone.

Romans 11:11-16 (*Provoked to Jealousy*), 17-21 (No Reason to be Arrogant), 22-24 (The Two Characteristics of God

May 26 "Called to Be Transformed" Lesson focus: Be transformed to a life of worship & service.

Romans 12:1-2 (A Living Sacrifice), 3-5 (Humble Service), 6-8 (Differing Gifts)

If you know your Bible, Sunday School needs you.

f you don't know your Bible, then you need Sunday School.

Lessons from **ECHOES: Comprehensive Bible Study - Our Love for God: Studies in Old and New Testament Scriptures**; Volume 31, Number 3; 2019. Cook Communications Ministries (David C. Cook)





