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**A WORD FROM  
YOUR DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**



*Happy Easter from  
Bro. John and  
Maarah and your  
associational staff-  
Amy McCullough  
and Gladys Mason*

**Dawn After Dark**

G. Kearnie Keegan

Jerusalem was sleeping peacefully; the darkness of the pre-dawn night hung like a shroud upon her hills. The silence of the early hour was broken only by the bark of restless dogs.

Pilate, conscience torn, slept guiltily. The farcical washing of the hands could not relieve the piercing pangs. He knew the one he sent to death because the mob cried "Crucify," was innocent.

The soldiers at the tomb slept fitfully. Why stay awake to guard a corpse? None dared to break that Roman seal, the symbol of the empire's might. No need that warriors lose their rest while others slept.

The followers of Christ tossed restlessly. Despair and bitter sorrow's tears and stark uncertainty of all the future held drove blessed sleep from eyes that only days before had glowed with hope.

The Eastern sky began to hint of dawn. Look! The Roman seal is broken! See! The garden tomb is empty!

Awaken world, awaken joyfully! While you have slept, the sepulcher has lost its prey. The crucified has risen from the dead. He is the conqueror of sin. He lives to set men free!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Bethlehem Pastor/Staff Fellowship and Lunch meets each Monday at 11:30am at the Bethlehem Associational Office.

**April 1**—EASTER SUNDAY

**April 5**—Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training, Disaster Relief Center, Prattville

**April 6-7**—Disaster Relief Cleanup/Recovery / Chainsaw / Mass Feeding Unit Training, Disaster Relief Center, Prattville

**April 8**—Cooperative Program Day

**April 14**—Disaster Relief Laundry Unit / Shower Unit Training, Disaster Relief Center, Prattville

**April 19**—Bethlehem Association Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting, Bethlehem Association Office; 6:00pm

**April 22**—Pine Barren Association Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting, Enon Baptist Church; 2:30pm

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**Beatrice**—Rev. Mack Elkin, Pastor

March 31—Easter Egg Hunt, 2:30pm

April 1—Easter Cantata, *In Christ Alone*, 11:00am.

**Bethsaida**—Rev. Don Bell, Pastor

April 15—Church Security Training Conference, 3:00pm; all churches welcome

**Camden**—Rev. Chris Wells, Pastor

April 19—Spring Renewal, Guest Speaker, Mrs. Jill Bledsoe Taylor. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm with program immediately following.

**Christian Way**—Rev. Charles Autery, Pastor

April 1—Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00am followed by breakfast and Morning Worship at 11:00am

**Eastwood**—Dr. Steve Dunn, Pastor

Israel Trip, November 25 - December 2—Call Steve Dunn at 575-3843

**Enon**—Rev. Mike Yancey, Pastor

April 1—Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30am followed by breakfast at 8:00am and Morning Worship at 9:00am

April 8—Ladies Bible Study immediately following Morning Worship with snack lunch. Study will be *Bad Girls of the Bible* taught by Mrs. Elaine Jonakin. All ladies are welcome to participate.

**Eureka**—Rev. Terry Harden, Pastor

April 1—Sunrise Service, 6:00am at Bryant Cemetery

**Fountain**—Rev. Mike Leys, Pastor

April 29—Fifth Sunday Night Sing, 6:00pm

**Mt Olive**—Dwayne Reed, Pastor

April 1—Sunrise Service at the church at 6:30am

**Southside**

April 1—Sunrise Service, 6:30am; Easter Cantata, *Rise Again*, 10:30am



**PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION**

**VBS CLINIC**

**APRIL 23. 6:00PM**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMDEN**