

## PASTOR'S PEN

After a good night of sleep Sunday I feel much better. I have to say that trying to not get near people during church Sunday was a weird experience. The fellowship with fellow believers is one of the primary reasons to attend church each week. I was reminded that I can listen to great Christian music on the radio anytime I want, but being in the worship center singing with my brothers and sisters in Christ is different. Trying to save my voice to preach, I didn't sing much on Sunday. That gave me the opportunity to watch others singing praises to God. Watching others worship brought joy to my heart.

I am getting excited about the block party and Easter egg hunt coming up this month. This event has been a huge success over the last couple of years. For this event to succeed we need YOU. Yes, we need candy-filled plastic eggs but even more important we need our members to show up. Some will be running games, some putting out eggs for the hunt, some cooking and some simply walking around to meet our guests. The contacts and personal interactions of this event are what make it a success.

The primary election is here. I am getting so tired of receiving political advertisements everywhere I turn. I will also admit that I am not excited about any candidates for national office in this election. But I will still go to the polls and cast my ballot. Why would I take my time to vote in an election in which I am not excited about any particular candidate? Because it is my right and responsibility as a citizen of this city, county, state and country. Go vote!

We have received a number of excellent nominations for Deacons. The team charged by the Deacon Body will begin working through their process and gathering information and contacting those nominated. It will be a few months before the next phase of this process is completed and reported to the church.