



FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

What special times of worship and fellowship we experienced during Holy Week and Easter!

Thank you to all who were involved in preparing for and leading these services and for the children's Easter Egg Hunt, as well as to all who participated in any of these services or events!

For us as Christians, Easter Sunday is our highest and holiest day! What happened that Sunday morning almost 2,000 years ago changed everything! It ushered in the beginning of the age to come. Because Jesus is risen, we have the assurance that at the last day, we also will be raised. Then our redemption will be brought to perfect completion as even our mortal bodies are redeemed, and we are given a body suited for eternity in the new heavens and new earth. Because Christ conquered death and Hades and now holds their keys (Revelation 1:18), we have the confident hope that death is not the end for us. Not only do we look forward to being with the Lord in heaven when we die; we also look forward to the resurrection and the new creation! The further I go in life and ministry, the more precious this blessed hope becomes to me.

In the Christian Year, Easter Sunday is the *beginning* of the Easter season, which continues seven weeks until Pentecost. Accordingly, we'll be thinking together in these weeks of Eastertide about the significance of Jesus' resurrection and what it means for us as his church.

You know, most churches typically see more people in worship on the Sunday before Christmas and on Easter Sunday. But MBC family, I look forward to seeing you *every* Sunday morning for worship, because *every* Lord's Day is "a little Easter," as we remember and celebrate Jesus' resurrection on the first day of each week. In the words of the psalmist King David,

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalm 34:3 NRSV)!

We'll have another very special opportunity this month on Sunday, April 19, with our annual Spiritual Renewal Focus in our morning worship service and in a special evening service at 7:00 p.m.! Dr. Tom Ogburn, Pastor of Triangle Baptist Church in Raleigh, will be our guest preacher for these services. He and his wife Beth have been dear friends to JoAnn and me for many years. MBC is Beth's home church. Tom and Beth served as CBF missionaries in Thailand in the 1990s and in CBF Global Missions administration for a time following their service in Thailand. He has also served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Westwood Baptist Church in Cary, which he returned to serve after having planted that congregation more than twenty-five years earlier. He has been active in CBF national and CBF North Carolina through the years. He is an engaging preacher and will be a blessing and encouragement to our congregation.

In addition to engaging preaching, we'll also be blessed by wonderful music in our morning service from our choir on that Sunday morning and from our choir and Calvin Carter in the evening service at 7:00 p.m. And in addition to all this, we'll have a delicious fellowship meal prior to the evening service at 5:30 p.m. It will be a wonderful day!

Please be in earnest prayer for these services. Make your plans to be present and invite and encourage others, especially church members who aren't participating regularly, to come and take part in these services. I look forward to seeing you here *that* Sunday and *every* Sunday!

Grace and peace,

Mark E. Perkins



Please Join Us...
Sunday, April 19
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



**Spiritual
Renewal
Focus**

**Featuring Guest Speaker
Dr. Tom Ogburn**

**Covered Dish
Fellowship Dinner
to Be Held at
5:30 p.m.
All are Welcome**

KIDS' CLUB



**April 8
No Kids' Club**

**April 15
Kids' Club 6-6:45**

**April 22
Kids' Club 6-6:45**

**April 29
Kids' Club 6-6:45**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Happy Spring! It was a long and cold winter, and we are finally enjoying warm weather! God is so good to us during all seasons, and our choir is doing a beautiful job leading us in worship! Maundy Thursday is going to be such a meaningful service, and Easter Sunday we will celebrate Jesus' triumphant resurrection, His love for us, and will be encouraged to tell others. You are all encouraged to attend our Spiritual Renewal Focus on Sunday, April 19th. At the evening service, Calvin Carter will join us for a solo, as well as singing with the choir! My heart is full during this special season. Thank you all for being a part of this.

Paula Pressnell



Hello everyone! Over the past several weeks, we've been walking through the life of Jesus—focusing on His ministry, how He treated others, and the impact He made while on earth as we prepare our hearts leading up to Easter.

Our April schedule will look a little different due to Easter and other church events:

April 5: No Youth Group (Easter)

April 12: No Youth Group (I will be out of town for my brother's wedding).

April 19: We encourage all youth and their families to attend the Spiritual Renewal Service that evening.

Additionally, we are planning a youth outing:

April 26: SkyZone Trampoline Park (Chesapeake, VA)

We will meet at the church at 1:00 PM and arrive at SkyZone around 2:30 PM. Students will jump for 2 hours, then we will grab dinner and head back to the church, arriving around 7:00 PM. The cost of the SkyZone ticket will be covered by the church; students will need to bring money for dinner. Waivers must be completed on the [SkyZone website](#) for each child.

Please let **Kayleigh** know if your child plans to attend, as we will need a confirmed number by **April 19**. If any parents would like to join or help drive, please let me know as we may need additional drivers

Thank you and God Bless!
Kayleigh Lance

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

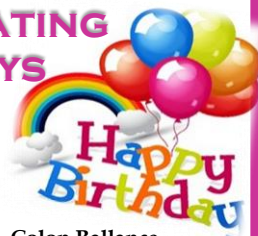


The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship service:

- May 3
- May 24
- June 14
- May 10
- May 31
- June 21
- May 17
- June 7
- June 28

Please call the Church office to reserve a date if you're interested in placing flowers.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL



April 2	Colon Ballance
April 2	Gibson Hill
April 4	Jane Ballance
April 7	Hunter Brown
April 7	Maggie Louise Torres
April 10	Karen Cavin
April 10	Joe Murray
April 11	Molly Brown
April 11	Sarah Davis
April 12	Liz Brown
April 13	Susan Benthall
April 13	Ben McLean
April 14	Elizabeth Brown
April 18	Clifton Joyner
April 22	Lou Vann
April 24	Grace Harders
April 25	Tracey Vick
April 28	Lori Harders
April 29	Mariah Gallop

Don't see your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know when your special day is.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN APRIL

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Linda Hassell

OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Sarah Davis

USHERS

April

Jay Revelle, Lloyd Hill, Johnny Jenkins, and Armando Torres

May

Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, and Mike Alston

RADIO MINISTRY SPONSOR

Wayne and Shirley Brown

CAREGIVERS

March 29 - April 11

Diane Dixon

April 12-April 25

Sara Frances Hill

April 26-May 9

Alice Hassell and Linda Hassell

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

April 12 Booker Daniel

April 19 Lori Harders

April 26 Judy Clark

UPCOMING DATES IN APRIL

APRIL 5	Easter Sunday
APRIL 8	Bible Study
APRIL 14	Deacons' Meeting
APRIL 15	Kids' Club- 6-6:45 Bible Study
APRIL 19	Spiritual Renewal 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 5:30 p.m.
APRIL 21	Food Bank of the Albemarle
APRIL 22	Kids' Club- 6-6:45 Bible Study
APRIL 26	Quarterly Conference
APRIL 29	Kids' Club- 6-6:45 Bible Study

BLESSINGS MINISTRY FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE

Volunteers are needed Tuesday, April 21 by 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

MBC FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring your selected food items before the last Monday of each month.

CHURCH STAFF

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PASTOR

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