



**APRIL 2023
NEWSLETTER**



**“CAN’T BELIEVE THIS WAS
JUST LAST YEAR!”**



**HAPPY 11 YEARS
TOGETHER
SLOOC FAMILY!**



ZAYDIEL'S BAPTISM FOR OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on
all people. Your sons and
daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see
visions, your old men will
dream dreams.” Acts 2:17



"Steel and Velvet: The Story of John Mark's Redemption"

Contributor Greg Nevil

John Mark deserted Paul and Barnabus in Pamphylia. He apparently abandoned them without much if any notice. He went back to Jerusalem. As Paul and Barnabus prepare for their next missionary journey, Barnabus suggested they take John Mark. Paul flatly refused to do so. He was not willing to take another chance on John Mark. Barnabus unlike Paul wanted to give him another chance. After a "sharp disagreement" Paul and Barnabus part company, Barnabus taking John Mark, Paul taking Silas.

John Mark was fortunate to have both Paul and Barnabus in his life. Paul impressed upon him how serious his abandonment had been while Barnabus was willing to give him another chance. So he had the advantage of discipline and forgiveness. The result: John Mark later found favor with Paul again. "Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry." II Timothy 4:11. As Paul closes his letter to Philemon he mentions John Mark as one of those with him sending greetings. Philemon 24.

Sometimes in life we are fortunate to have both men of steel and velvet. Steel to impress upon us the seriousness of our failure and velvet to give us another chance. Lincoln, was in Carl Sandburg's words a man of "steel and velvet." So was Jesus. Fortunate is the man or woman who has had both in their lives. Steel and velvet build character. Lord, Thank you for the men of steel in my life and also the men of velvet. I have needed and been blessed by both. Help me to be steel and velvet to my brothers, steel when steel is needed; velvet when velvet is needed. Help me to discern which is appropriate for any given time and person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hey there! Just wanted to let you know about some awesome upcoming events we have planned. If you're interested, you can check out all the details on our website or on our SLCOC Church app.

We're always looking for ways to bring our community together and provide meaningful experiences, and we think these events will do just that. check out our website or app and see what we're all about.



GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 7th

7:30 PM
Worship Service
Church Sanctuary





RESURRECTION SUNDAY

APRIL 9th at 10:00 AM

Join us for a powerful worship service where we will explore the theme of "From Suffering to Resurrection: The Triumph of the Servant."

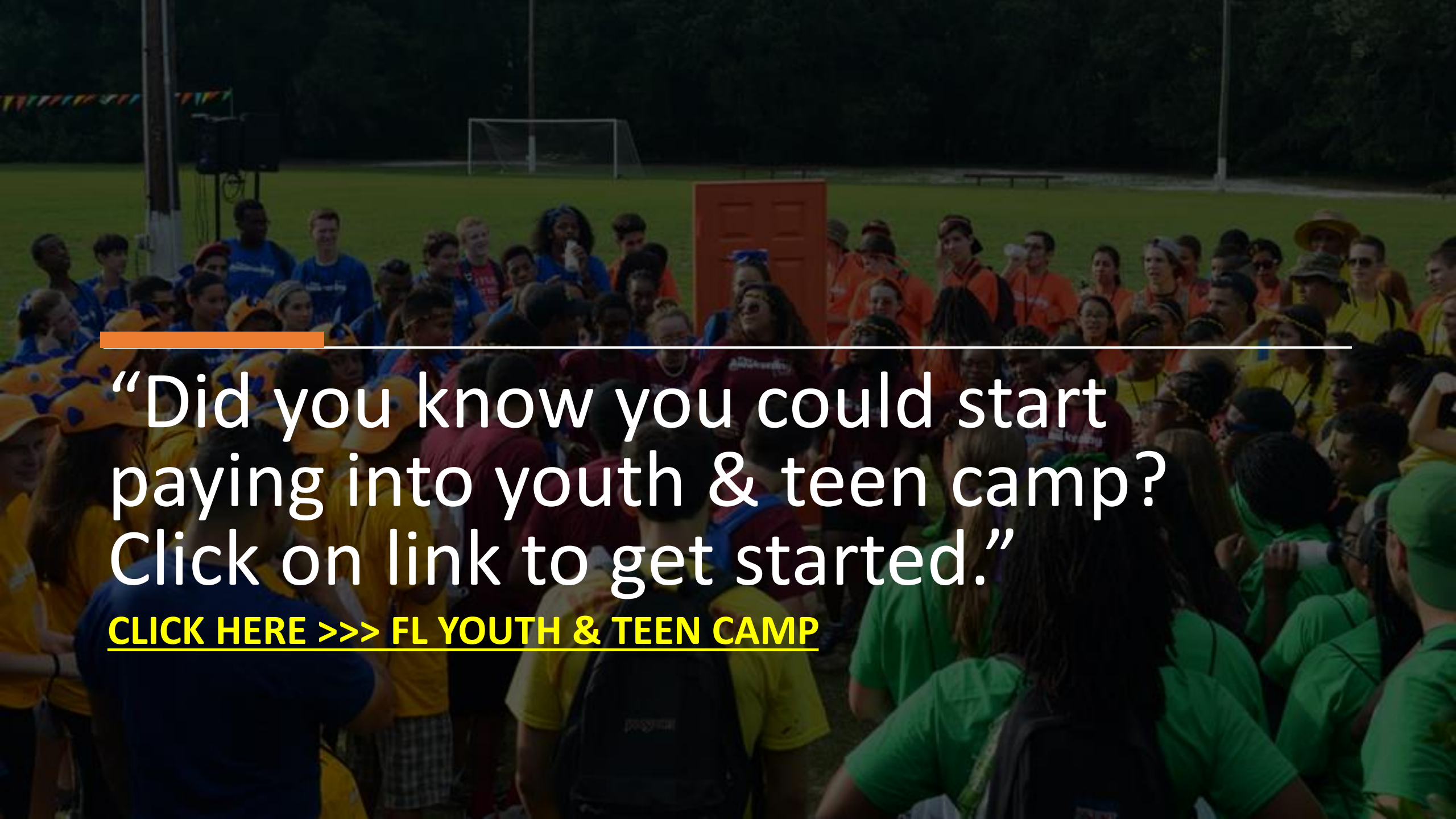
Through music, prayer, and reflection, we will examine how the suffering servant in the Bible triumphs over adversity and ultimately rises to new life. We will draw inspiration from this powerful story and consider how we too can find hope and strength in times of difficulty.

Whether you are a long-time member of our community or simply curious about our church, we invite you to join us for this special worship service. We look forward to coming together as a community and sharing in the joy and hope of the resurrection.



Women's Retreat

At the Sweet Escape Mansion
April 27th - 30th



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Weekend Facilitators:

Owen and Lauren Mitchell from

Marriage Dynamics

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