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RESURRECTION *Living*

April Showers bring May flowers! I saw the header picture above, loved it, and had to use it for this month's Messenger. Kim and I had a fun afternoon at Callaway Gardens, viewing the tulips a few weeks ago. Last year, we waited too late and missed it. But this year we saw them! WOW! However, not only were the tulips beautiful, but as a bonus, they put colorful umbrellas up as a covering to the walkway leading to the tulips. It was beautiful, as you can see in our pictures below.



As I write today, it's a few days before Palm Sunday. But, by the time you get this, it will be after Easter. So, my mind is stirring in the "in-between." On the one hand, the week of the Passion of Jesus lies immediately ahead. It is a week of betrayal, suffering, sacrifice, humiliation, and the terrible death of the Savior on the cross.

On the other hand, there is the empty tomb and the reality that although He died, He didn't stay dead or stay in that tomb. He defeated death and came out of the grave to give us LIFE! It's like the flowers after the rain.

What happened in history over the next week not only pays the price for our sin, which is a fantastic gift of LOVE, but it also provides the power for me to LIVE a life of victory, joy, and service as Jesus did. God brought me from darkness to light, from blindness to sight, and ultimately from death to life!

Here's my (shortened for space sake) personalized paraphrase of Ephesians 2:1-10, which tells my (and our) story.

I was "dead in the trespasses and sins in which I walked...BUT GOD, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved me, even when I was dead in my trespasses, made me ALIVE together with Christ...and RAISED me up with Him and seated me with Him in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. For I am HIS workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that I should walk in them."

It helps me to make it personal! All that Jesus went through and all that He suffered, even to death, was an expression of mercy, love, and grace for me—AND FOR YOU!

The forecast for next week is stormy and rainy. After the Triumphal Entry, the people will turn on Jesus and join the religious leaders in carrying out the hoax trials, humiliation, and crucifixion. In mercy, love, and grace, Jesus will go the distance and, through His death, pay the price for our sins. Those stormy few days ended with Jesus sealed in a tomb. He was dead.

But Sunday came, and the rain stopped, the umbrellas came down, and JESUS CAME OUT OF THE GRAVE! Like the May flowers result from the April showers, our new life in Christ is the result of His resurrection! Our lives should reflect the brilliant colors of spring and burst with the joy of new life. WE ARE ALIVE BECAUSE HE IS ALIVE!

Finally, as we go forward in **RESURRECTION LIVING**, remember that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." And when He left and ascended back into Heaven, He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Don't just live the resurrection life; share it with a world that needs it just as you do. God bless you, and I pray that this Easter was a life-changing day for you and that TOGETHER, we can change the world for the Kingdom of God!

Bro. Andy



GUEST SPEAKER:
Keri Perkins
GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN
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MINISTRY NEWS

A CALL TO PRAYER

Monday April 8th
6 pm

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110 LaGrange Hwy
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March was a great month of ministry, weather changes, and the onslaught of pollen! If you have allergies like me, I'm sure you already knew that well.

I was able to fill-in at several of our churches this month. Dunson (3/3), Highland (3/10), Lakeview (3/17), and also for Bro. Aaron over in Roanoke at Trinity Baptist (3/24). I was able to share several different messages focused on the Cross and each church welcomed Kim and me with so much love. I enjoy getting to see all of our TBA folks. I was also blessed to attend revival at Long Cane with Pastor Danny Geter and guest speaker Dwayne Perdue (Mountville). It was a great service with a great message. Another highlight of the month was meeting with the Elder leadership at Fountain Baptist where I was encouraged by them personally and their heart for the TBA, the lost, and the Great Commission. I was able to attend a Wednesday Youth service at Rosemont with John Oliver speaking on Cults and it was very insightful.

Several churches have provided great snacks for BCM this month. Special thanks to Reeds Chapel (Mrs. Kirby McCartney pictured), First Baptist's "Lee Davis Class," and New Hope Baptist's "Young At Heart" Class. And, thanks also to Pastor Paul Knight (FBC Family Pastor) for providing lots of Candy Bars for an evangelistic outreach during March. We enjoyed a BCM Leadership Lunch on Sunday (3/10) as we are already preparing for the fall. All of you TBA folks continue to inspire me as I serve and support you. I'm looking forward to some great EASTER reports next month!

Pictures: (L to R - Top to Bottom): @Long Cane BC, Kirby McCartney (Reeds Chapel BC), @Lakeview BC, @Dunson, @Highland BC, John Oliver (Student Pastor @ Rosemont BC), BCM Leadership, FCA Day at Lagrange College Baseball

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Church News & Announcements

Baptist Tabernacle (BTC) -The food ministry continues to distribute food boxes each Thursday from 9 - 11 am.

- The Youth Group is working on a fundraiser for their summer Arise Youth conference this July in Pigeon Forge.
- The Easter Cantata will begin at 10:30 on the morning of March 31, Easter Sunday. Everyone is invited. Baptist Tabernacle Church is located at 849 S Davis Rd, LaGrange, GA 30241. Their pastor is Rev. Jimmy McMillian.

Creekside - hosted a singing under the Laddie Yates Pavilion on March 2. All had a great time listening to Daniel Ashmore, followed by the *Tribute Quartet*. It was a great night praising the Lord. JNC Promotions sponsored this event.

- The Sisterhood met and had a great time fellowshiping over a meal of Irish stew and sloppy joes. Gayle Studdard and Wanda Brooks hosted.
- Creekside members & friends had another great time under the pavilion with *The Perry's* sponsored by JNC Promotions.
- An Egg hunt was held on March 24 at 4:30 followed by evening services. Prizes were given to the children.
- Easter will be celebrated on March 31 with a sunrise service at 7:00 am under the pavilion. Breakfast will follow. Morning Worship service will begin at 11:00 am. This will be a joint service with Stovall Baptist Church.
- The Sisterhood will meet on April 8.
- On May 18, JNC promotions will sponsor the *Kingsmen Quartet*.

Dunson - was so blessed to have Colin Elliott and Stephanie Walker and their Pastor, Kenneth Cole, perform for them. "We certainly felt the Holy Spirit in this place!" The final song, "How Great Thou Art", was sung by all three with everyone on their feet worshipping. "It was such a powerful night of worship!"

- Following the Palm Sunday service, everyone was invited to stay for the Spring picnic and egg hunt.
- On Easter Sunday, the choir will present the cantata, "It Is Finished." Following the Easter service, there will be two baptisms: Silas and Ava Hubbard, grandchildren of Fred and Rita Waugh.
- Dunson had several people attend the Survivor Luncheon at Faith Baptist Church on March 23. Anyone who doesn't have a team for Relay for Life is welcome to join the Dunson Baptist Overcomers team. "We would love to have you at our tent Relay night, 6 pm on Friday, April 26, at the track on Fort Drive (behind the old Troup High School).



Dunson L-R: Rev Kenneth Cole, Stephanie Williams, Colin Elliott

FBC Hogansville (FBCH) - "It is with great joy that we welcome Alex Mann into our fellowship." Alex was baptized on Sunday, March 17. At right is Debbie Dollar, Alex Mann & Pastor Greg.

• On Friday, March 8, the Youth enjoyed a movie night. Originally it was to be outside, but due to the weather, the screen and projector were brought into the fellowship hall. The movie "Overcomer" was screened for 19 youth



and 7 adults. It was a great night complete with the salvation message of Jesus and how He helps us "overcome" the obstacles we face in life! The Youth also had a Visitation Night and Bring a Friend Night in March. Mrs. Monica Johnson is the Youth Director, and she is always planning Christian activities for this group.

- Pastor Greg was invited to bring the message to Rehoboth Baptist Church in Moreland on Sunday evening, March 10. A bus from the church took some of our members to offer encouragement and enjoy good fellowship. Joining other churches in worship is always a good experience.
- The Prime Timers planned to visit Zoo Atlanta on Saturday, March 23. This group always has fun and all seniors in the church are encouraged to join in the activities.
- Easter celebrations began with an Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Mrs. Alyson McGhee on Sunday afternoon, March 24. Egg hunts are always charged with excitement!
- Plans for Easter Sunday, March 31, include a sunrise service at 7 am followed by Sunday school and morning service at 11 am. The choir will present special music at the 11 am service. This holy day promises to bring special blessings to all.
- April will bring a change to the order of worship at FBCH. On Sunday, April 7, they will begin having two morning services. Early Worship will be at 9 am followed by Sunday School at 10 am and then the 11 am Worship Service. "We pray this will encourage more people to join us as we serve the Lord."
- FBCH Homecoming will be Sunday, April 28. "We will be commemorating 156 years of worship at this location. What a privilege!" Special music for the day will be presented by His Place, and Pastor Greg will deliver the message at 11 am. There will be a fellowship meal after the service, which is the ideal time to visit with all our past members and visitors who come "home" for this occasion. "We are grateful for our past and thankful that our story is still unfolding."



Above: FBCH Youth watched "Overcomer" at their Movie Night.

Church News & Announcements

First Baptist Church on the Square invites you to join them on Easter Sunday for one of their services!

- Blended service in the Sanctuary at 8:45 a.m.
- Contemporary service in the New Life Building at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. "We hope you can join us!"
- FBC is looking to hire a Children's Minister/Director. To apply, email your resume with a cover letter and all social media links to paul@fbclagrange.org.

Grace Baptist - Free food is available every 3rd Saturday. The drive through starts at 10 am in the parking lot.

- The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need.
- In March, Grace celebrated Homecoming and had a children's pancake day.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30, 1 - 3 pm.
- Sunrise Service will be Easter Sunday at 7:00 am followed by breakfast.
- Visit website for more info: <http://www.gbclagrange.com/>

Highland - is hosting an Easter Sunrise Service for all who would like to attend. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a delicious breakfast following the service.

- The choir is excited in anticipation of presenting the Easter Cantata, "Who Do You Say I Am", during the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.
- Highland Baptist Church WMU gathered snacks for LaGrange Hospice. These will be delivered in April.

Lakeview - Wednesday night fellowship supper was held on March 27 at 5:30 pm with a meal of sandwiches and sides.

- Rev. Andy Buchanan and his wife Kim were with us on Sunday, March 17, and Brother Andy presented an inspiring and challenging Easter message.
- WMU met at the church on March 21 at 2 pm to make centerpieces for the Troup Baptist Association Spring Luncheon which will be April 20 from 11 am to 1 pm at Grace Baptist Church. All ladies are invited and a free lunch will be served. A love offering will be received for "Read Georgia." RSVP is required. Please call Judy King by April 12 at 706-333-2197.
- The Lord's Supper will be observed on March 31, Easter Sunday morning.
- Sunday and Wednesday night messages are posted on Lakeview's Facebook page.

Pineview - Happy Spring everyone!!

- On March 17, Pineview was thrilled to host *Molded Clay* for some great Gospel singing. As always, whenever *Molded Clay* comes, the spirit of God moves in this place. "It was a hand clappin' toe tappin' time."
- Some Pineview members joined Bethel Baptist's Pastor Chris Hendricks and his lovely wife Stephanie on March 16 for the re-opening of their newly built sanctuary. This project completion is a true blessing and a testament to what God can do for those who are faithful.
- Pineview held revival services March 20 - 24. Details to come in the next newsletter.
- An Easter Egg hunt will be held March 30 from 2 - 4 pm. "Everyone is welcome to join us."
- Sunrise service is being held on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7 am followed by a Fellowship Breakfast. Regular service starts at 10 am. Be sure to dress warmly as it is sure to be a cool morning. "Everyone is welcome to join us."

Reeds Chapel (RCBC) - The ladies of the church hosted a baby shower for Jessica Walls who is preparing to welcome baby Josie in a few weeks.

- The men enjoyed a skeet shoot at the home of Chris and Robin Copeland.
- Everyone enjoyed our annual Annie Armstrong mission lunch prepared by WMU. Donations were collected for North American missionaries.
- The RCBC worship team provided music for revival services at Huguley Nazarene Church.
- Plans are being made for VBS! Kids will learn about how much God loves them, by exploring the jungle of Gospeltopia and meeting some of the animals that live there. Save the date for VBS! June 10-14, 6:00-8:30 pm.
- The annual Resurrection Rally/Flashlight Egg Hunt will be on March 29 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited!



- Deacon Bubba Freeman shared information about his upcoming mission trip to France with Freedom in Christ Ministries. He will be attending the summer Olympic Games and sharing the gospel through the exchange of Olympic pins. We are excited to see how God will use this trip to reach the lost.



RCBC: Above Deacon Bubba Freeman and the Olympic pin that will be used to share the Gospel at the Summer Olympics in France.

Second - Second Baptist, East LaGrange Baptist, and Dunson Baptist Churches would like to invite you to a Community Revival April 28-30. On Sunday, April 28 the revival will begin at East LaGrange Baptist, on Monday, April 29 services will be at Dunson Baptist, and on Tuesday, April 30 services will conclude at Second Baptist. Service times are 6:30 pm nightly with a community choir, special music, and spirit-filled preaching. Everyone is invited.

Wehadkee - Luke 24:34 *The Lord is risen indeed.*

1 Corinthians 15:4 *And that he was buried, and that he has rose again the third day according to the scripture.*

- The Easter Service will be on March 31 at 10:30 am.

A fellowship lunch will follow the service. "Please come and join us!"


April Birthdays:

- 11 - Pastor Nick Pilgrim
- 16 - Leon Wessinger

- 11 - Susan Gebhardt

Announcements

Georgia Baptist Women's
SPRING EVENT
 Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro
 Featuring *Chrystal Evans Hurst*



**LIFT UP THE WORD
 LIGHT UP THE WORLD**
2 SAMUEL 22:31
 THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
2024 National Day of Prayer
 Thursday, May 2 12:15 - 12:45 pm
 Biblical History Center
 130 Gordon Commercial Dr, LaGrange, GA 30240

Association - Church Prayer List

For **April 2024**, please pray for the following churches:

Week of April 7, 2024 - Flat Shoals Salem Road Baptist
 Week of April 14, 2024 - Fountain Baptist
 Week of April 21, 2024 - Franklin Road Baptist
 Week of April 28, 2024 - Glenn Baptist

For **May 2024**, please pray for the following churches:

Week of May 5, 2024 - Grace Baptist
 Week of May 12, 2024 - Gray Hill Baptist
 Week of May 19, 2024 - Highland Baptist
 Week of May 26, 2024 - Hillcrest Baptist

Please pray for God to bless these churches and meet their needs.

HAPPY Birthday TO YOU

MAY

4 Rev. Jimmy McMillian
 7 Rev. Chuck Anderson
 16 Rev. Dwayne Perdue
 18 Rev. Terry Prestridge
 24 Rev. Anthony Hovey
 25 Rev. Cleve Moore
 26 Rev. Randy Gilbert
 28 Rev. Jim Butler

APRIL

3 Rev. Greg Morris
 6 Rev. Paul Blair
 6 Rev. Clay Snyder
 9 Rev. Aaron McCollough
 9 Rev. Donnie Benefield
 11 Rev. Nick Pilgrim
 16 Rev. Tommy Gilbert
 23 Rev. Randall Foxworth
 27 Rev. Steve Vickery
 28 Rev. Hugo Oropeza
 29 Rev. Frank Sledge

Community Revival

April 28-30 @ 6:30 pm nightly

Sunday, April 28 - East LaGrange Baptist
 Monday, April 29 - Dunson Baptist
 Tuesday, April 30 - Second Baptist

On The Lighter Side

A politician running for office visits a small rural town and says to the mayor, "I want to help you. What are your needs?"

"We have two basic needs," the mayor replies.

"First, we have a hospital but no doctor."

Hearing this, the politician pulls out his phone, and after speaking for a while, tells the mayor, "Don't worry, a doctor will be there soon. Now, what's the second problem?"

"We don't have cell phone reception", says the mayor.

SPRING REVIVAL
APRIL 14-17

GUEST EVANGELIST, TIM WILLIAMS
HIGHED HOPE
 SUN. 10:30AM

HILLCREST WORSHIP TEAM
 SUN. 6PM

FREEDOM SOUND
 MON. 7PM

MADDY BROWN-CALLAWAY BAPT.
 TUES. 7PM

UNITY YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM
 WED. 7PM

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
 715 S. GREENWOOD ST.
 LAGRANGE, GA 30240

Come Sing With Us!
Call to our sister church choirs & Music Directors!!

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April 14-17
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**I'M ALIVE BECAUSE
JESUS IS ALIVE!**

*If then you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, where
Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Colossians 3:1

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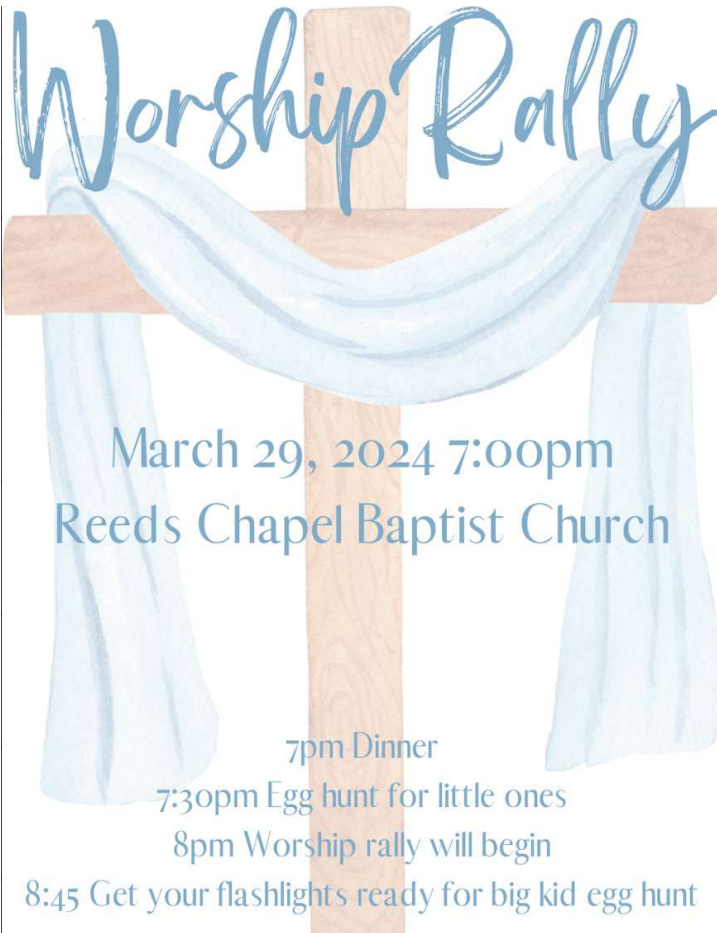
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