

THE BEACON



Upcoming Dates

April 1

Youth Meeting Noon

April 5

Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00 PM

April 7

Children's Easter Gathering
Noon - 2:00 PM

April 15

Youth Meeting - Noon

April 16

Duke Group - 11:00 AM

April 18

Quarterly Business Meeting

April 19

Senior Adult Dinner
6:00 PM

April 22

Youth Potato Bar and
Service Auction

April 26

RBA Spring Meeting at
Bon Air Baptist
7:00 PM



It is usually around this time of the year that I will begin to hear familiar music being played outside the church building. The music will begin low but then grow louder. As I glance out my window I will see the familiar source of the music come rolling down the street. It is the ice cream truck. As the weather warms and as the days grow longer, these familiar carriers of ice cream treats will cruise through the various neighborhoods trying to entice individuals, especially children, to indulge in a treat. Once the driver of the truck sees waving hands or people waiting on the corner, then the driver will stop and share that which is being offered. The music is the prelude to the arrival of the ice cream.

As we enter this season of Easter, the church is called to begin playing a new tune in the world. The music of the resurrection must rise forth from the church as good news for all people. As heralds of the gospel we announce that Jesus lives. This good news melody rises above the bad news song of a world broken by sin with a message of hope, peace, and joy. The message of Easter can now spread through the streets of our world as an invitation to all to be made new and whole.

The angelic messengers of the first Easter began the song when the women came to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. To the grieving women the angels announced:

“He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.”

This good news continues to be sung today. As recipients of the Easter message we now go forth into the world and proclaim the good news of Easter. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we have a story to tell to a world which has for too long listened to the music of sin, brokenness, and despair. The joyous news of Jesus' resurrection changes everything. We now live to a new melody and with a new song in our hearts. Christ is risen! Christ is alive. Alleluia!

Philip

Clint's Corner

In the summer of 1939, then Senator Harry Truman said, "When we are honest enough to recognize each others' rights and are good enough to respect them, we will come to a more Christian settlement of our difficulties." Now, I didn't know Mr. Truman personally, but this sounds like a pretty good statement to me. It's a statement that reminds me of a few thoughts I had on the subject of justice back in 2004.

To be "just" in the Old Testament was to be pleasing to God (i.e., doing that which was pleasing to God; that which was right and good). Our definition of justice today is not far removed from this. The American Heritage Dictionary defines justice as: (1) moral, rightness, equity; (2) honor, fairness; (3) fair handling; (4) to approach with proper appreciation. If one is to be just, they should be morally right, equitable, honorable, and fair. But perhaps it is the last definition that hits it on the head, for if we are to be just we must approach others with proper appreciation. If, for example, we do not have a proper appreciation for our neighbors, then there's no way we can be just toward them. And a proper appreciation of our neighbor calls us back to being able to love someone because of the God that lives within them. If we were to all approach one another with the appreciation and love of the God living within us all, we might then hope to act justly toward them. This seems to be a portion of the message Harry Truman was trying to convey to his audience.

So, is seeking justice (being just, acting justly) more of a proper state of heart and mind than anything? We typically think of "seeking" as going out and looking for something, but maybe the place we need to look is within ourselves. If we can set our heart and mind to approaching others with an appreciation for the God within them, then perhaps we will be able to treat them with fair, morally right, and equitable actions. In doing so, we will not only find justice, but execute it as well. And so, our personal calling card might read:

APPROACH WITH PROPER APPRECIATION.

In taking this approach, things like rescuing the oppressed, defending the orphan, and pleading for the widow should follow naturally. "And justice for all" suddenly becomes more than a catch phrase, more than an idea, and more than a vision for what might one day be...it becomes a reality – and the kingdom of God just got a little bigger.



Vacation Bible School 2012
July 16-20

The volunteer sign-up sheet is
located on the bulletin board
across from the elevator.

Sign up today.



Maundy Thursday Worship

April 5 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for our annual Maundy Thursday worship. Through music, media, and a message we will reflect on Jesus' final hours leading up to the cross. We shall also share in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Easter Flower Cross

You are invited to bring fresh cut flowers with you to our early service on April 8 to help decorate our cross. There will be someone to assist you in placing your flowers on the cross



Join us for a special Foot Washing Service



on Thursday, April 5
at 11:00 AM

We will be sharing in time of foot washing with our neighborhood friends, especially our homeless neighbors. We will be joining with St. Andrews Episcopal Church in this special time of prayer and ministry.

If you have questions about participating then please call Jennifer at 648-1353.

CARITAS Ministry

Pine Street Baptist will serve as an intake site for Caritas

June 2– August 3

In order to prepare for this ministry we are asking church members to donate needed items to be used each night. During the month of April we will be collecting **powdered drink mix**. You may place your donation in the box outside the church's kitchen.

Mission Yard Sale

May 19, 2012

The missions committee will be sponsoring a yard sale on May 19 to help raise money for its various mission projects: CARITAS, Humphrey Home, etc. If you have items you would like to place in the yard sale then please contact Jennifer Downer about times and places for dropping items off. Volunteers will also be needed on the day of the yard sale.

Potato Bar & Auction Fund Raiser

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Noon – 2:30 PM

\$6 per adult, \$3 per youth/child

\$15 max per family

*Please support our youth as they raise money to attend
MISSION CONNECTIOIN Week @ Eagle Eyrie this summer.*

We will be having an **AUCTION** following the meal!!

We will be **auctioning off services that our Youth & Leaders** will do for you

Such As: wash car, clean yard or house, babysitting, wash windows, etc.

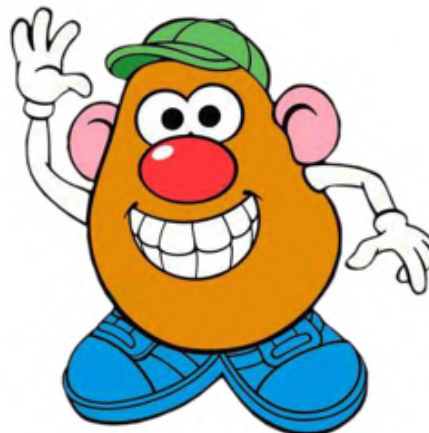
We are also looking for baked goods and craft items to auction off too!

SO... if you would like to attend the meal

and/or you can help by donating an item or perhaps a service yourself...

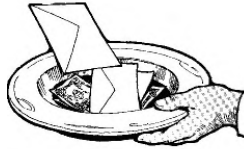
Then sign up on the downstairs bulletin board or call 648-1353

Bring your appetite and your wallet and we will see you there!!



Budget Report Through March 25

Budget : \$89,882
 Given to Date: \$79,620
 Variance: -\$10,262



Contributions were made to the
 Ministries Endowment in memory of:

*Tommy & Sherrie Welton,
 and Clara & Robert Hagan*

and in honor of:

Jean Priddy and Phyllis Verdi

Contributions were made to the
 Properties Endowment in memory of:

Billy Wells

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

6:45 PM

Please plan to attend.

April Birthdays

- 4: Ann Arthur
 Susan Townsend
- 5: Charlotte Blair
- 7: Glen Shaw
 Gwen Donohue
- 8: Jean Carter
- 9: Marguerite Carlson
 Cyndi Fields
- 11: Norman Humphrey
 Carol Walker
 Danielle Bell
- 13: Barbara Nicklis
 Bradley Vaught
 Eliana Blankenship
- 16: Margaret Lacy
 Elizabeth Welton
- 17: Caroline Townsend Neal
- 19: Steven Mitchell
 Clint Jackson
- 20: Shirley Gibson
- 23: Jerry Herring
- 27: Shirley Trower
 Becky Fraunberger
- 30: Debra Ripley
 Brittany Crigger
 Glessie Hairfield

Anniversaries

- 2: Melissa and James Childress
- 7: Troy and Janet Floyd
- 12: Mark and Debbie Thacker
- 20: Charlie and Rose Clark
- 27: Gail and Ray Tribble

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Easter Morning Worship April 8th

Early Morning Outdoor Worship

8:30 am

Easter Breakfast

9:00 am

Sanctuary Worship

11:00 am