

Chapel Chatter

April 2018

April Fools

"Your shoe's untied."

"April Fools."

Make sure that really is sugar you are sprinkling on your breakfast cereal.

Do you really want me to obey the sign on your back? The one that says, "Kick me."

"Who set the clocks an hour ahead?"

"April Fools."

Some people plan and execute elaborate pranks for the first of April. BTW: A guard will be posted outside our office doors all weekend.

The most elaborate April Fools prank ever was perpetrated against the Prince of Darkness himself. From Jesus' conception, the Devil tried to thwart the Father's plan. He devised the long donkey ride that sent Mary into labor in a dark stable. He plotted the killing of innocent babies that Jesus escaped. In the wilderness, he tempted Jesus to seek food and riches and power. In the garden, he reminded Jesus how painful the crucifixion would be.

On Good Friday, Satan laughed fiendishly as he welcomed Jesus to the place of the dead. "I've won! I've won!" exclaimed the evil one. For three days, the uneasy devil checked and rechecked the dead Son of God. He was comfortable and complacent with his "victory". When Easter dawned, Jesus opened His eyes, looked at the tempter and said, "April Fools."

With that, Satan is a defeated foe. The joke was on him. Jesus is more powerful than the devil, than sin, than even death itself.

Due to a quirk in the calendar that only those born before 1956 have experienced, not only does Easter fall on April first, but Ash Wednesday coincided with Valentine's Day. In our service that evening, we celebrated the best Valentine ever: "I asked Jesus how much He loved me. He said, 'This much,' as He stretched out His hands and died."

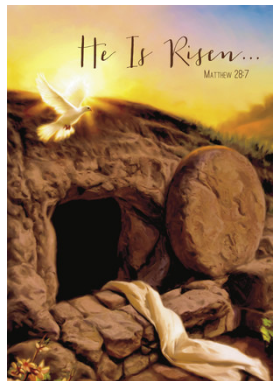
Our schedule is different on Easter. (Not April Fools!) Our celebration begins at 7:00 am for Sunrise service and culminates with our 10:00 am Easter service. Come for the entire morning and enjoy breakfast, an Easter Egg hunt, and Sunday School.

We will celebrate how much Jesus loves us. Not only did He love us enough to die that our sins might be forgiven. He loved us enough to rise again so that rising with Him we also may find victory over sin and have eternal life.

See you Easter,

Pastor Brad

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Emmaus Walks

The Walk to Emmaus is a three day retreat which focuses on the basics of Christianity, the testimonies of men and women, food, fellowship, and agape love. The Men's walk will be April 12-15, while the Women's walk is scheduled for May 3-6. Both will take place at Widewater. These events begin with Thursday Supper and end with Sunday Supper. If you want more information or would like to attend, talk to Pastor Brad or others who have done the walk.



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Happy Easter! With the tragedies in our community recently, death has been on my mind. Death has been real to us. On Monday, the 26th of March, I spent the day counseling in the school. There was a memorial wall where students wrote notes to the students who died. One of the notes said something along the lines of *"This isn't real. This can't be real. I'm waiting for you to walk through the door at the school and tell us this is a joke."* After grieving all day and counseling crying students, I just thought about that note. What if that did happen? What if he did just walk through those doors? Nobody would believe it. It would be crazy! It really brought to light how crazy the resurrection was. It's funny we give Thomas the name doubting Thomas, but if somebody claimed resurrection of the dead, how could you not need to see it for yourself? It also made me realize how tragic Saturday was between Good Friday and Easter. The tears were real. The sorrow was crazy. The shock on Sunday must have been so severe. These deaths really made me understand that firsthand. Thank God Jesus was raised from the dead and that we have hope of the same! Please continue in prayer for all affected.

A quick update: On April 18th there will be an all area youth group between the local churches. We will do it at the school from 7-8 pm. Doors will open at 6:30 and close at 8:30. There will be an open gym before and after. This will be for students in 7-12 grade. This should be a great time to unite as the body of Christ.

He is risen!

Pastor Tom



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!
WE, ALONG WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITY
CHURCHES, ARE PUTTING ON A CARNIVAL FOR
BRADY AND HIS FAMILY. SEE CHERYL CARTER
FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP TO HELP.

We will not be having Wednesday Night Min-
istries April 25th, for Kid's Klub or Jr. High YF.

We invite all families to attend the Brady
Chapa Benefit that will be held at the school.



We are looking for volunteers to
help with Little Lambs. If you
are interested in taking a week
or month, please let the office
know. Thanks!!!!



April Servant Schedule

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
8:15 Door Greeters	_____				Seagrave Family
8:15 Nursery	_____	Howe Family	J. Sharpe Family	Krugh Family	Overmier Family
S. S. Door Greeters		Louise Dalton			Seagrave Family
S.S. Nursery	Eloise Griteman	N. Carter Family	S. Tedrow Family	Keller Family	Roger Sane-holtz Family
10:30 Door Greeters		Louise Dalton			Jessica Clapp Kate Bare
10:30 Nursery	Young Family	Case Family	Estelle Family	Nash Family	Martin Family
Greeters Welcome Center	Starkey Family	Bare Family	Hamlin Family	Oelkrug Family	Graber Family

Prayer
 *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Cathy Leatherman—Recovering from knee surgery; Brad Booth—Recovering from knee surgery; Russ Strayer—Recovering from back surgery; Family and friends of Lavon Patton—Lavon passed away March 8th; Family and friends of Karen Graves (Reagan Strauss' mother) - Passed away March 19th; Tom Tedrow—Recovering from hip surgery.; LC & PH communities—Recent tragedies.

Long-Term Needs: Jim Vollmar—Mantle Cell lymphoma; Sandy Wolf—(Tom Wolf's sister-in-law) - Stage 4 cancer; Ken Silveus; Morris Myers—Lung Cancer; Leo "Bud" Zenz, Patsy Leatherman, Ruth Gramling, Kent Spiess, Francis Brown, Braden Kramer - (Fetterman extended family) - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; Brady Chapa—Cancer; Connie Cramer (Christy Myers' mother) - Lymphoma. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jim & Bev Griteman	2 Evan Cramer Tom Oelkrug	3 Everly Spangler	4 Cara Bowers Adam & Kelly Quigley	5 Logan Estelle	6 And the two shall become one <i>Ephesians 3:31</i>	7 Melissa Smith
8 Ron & Julie Zenz	9 	10 Addison Zientek Lauren Nash Courtney Patton	11	12 Emili Cramer	13 Mike Hamlin	14
15 Keith Kern	16	17 Troy Zenz	18 Carolyn Arps	19 Mary Seagrave Bobbi & Joie O'Neal	20	21 
22 Brantley Wiechers	23 Jamie Kessler	24 Paul Murrey Hayden Saneholtz Rosemary Hartford	25 Kent Stites Bennet Howe	26 Modi Masuwa	27 Dawson Carter Landon Amstutz	28
29	30 Angie Light Gary Graber	April				

Easter 2018 Schedule



Friday, March 30th—Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm at Shiloh

Sunday, April 1st—Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 am

Breakfast at 8:15 am

Easter Egg hung at 8:45 am

Sunday School at 9:00 am

Easter Worship Service at 10:00 am



Nursery notes

For those of you who have volunteered to help -

Julie Masuwa and Sherry Martin are the new coordinators for the nursery ministry at Liberty Chapel. We would like to thank each and every one of you who have volunteered to staff the nursery on Sunday morning. Please check the schedule in the newsletter and/or bulletin to make sure you don't miss your opportunity to serve. A note will also be placed in your mailbox to remind you of your scheduled day and time. Tack this note to your bulletin board, stick it to your bathroom mirror, or tape it to your remote! Kara has a master schedule for the whole year if you need to check when you signed up. We realize that illness, vacations or unexpected events may come up and you cannot serve on the Sunday for which you volunteered. Please contact someone else on the schedule to trade times or contact Julie or Sherry to let them know you can't come. Although the nursery looks like just a room or two full of chaos, it is another opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the little ones and allow their parents a chance to worship without so much distraction!

For parents of young children -

Just a reminder that the nursery is for children pre-school and under (and we have a LOT of children in that age range). Those rooms get pretty small when older children come in and want to run around playing super heroes or drive fast trucks. Little ones can get knocked down and hurt. We want the nursery to be a safe sanctuary where parents can leave their children and have peace of mind while they focus on listening to God.

For teens -

Although the nursery **MUST** be staffed by adults, there are times we could use a couple of extra hands to play with the little ones. If you would like to help on a regular basis, please contact Julie Masuwa or Sherry Martin to be put on the schedule. If you would like to help occasionally, let Julie or Sherry know and we will make a list of those names. You can also pop into the nursery on Sunday morning to see if help is needed. The number and/or ages of the children determines if additional big people should be in the nursery. Don't be discouraged if your help isn't required this week, check again next week. We love that you want to serve in this very important ministry!

APRIL

Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. Classic Worship (Nursery Provided)
 10:30 a.m. Praise Celebration (Nursery Provided)
 9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages (Nursery Provided)

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 am Sunrise Service 8:15 am Breakfast 8:45 am Easter egg hunt 9 am Sunday School 10 am Easter Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm Trustee 7 pm Finance 8 pm Ad. Council	3 6 am Charlie's 9:30 am Ladies Bible study 3-5 pm ROCK 5:30 pm Men's basketball	4 8-9:30 am Caring Cupboard 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	5 3-5 pm ROCK 7:30 pm Fair Stand	6 7 am Men's Prayer Time	7 7 am Men's Prayer Time
8 6 pm Girl Scouts	9 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship	10 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC	11 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	12 3-5 pm ROCK	13 7 am Men's Prayer Time	14 7 am Men's Prayer Time
15	16 12 pm Senior Luncheon 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings 7:30 pm Evangelism	17 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	18 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WMN & Pastor Brad's study 7-8 pm Jr. & Sr. High—Community Youth group	19 3-5 pm ROCK	20 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings	21 7 am Men's Prayer Time
22 6 pm Girl Scouts	23 6:30 pm Missions	24 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	25 3-5 pm Rock Brady Chapa Carnival 7-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	26 3-5 pm ROCK	27 Rehearsal Dinner	28 7 am Men's Prayer Time Mohler wedding
29 8:15 am Classic Worship 10:30 am Attaboy concert	30					

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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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*“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that He is
overflowing to others.”*

Return Service Requested

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