

# The MacPherson Press

March 2024

*God calls MacPherson Presbyterian Church  
to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
to make disciples, and to be His witness.*

## Share Jesus Today! Invite Someone You Know To These Easter Services

### **Palm Sunday**

March 24

8:45 & 11:00 in Sanctuary

### **Maundy Thursday**

March 28

6:00 pm in Sanctuary

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

March 31

6:00 am at the Firepit

### **Easter Breakfast**

March 31

7:00ish in Fellowship Hall

### **Easter Morning Services**

March 31

8:45 & 11:00 in Sanctuary



# *Why Do You Believe?*

## *The Apostles' Creed and Why It Matters*

PASTOR JIM

Many Christians are familiar with the Apostles' Creed. The text is as follows:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,*

*And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,*

*born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*

*he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,*

*and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,*

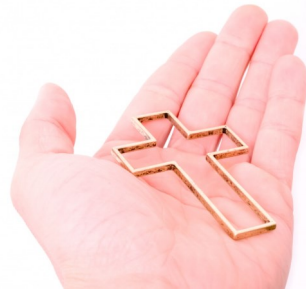
*the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.*

Sadly, many Christians also simply recite the Apostles' Creed by rote without any understanding of what the Creed actually states and means. When a person recites the Apostles' Creed they are not simply reciting this Creed; they are, in fact, declaring for all who will listen what their core beliefs are regarding God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the saints, forgiveness, and what happens to the faithful in eternity.

In our declaration we make known specific things about each of the aforementioned items contained in the Creed. For example, with regard to God we declare He is the

creative power undergirding all there is in the universe. Regarding Jesus we declare His virgin birth, His suffering, His death and resurrection, and His authority to judge both those who believe by faith in Jesus and those who reject Him. Moreover, we declare the existence of the Holy Spirit and thereby affirm our belief in the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—so there is no doubt regarding our position or understanding of the nature of God.

Thus, the Apostles' Creed functions as both a declaration of Jesus' disciples' core beliefs as well as a concise list of those core beliefs. These core beliefs are non-negotiable to the Christian. I am, however, aware some in the Christian community do not affirm all or parts of the Apostles' Creed. Some people struggle with the virgin birth, some struggle with forgiveness, others struggle with the resurrection. It is okay to struggle or have doubts about parts or even all of the Apostles' Creed, as long as the doubts lead you to prayerfully search the Scriptures and be in conversation with God about those places where you struggle. I am also available to speak with anyone who has concerns about the Apostles' Creed or any matters of faith and life.



It is my hope that upon completion of this series of sermons your faith and understanding of these non-negotiable building blocks of the Christian faith will be strengthened. Moreover, I hope whatever lingering doubts you may have about any of the components of the Apostles' Creed will be laid to rest.

Until the nets are full,  
*Pastor Jim*

# March Sermon Information

## *Why Do You Believe?*

### *The Apostles' Creed and Why It Matters*

#### **March 3: I Believe in God**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; John 17:1-5

#### **March 10: I Believe in the Holy Spirit**

Psalm 139:7-10; Hebrews 9:11-14

#### **March 17: I Believe in the Virgin Birth**

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

#### **March 24: The Church: The Body of Christ**

Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 2:4-10

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 28: Jesus Suffered and Died**

Matthew 27:27-32; Mark 14:65; 15:16-21

#### **Sunrise Service, March 31: Jesus Rose from the Dead**

Luke 24:1-12

#### **March 31: Jesus the Judge**

John 5:20-24; Acts 10:42-43; 2 Timothy 4:1



## **In the Mail**

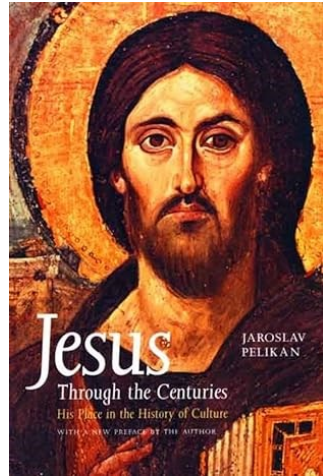
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## New Bible & Book Study

### *Jesus Through the Centuries*

Pastor Jim's next Bible & Book Study will begin March 7: *Jesus Through the Centuries—*

*His Place in the History of Culture.* The author is Jaroslav Pelikan. This highly praised book is “an original and compelling study of the impact of Jesus on cultural, political, social, and economic history.” It is available on



Amazon, both new and used, and may be available from your favorite online used bookseller. As always, Pastor Jim will pair Scripture reading with chapters from the book. The study meets Thursday nights at 7:00 pm, in-person in the Session Room (#205) or via Zoom. All are invited to attend! Contact Pastor Jim if you have any questions!

## *MacPherson Men Update*

Seventeen MacPherson Men met to continue their fellowship and ministry on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February by enjoying a hearty breakfast, sharing a devotion that included historical and Biblical quotes, and discussing future activities including the Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service breakfast on March 31. A workday at the Manse to finalize it for rental in the April timeframe is scheduled for March 9, following the monthly Men's Breakfast. .... The group meets on the second Saturday each month and welcomes men of all ages to join in fellowship and service. The next meeting is on March 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am. If you have questions or comments, contact David Hesnard or Steve Thrasher for details.

## *Congregation Meeting Update*

The Congregation Meeting held on February 18 was well attended, much information was presented, familiar and fresh faces met in fellowship, and the youth provided a tasty soup and sandwich lunch enjoyed by all. Highlights included: 2024 budget presentation; review of each team's focus for the coming year; welcoming new members Dominick Russo and Jakob Chandler; recognizing Faithful Saints Roger and Mary Mac McLean; election of new Trustee, Bob Ralph; and election of the 2024 Nominating Team. The Nominating Team of David Hesnard, Tricia DeMann, Mary Mac McLean, Jeremy Shoff, Emerald Reid, and Liz Hart is responsible for Elder, Trustee, and Faithful Saint recommendations for the coming year.

# March Express Meal & Special Mission Program

At the next Express Meal on March 20, we will welcome representatives from Gate Beautiful, one of the only organizations in the Cumberland County area specializing in direct services to Human Trafficking survivors. The Evangelism & Mission Committee is considering support for this important ministry and hopes many of you will come to hear about the work of Gate Beautiful.



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## Express Meal & Mission Program

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: March 20, 2024

Place: Fellowship Hall

Menu: TBA—watch your email & bulletin!



## One Last Manse Workday!

Saturday, March 9  
9:00 am

The APP Team is reaching out to the MacPherson family for one last workday at the Manse to accomplish the Herculean task of cleaning the grounds. See the APP article on page 10 for more details.

As an added incentive to join in, the Men's Group is preparing breakfast that morning and has extended an open invitation to anyone who would like a hearty breakfast before tackling the Manse grounds. RSVP to the office if you plan to attend the breakfast so that there will be plenty of food!

## *Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp* **Informational Meeting**

Sunday, March 17  
5:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall



Come to the information meeting to learn more about the work we do, cost, travel arrangements, packing lists, accommodations, age requirements, and so much more. Trip dates are June 16-22. Is this the year you will join MacPherson in being the hands and feet of Christ at the Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp? Come to the information meeting to have all your questions answered!



# From The Finance Team

*Mary Groening, Chair*

Just some odds and ends to report from the Finance Team at this time. The 2024 budget is in place, and we are still working on our Capital Campaign.

The team has set up an endowment account with First Citizen's Wealth Management. The interest earned by this fund will be used to further the mission of the church. It will also provide a means for members to invest in the future of MacPherson.

Additionally, we are investigating ways to raise funds for the church. We are reaching out to you to be a part of this endeavor. We have already been given several suggestions to include auctions, golf tournaments, and food sales. The idea is to find ways that will not only raise money for the church and its missions but also will allow us to reach out to the community and share the Gospel. Perhaps you know of something that worked elsewhere, or you have an idea that we can incorporate. Please reach out to one of our team members and share your input. We need your support! When we work together, we can accomplish so much. Thank you for your support and your insight!

***Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.  
1 Corinthians 12:27***

## From APP

*Bill Groening, Chair*



Preparing the Manse for the rental market has been the main focus for the APP team the last few months. There was lots to be done and so much has been accomplished. The furniture has been removed, the plumbing and electricity have been inspected and repaired, the porch door has been replaced, and the entire home has been cleaned. The only task remaining for the house itself is a fresh coat of paint on the front door. With the return of spring and the warmer weather, this will be done soon.

Of course, all the tasks listed above have to do with the building itself. Attacking the accumulation of leaves, weeds, vines, and deadfall on the grounds has proven to be a Herculean task. Your response to our call for help for the first two workdays was exceptional and so appreciated. We, the APP team, are reaching out to you once again for one last workday at the Manse on Saturday, March 9. Everyone is invited to come and participate. We plan to get underway at 9:00 am. Bring your gloves and any tools you might find useful. (There are rakes at the manse.) As an added incentive to join in, the Men's Group is preparing breakfast that morning and has extended an open invitation to anyone who would like a hearty breakfast before tackling the Manse grounds. Just let Rene know if you plan to attend the breakfast so that there will be plenty of food.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. We couldn't accomplish our goal without you!

## *Behind the Scenes at MacPherson: Operation Inasmuch*

You probably notice it on the calendar: Operation Inasmuch Breakfast Support. But what does that mean for MacPherson?

Operation Inasmuch has been impacting the Fayetteville community since 1995 through a bi-annual, hands-on volunteer Blitz Day. For 12 years, area churches joined together, serving the community in the name of Christ. In

January 2007 they opened the doors as a nonprofit that sought to forever change the face of



homelessness in Fayetteville through the Gospel of Christ. In July 2007, they began serving hot breakfasts, Monday through Friday. The kitchen staff is comprised of servers, cooks, and dishwashers. The meals are served by volunteers from churches (like MacPherson!), Christian clubs, and local businesses.

Long-time MacPherson member Mike Clover began volunteering with a friend that year. Mike also knew Sue and Wayne Byrd, the directors of Operation Inasmuch at that time. There was a need for another group to serve breakfast once a month, and Mike proposed this mission to MacPherson. Mike and Iris Clover along with Barney Treneman were some of the original volunteers. Barney continues to volunteer along with Mary Groening, Bill Kern, Jose Cardona, David and Sylvia Hesnard, and Scott Cummings.

Interested in joining this tradition of MacPherson service? The team serves breakfast from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. on the third Friday of every other month. They could always use more help! If you would like to go one Friday, please contact Mary Groening or Bill Kern. They would be happy to tell you more and show you the ropes!

# Worship and Music

*Mary Groening, Chair*

Great news! We closed out February by celebrating the return of the Chancel Choir. What a wonderful addition to our worship services! Thanks to all the singers who participated, and a special thanks to Beth Walters for her time and expertise in making the return possible. If you missed the opportunity to join the choir, we have another chance for you! The Choir plans to sing once again at Easter—and there is a place for you! Practice is scheduled after the late service on March 17 and March 25, starting around 12:15 and lasting 30-45 minutes. Contact Jeannie Jernigan if you have any questions!

Now that March is here, we welcome spring and bid goodbye to winter. Trees are beginning to bud, daffodils are popping up everywhere, and we are reminded of the renewal and the new life that occur each spring. What a wonderful season; the perfect time to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are so many opportunities to worship and celebrate this month. Be sure to keep your calendar updated so you won't miss out.

As is our tradition at Easter time, you have the opportunity to contribute to the Resurrection Missions in honor of or in memory of someone. This year, the two choices for donation are the Building Fund and the Tunnels to Towers Foundation. We are all familiar with the Building Fund, but might not know about Tunnels to Towers. After some research, the Worship & Music Team felt this organization was a good fit for MacPherson. Their website states: "Since 9/11, we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We also are committed to eradicating



veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001.” Please consider supporting one of these two funds in memory or in honor of someone special in your life.

On Palm Sunday, March 24, we anticipate the return of the Handbell Choir. The bell ringers meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the choir room. We are looking for more ringers to join the choir! This could be the perfect opportunity for you to join in and participate in worship. The practices usually last about half an hour, freeing you to attend Bible study after practice. You don’t need to be able to read music; all you need is a desire to fellowship and to join in praising God through music.

On March 28, there will be a Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 pm. Maundy is actually a shortened form of the Latin word *mandatum*, which means “command.” This service remembers the Last Supper that Christ shared with His disciples and the command that He gave them—and us:

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John 13:34)*

On Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate Easter Sunday and the resurrection of our Lord. There will be Sunrise Service at the fire pit (weather permitting) beginning at 6:00 am. This service will be followed by a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The men’s group is spearheading the breakfast, but would welcome your participation. If you would like to contribute, please contact Dave Hesnard or Steve Thrasher. After breakfast, there will be the two regularly scheduled services.

We have all heard the old saying that March comes “in like a lion and out like a lamb.” This year, as March goes out we will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice, who willingly took our sins so that we might have eternal life.

**Praise the Lord!  
He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!**

## *Resurrection Missions 2024*

Donations are being accepted through Sunday, March 24 for the following:

**The MacPherson Building Fund:** Contributions to this fund will continue to replenish the Building Fund after the extensive expenditures in 2023 for HVAC repairs, especially Sanctuary HVAC repairs. We are currently at 61 percent of our \$100,000 goal for this fund.

**Tunnel to Towers:** Since 9/11, Tunnels to Towers has helped America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first-responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. The Homeless Veteran program is committed to ending veteran homelessness nationwide. Through Veterans Villages and a National Case Management Network, they have provided housing assistance and access to supportive services to nearly 4,000 veterans. They are working towards the goal of achieving "functional zero" homeless veterans as a nation.



## *Resurrection Missions 2024*

Donations are being accepted through Sunday, March 24.  
Dedications will be published in a special section of the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**I would like to make a \$10 donation  in honor or  
 in memory of**

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I would like my contribution to go to

- The Building Fund
- Tunnel to Towers

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## From Congregational Care

*David Hesnard, Chair*

March has arrived, we are focusing our thoughts on Lent, daylight savings time is about to upset our daily rhythms, Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday (Easter) are fast approaching, and we haven't had time to take a breath. The Congregation Meeting is in the books. Session Teams are reassessing priorities and policies, and the Youth have successfully visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. Planning is underway for the Tender Loving Care (TLC) dinner on Saturday, April 20. More to follow as details are finalized. It is indeed time for a soothing cup of hot tea and some thoughtful reflection.

As we continue activities into 2024, the Congregational Care Team (CCT) is working to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and relational needs of the MacPherson Church family and friends that God has blessed us with. If you see a need or feel led to participate in any of our ministry areas, please see myself or Tricia DeMann, and we will assist you in that effort. Additional hands, thoughts, and ideas are appreciated and encouraged. We meet the first Thursday of every month, at 7:00 pm, on Zoom and in the Fellowship Hall.

In preparation for celebration of Resurrection Sunday, let us remember Peter's words in 1 Peter 3:13-17: *"Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."*

We have the opportunity each day to boldly seek and share God's truth and our belief in Jesus with those around us in study, discussion, fellowship, and service with compassion, gentleness, and respect.

*In Prayer and Service, David*





## **Prepared. For Life.**

Scouting teaches youth to confront any challenge with whole hearts and clear minds—to live their lives without regret, never back down, and do their very best!

Link to Scouts BSA

<https://www.scouting.org/>

## **BSA – Troop 771 News**

The MacPherson Presbyterian Church Session has approved the process of including girls in Scouts BSA activities by establishing a Troop 771(G) for girls ages 11-17. Troop 771(G) will welcome girls interested in the outdoor activities that the boys of Troop 771(B) currently enjoy. Extensive effort is underway with leadership recruitment and training before girls will have the opportunity to enjoy the Scouting experience, as appropriate safeguards and Youth Protection Training requirements are firmly set in place.

Troop 771(B) has exciting activities planned for the upcoming months. By the time this newsletter goes to print, our Scouts will have completed a daytrip to Moore's Creek National Battlefield as part of their requirements for rank advancement to Scout, Tenderfoot, and Second Class. Early in March, they will participate in weekend overnight camping to meet various merit badge requirements from March 8-10 at Camp Bowers near White Oak, NC. Toward the end of March, on the weekend of 22-24, the Scouts will train on and assess their skills in outdoor survival at Camp McCall near Aberdeen, NC. Finally, in April, the District Camporee is planned to train and challenge the Scouts' First Aid skills. If you have youngsters ages 11-17 interested in either Troop 771(G) or Troop 77(B), contact Bill Kern our Scouting Charter Organization Representative.

## From Evangelism & Mission

*Don Mollett, Chair*

*“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully” -- Romans 12:6-8.*

I selected this Bible verse because it speaks to the heart of the message that I want to share with the members of the church this year. We all give a portion of our money and our time to different causes and charities—but it is vital to give more of ourselves to the missions of the church. The Evangelism & Mission Team is asking every member with the ability and desire to participate in any way that you can do so in local missions. This is so we can grow not only as a church but as a community and family in God’s house. If we as a church come together in unity and reach out to the community around us, we let them see we are a church that they want to become part of *and* the way to something greater—a connection with God.

In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to learn about and/or become a part of three ministries. The first is new to MacPherson: Gate Beautiful. Their mission is to offer a clear path to freedom to men, women, and children caught in the snare of Human Trafficking, prostitution, or addiction by providing rapid response, case management, and individualized restoration planning. Their mission is to work in partnership with local law enforcement and the District Attorney’s office to serve survivors, primarily through the emergency and stabilization phases of recovery.

The E & M Team has researched this issue and organization, and will bring a speaker to the March Express Meal to answer questions about the program and how we can assist in their work. We pray you will attend the meal and come listen to the Gate Beautiful presentation.

The second ministry may be familiar to you: Operation Inasmuch Breakfast Support. If you're not sure what it's all about, see the "Behind the Scenes" article on page 11 of this newsletter. Volunteers are always needed for this initiative. This month MacPherson will serve on March 22 from 7:00-9:00 am. Please notify a member of the E&M Team no later than Sunday, March 17 if you'd like to take part.

Lastly, there is an informational meeting for the Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp on Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 pm. The dates for the trip are June 16-22. Not sure what it's all about? Make plans to come to the informational meeting! All the things that could affect your desire and ability to go in June—such as the work, the cost, travel, packing lists, age requirements, and much more—will be answered and addressed by the team. You can even contact any member of the E & M Team ahead of time if you have questions about the trip. As to the question "What do **you** need to start doing now to ensure you can travel with the group in June?" Well, the first thing is to pray—and then attend the March meeting to talk to the team about all requirements.

As always, if you have ideas, concerns, or a passion for our outreach and mission efforts, please contact Megan Shoff, Sharon Mazingo, Barney Treneman, Bill Kern, or Don Mollett. We also invite you to join us on Thursday, March 7th, at 6:00 pm in Room 228, for fellowship and God's work with the E&M team.

# MacPherson Presbyterian Church

## March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Session Team Meetings</b> <b>March 7</b> 6:00 pm APP (FH) 6:00 pm E & M (#228) 6:30 pm W & M (224) 7:00 pm Christian Ed (P) 7:00 pm LPT (#233A) 7:00 pm Congregational Care (FH)				<b>1</b> 10:00-3:00 Services for the Blind Daily Living Skills Training (FH/K) 7:00 pm SOS, Seekers of Sobriety (FH, K)	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Communion</b> 12:15 pm Anthony Diaz Eagle Scout Ceremony (S, FH, K) 12:15 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer Meeting (FH) 9:00-3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A) 6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A) 7:00 pm Troop Meeting (FH)	<b>5</b> 8:00 am-4:00 pm Classical Conversations Homeschoolers (Various Rooms- See Rene) 5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#12, #24) 5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 886 (FH/K, 233A, 224) 6:30 pm Bible 101 (#215)	<b>6</b> 9 am ESL Tutoring/Jackson (#233A) 4:30 pm McCrafters (H) 5:00 pm Finance (H) 5:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room) 6:00 pm BYOB & Bible Study (FH/K) 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S) 7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#215)	<b>7</b> <b>Session Team Meetings</b> <b>See Above</b> 9:00-3:00 pm CHA Staff (#233A) 6:00 pm Fireside Chat with David & Pastor Jim (You Tube) 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S) 7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#215/ Zoom)	<b>8</b> 10:00-3:00 Services for the Blind Daily Living Skills Training (FH/K) 6:00 pm Parlor Reserved Pastor 7:00 pm SOS, Seekers of Sobriety (FH/K)	<b>9</b> 8:00 am- Noon Happy Feet Soccer (Soccer Field) 7:30 am MacPherson Men (FH/K) 9:00 am Men's Workday

<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Catechism Offering</b>  <b>Girl Scout Sunday</b>  12:45 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)  12:45 pm Session (#215)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer-Meeting (H)  9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A)  7:00 pm Troop Meeting (FH)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:00 am–4:00 pm Classical Conversations Homeschoolers (Various Rooms—See Rene)  5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#72, #74)  5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 888 (FH, K, 233A, 274)  6:30 pm Bible 101 (#215)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  9 am ESL Tutoring/Jackson (#233A)  4:30 pm McCreathers (H)  5:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)  6:00 pm BYOB Bible Study (FH, K)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#215)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  10:00 am Circle 5 (H)  6:00 pm Fireside Chat with David &amp; Pastor Jim (You Tube)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#215/Zam)  7:00 pm Eagle Board of Review (Various)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:00–3:00 Services for the Blind Daily Living Skills Training (FH, K)  7:00 am Operation Inasmuch Breakfast/Support  7:00 pm SDS Seekers of Sobriety (FH, K)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:00 am-Noon Happy Feet Soccer (Soccer Field)  2:00 pm Piano Teachers' Association Recital (S)</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Women's Sunday</b>  <b>Bus Reserved</b>  <b>Youth to Movie</b>  1:00 pm  5:00 pm Cabell-Lincoln Workcamp Information Meeting (H)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer-Meeting (H)  9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A)  7:00 pm Troop Meeting (FH)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:00 am–4:00 pm Classical Conversations Homeschoolers (Various Rooms—See Rene)  5:30 pm GS Troop 888 (#72, #74)  5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 888 (FH, K, 233A, 274)  6:30 pm Bible 101 (#215)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  9 am ESL Tutoring/Jackson (#233A)  4:30 pm McCreathers (H)  5:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)  6:00 pm Express Meal &amp; Prayer Meeting (FH, K)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm Fireside Chat with David &amp; Pastor Jim (You Tube)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#215/Zam)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:00–3:00 Services for the Blind Daily Living Skills Training (FH, K)  6:00 pm Pastor-Reserved Pastor  7:00 pm SDS Seekers of Sobriety (FH, K)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>8:00 am-Noon Happy Feet Soccer (Soccer Field)</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b>  <b>Ford Drive</b>  12:45 pm Youth Fellowship (FH, K)</p> <hr/> <p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b>  6:00 m Sunrise Service with the Firepit-Breakfast to follow  8:45 &amp; 1:00 Service with Sunday School as Usual</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:30 am Monday Morning Prayer-Meeting (H)  9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm GS Troop 821 (#228, #233A)  7:00 pm Troop Meeting (FH)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8:00 am–4:00 pm Classical Conversations Homeschoolers (Various Rooms—See Rene)  <i>No meeting Troop 888</i>  5:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop 888 (FH, K, 233A, 274)  6:30 pm Bible 101 (#215)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9 am ESL Tutoring/Jackson (#233A)  4:30 pm McCreathers (H)  5:30 pm Handbells (Choir Room)  6:00 pm BYOB Bible Study (FH, K)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Freedom to Grow (#215)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00–3:00 pm Children's Hope Alliance Staff (#233A)  6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (S)  6:00 pm Fireside Chat with David &amp; Pastor Jim (You Tube)  6:30 pm Praise Band Practice (S)  7:00 pm Pastor's Book Study (#215/Zam)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maundy Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>No Services for the Blind</i>  10:00–Noon Classical Conversations Event Set-Up (FH, K)  6:00–9:00 pm Classical Conversations Faces of History (FH, K)  7:00 pm SDS Seekers of Sobriety (#215)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Good Friday</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>8:00 am-Noon Happy Feet Soccer (Soccer Field)  11 am–6:00 pm FH Reserved—Randall (FH, K)</p>

## March 2024 – Jesus’ I Am #6

### **Verse 1 – Jesus Is the Lamb of God**

John 1:35-36

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

### **Verse 2 – Jesus Is The Messiah**

John 4:25-26

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

### **Verse 3 – Jesus Is from Above**

John 8:23

He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.”

### **Verse 4 – Jesus Is the Light of the World**

John 9:5

“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

### **Verse 5 – Jesus and God are One**

John 17:21

....[T]hat they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

### **Verse 6 – Pray for the Leaders of Habitat for Humanity, Operation Inasmuch & Our City**

Psalms 127:1

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

# *March Birthdays*

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Coming in late April for BYOB on Wednesday nights: “A Study of Psalms.” Pastor plans to start with a study of the Messianic Psalms. Other groupings will include psalms of thanksgiving, imprecation, and praise. He is also looking at studying Psalm 119, the longest of the Psalms, on its own. Watch for more information as we draw closer to the start time!

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