The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Mint Hill, North Carolina April 2017



From Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

Walking with Jesus

Can you imagine what it would have been like to actually walk with Jesus? It must have been something to see this "rock star" that drew crowds everywhere he went choose to stop and, for free, heal broken and sick people. How amazing would it have been to hear him talk and something about what he said or the way that he said it would cause people listening to say, "He teaches with authority-unlike the priests: Translation—WOW! Just what he's saying is giving me goose bumps. This guy actually makes it seem like things really can change!

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This is what Holy Week and Easter are all about. It's our time as Christians to walk with Jesus. God is so amazing! While science hasn't yet figured out a way to physically transport us "Back to the Future" style into the past, God does offer us a way to get there and be a part of Jesus' life spiritually. God is alive and present in our lives every day. But during Holy Week we have the opportunity to walk the path of grace, love and forgiveness that was Jesus' earthly life, death and resurrection. It is and will be will be a deep, meaningful, difficult, and in the end love filled and life renewing time together. This is our time and our opportunity to walk this path together.

It will be a wonderful and awe inspiring journey that has changed and will change our lives through the greatest power the world will ever know....the love of Almighty God.

It will be a blessing to be a part of this together...

In Christ, Rusty

Holy Week Schedule



April 9—Palm Sunday—

Processional of the palms at worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

April 13—Maundy Thursday—Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary—observance of the Last Supper

April 14—Good Friday—Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary **April 16—Easter**—Worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

From Katie Sloan, Outreach Minister

That Day Up on the Cross

As we approach Holy Week I cannot help but think of the scene at the cross. The picture we paint in our head isn't always what is true and real. What Jesus went through for us was painful, bloody, and ugly.

It was a blistering hot day. Three men died that day. They were crucified side by side outside the walls of Jerusalem at a place called Golgotha ("the skull") where the Romans did their killing. It was located not far from the Damascus Gate so that people going into the city would have to see the executions.

Jesus of Nazareth hangs on the middle cross. Two men were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. They were both criminals who were sentenced to die together at the same time at the same place on the same day. Both had been severely beaten before they were crucified, both were stripped naked before the leering crowd, both were covered with blood and dirt. Both men were dying and both would soon be dead. No one could look at them and tell any difference.

But in reality, no two men could be more different. These two men who were crucified on the outer crosses differed on one main point: how they viewed the man in the middle. They saw him differently and therefore asked him for different things. One man wanted escape, not forgiveness. The other man wanted forgiveness, not escape. "And he said, Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:42-43)

Somehow this man seeking forgiveness saw Jesus bleeding and naked and yet he believed that he would someday come in his kingdom. He saw Jesus at his weakest moment, and still he believed in him. He is a crucified sinner trusting in a crucified Savior. No man ever looked less like a king than Jesus did that day, yet this man saw him as he really was. Jesus saw a sinner hanging next to him and believed he was worthy of forgiveness.

If this man can be saved, anyone can be saved. If there's hope for him, there's hope for you and hope for me. If he can make it to heaven, so can you. If Jesus would take him, he'll certainly take you and me.

Jesus had been hanging there for hours. He was physically beat down, mentally mixed up, emotionally emasculated, and now relationally ruined. No doubt in Jesus' mind he was thinking: Father you said you would never leave me; you said you would never abandon me; you said you would give the angels charge over me to pick me up less I dash my foot against a stone; you said in me you were well pleased. In agony Jesus cried out "Eli, Eli Lema Sabachthani...My God, My God Why hast thou forsaken me" (Matthew 27:46).

Jesus took the full force of God's wrath on sin for you and for me. He was forsaken by God so you and I wouldn't have to be.

This cry from the cross is for all the lonely people of the world. It is for the abandoned child ... the widow... the divorcee struggling to make ends meet ... the mother standing over the bed of her suffering daughter ... the father out of work ... the parents left alone ... the prisoner in his cell ... the aged who languish in convalescent homes ... wives abandoned by their husbands ... singles who celebrate their birth-days alone.

This is the word from the cross for you. No one has ever been as alone as Jesus was. You will never be forsaken as he was. No cry of your pain can exceed the cry of his pain when God turned his back and looked the other way.

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He was forsaken that you might never be forsaken. He was abandoned that you might never be abandoned. He was deserted that you might never be deserted. He was forgotten that you might never be forgotten. Thank God!

"Later, knowing that all was now completed and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' Every breath now is huge effort. Heaving, gasping, fighting for oxygen. Resting upon the nail holes, while he inhales, his flesh tearing from his own weight. Sweat pouring off of him. Making some strange guttural noises. The experienced soldiers had heard it before—the death rattle. With one last gasp a sound comes out. You can barely hear it more than two or three feet away. More like a moan. It is one word in Greek—dipso—"I Thirst."

As Jesus hung on the cross he made seven different statements. But only one of those statements deals with his personal, physical suffering.

No wonder he was thirsty. Loss of blood. Exposure. Heat. Exhaustion. Dehydration. He's been on the cross now for 6 hours. The sweat rolls off him like buckets. It's hot. And the flies are buzzing around him. The crowds taunting him. The blood mixes with the sweat as it pours off his body. In the end dehydration sets in. You know what dehydration is like? First it gives you a fever. Then it gives you a terrible throbbing pain in your head. And then cramps in your abdomen. And then nausea sets in. Then your eyeballs begin to dry up in the sockets. And then your lips begin to go dry. Then your tongue gets swollen and thick. And then your throat feels like sand paper. Your vocal cords swell up. In the end you can barely whisper.

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on the stalk of a hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (John 19:30)

It was the most hopeless scene you could ever imagine. He died in terrible pain. But his death is not the end of the story. On Sunday he rose in glorious victory. The same Jesus who cried, "I thirst," rose from the dead, victorious over the grave.

We must learn the lesson well. Your sufferings do not necessarily mean you are out of the will of God. It is entirely possible that you may do everything God wants you to do ... and still suffer. Even so, your suffering may yet be redeemed into something much greater than you can imagine! Jesus pointed the way when he cried, "I thirst" that was Friday. On Sunday he rose from the dead to become a gushing spring of Living Water. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

> Happy Easter! Katie

Cancer Awareness Sunday

Have you or one of your friends or loved ones been affected by cancer? Then join us on April 30, 2017 at the 10:30 a.m. service to recognize anyone who has had cancer. It can be you, family member, or friend.

Send the name of the person you want to recognize to Cynthia by email (cynthia@philadelphiachurch.org) or call the church office at 704-545-6172. Please note if the person is currently battling cancer or had cancer. We will honor anyone that we lost to cancer.

Also, we will participate in Relay for Life on May 19, 2017 at Independence HS from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Contact Tina Ross or Emily Davis for more information.



Easter Eggstravaganza!

Bring Your Baskets, Friends and Family and Come Enjoy Our **Annual Easter Celebration!**

> Saturday, April 8th The Park on Wilgrove

Festivities Begin at 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.

- Open to the Community
- ❖ Ages 3 Years to 5th Grade
 - Refreshments
 - Games
 - Crafts
 - Face Painting
- ❖ And of Course...The Great Egg Hunt!



Blood Drive—Saturday, April 8 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Bigham Hall

Donors should eat iron-rich foods for two weeks before donating blood. Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine on the day of the drive. On Sunday, April 2, 2017, after the 10:30 church service stop by our information table in the narthex if you have any questions about giving blood or want to register to be a donor. You can schedule your appointment by contacting Lewana Ratliff 704-545-9518 or Emily Davis 704-576-1522. Donors may also visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code: Mint-HillChurches.

Thank you to all who helped with Room in the Inn

From the organizational meeting in November to volunteering to fill all the open spaces to serve from December until March, thank you. Sunday School classes, people from the congregation, youth and even friends who are not members of the church, thank you. There are so many special people who support the RITI program, and it is greatly appreciated. Some new people got involved, and we were able to fill empty spaces with these new faces. A BIG THANK YOU to all who served and supported this project. I know the staff at Urban Ministry is grateful for

I say a special thank you to my team of Cathy

SMINITERING THAN TO A STATE OF THE PARTY OF Snelson and Andrew Starnes who helped to guide me in the PPC way to do RITI. Already we are planning for the 2017 - 2018 RIning for the 2017 - 2018 RI-TI. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in December.

Blessings to all of you,

Jill Cervantes

Coordinator for RITI

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Order your Easter lilies!

Our sanctuary is adorned with live Easter lilies in memory or in honor of loved ones on Easter morning. Easter lily order forms are now available in the church office. The six-inch pots are



\$11.00 per pot, and may be removed from the sanctuary after our 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

Deadline to order is April 9.

Library news

Do you ever feel the need for a quiet place? A place to pray? Meditate? Meet with your Stephen Minister/client? Gather with two or three others to talk or pray together? Or maybe just sit in the quiet? May we suggest the Library Reading Room at the end of the library wing? The area is small enough to be intimate, very comfortable, and accessible from the outside or through the Heritage Room/library area. Signs for both doors will be available stating the room is in use and not to be disturbed. Books are available to guide your meditations/take home to use/enjoy. Coffee, tea, and music will be available. We have wonderful spaces on campus for you to enhance your faith journey. We encourage you to use them often.



Magical Wonderland to support Claire's Army

Claire's Army strives to act as God's hands and feet by providing support for families fighting childhood cancer. Claire's Army is endorsed by Novant/Hemby Children's Center and is a recognized 501(c) 3 corporation.

Claire's Army was inspired by 2 year old Claire Ratliff's battle against Neuroblastoma. During treatment her family received support from friends, family, and strangers for which they are forever grateful. This network allowed them to focus their attention on the important things - spending quality time with Claire and focusing on treatment. Although Claire received the ultimate cure and gained her angel wings, her fight inspired thousands of people and her legacy will live on through Claire's Army. Through pigtail inspired enthusiasm, we will help families by providing support to make their journey a little easier, allowing them to focus more of their time and energy on their children.

Along with the obvious financial woes, the families facing pediatric cancer can be challenged with effectively maintaining their households, allowing many daily responsibilities to become neglected due to the priorities of treatment. Some of these issues can be simple home maintenance, grocery shopping, cooking and caring for healthy siblings. Our aim is to assist those families.

Magical Wonderland is an opportunity for girls and ladies of all ages to gather on May 20 from 10:00-noon to enjoy a pancake (Claire's favorite) brunch at theme-decorated tables sure to delight any age. Entertainment will be provided by Scott Francis and Kristen Miranda, WBTV news anchor will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Cost is \$20 per ticket; all net proceeds will fund Claire's Army. There is no charge for girls under age 2, but an accompanying adult is expected to purchase a ticket. Table sponsorships are available for \$120, which includes six guests.

Board of Trustees meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Corporation met February 20, 2017 in the Session Room and elected officers. The officers of the Corporation for 2017 are John Nofsinger, President; Judy Turnage, Vice President; Janet Daniel, Secretary; and Melinda Johnston, Treasurer.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Tom Duke, Rolf Jaeger, Randall Snelson, and Melinda Johnston for their excellent leadership of the Corporation in 2015 and 2016.

Presbyterian Men want you to know!

Many thanks go to all who helped to make the Poor Man's Supper a success! Our next event will be a pancake breakfast on May 13. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details to come!

Our regular April meeting will be at 7:30 on April 8 in the Kerr Building after which we will head over to the Park on Wilgrove to lend help with putting up tents for the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Easter cross

Please contribute to our annual Easter cross. Our bare Lenten cross will be transformed into a beautiful floral cross for our Easter service. Please leave any blossoms, ferns, or moss, in water in disposable containers in the breezeway outside the sanctuary BY NOON on April 15.



From A Single Drop, A Well Grows

The 2015-2016 Circle Bible Study was entitled "Come to the Waters" which focused on using the scripture text to tell the story of faith through water stories from Genesis to Revelation. At the end of the study, the ladies in Circle 5 chose to put their study in action and began to search for a water project. They chose to partner with the Presbyterian Mission Agency to build a well. Since the cost of the well project was \$1250, they invited other groups to partner with them and many, including other circles, the Presbyterian Women, the Bazaar Committee, the Men of the Church, the PPC Senior Nutrition program, and individuals contributed money to assist with the project. Today a well in Managua, Nicaragua will be constructed to provide much needed clean drinking water to an area that has been devastated by earthquakes.



Graduation
Sunday is June 4.

Celebrate!! If your high school, college, or higher learning graduate would

like to be recognized on this day, please contact the church office. A breakfast will be provided for the graduates and their families. Caps and gowns may be worn if desired.

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April Anniversaries

- Mike & Lynn Belk
- 12 Gerald & Vicki Crossman
- 12 Buz & Becky Hamilton
- 12 Brandon & Meredith Hartsell
- Jacob & Lauren Hessler
- Porter & Pernette Behrendt 17
- Keith & Connie Ensley
- 17 Jeremy & Alana White
- 19 Mike & Cathy Haney
- 20 Philip & Mary Snyder
- Woody & Linda Cummins 21
- 23 Matthew & Hilary Hall
- 27 AJ & Shelley Lukjanczuk
- 30 Aaron & Amy Kaminski

If your name was omitted from the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.

Congratulations to Keith and Jennifer Perkins on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grace March 8. The proud grandparents are Rocky and Cindi Hoffner.



We extend sympathy for the following deaths

- [Alice Keziah Blanton] sister of Martha Carriker on December 19
- [Lewis Holiday] brother of Gypsy Flowe on February 19
- Kirby Dellinger on March 17
- [Bill Weatherly] husband of Betty Weatherly on March 19

New mission opportunity at PPC: Box Tops for Education

Clip Box | Tops and place them in containers located on desk outside of-

fice or in the Kingdom Kids area. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and will go for needs at Alexander Youth Network.

Thanks in advance! Contact Jill Linscheid with questions (704-591-0304)or ilinscheid@carolina.rr.com.

Deadline to return scholarship applications is April 1!



- Janet O'Prey
- 4 Danny Pharr
- 4 Sharon Robinson
- 5 Moses Griffin
- 6 Allyson Cathy
- 6 Benjamin Jeffers
- 6 Trey Robison
- 7 Gabriel Governale
- 7 Kevin Linscheid
- 8 Jessica Corrigan 8 Shelley Muehl
- Jillian Rosmon
- Ellen Street

- 10 Daniel Cooke
- 13 Emily Griffin
- Pam Jack 14
- Rose McWhirter 14
- 15 Will Pamplin
- 16 Lucy Goble
- 16 Elizabeth Baird
- 16 Bill Cloaninger
- 16 Myra Kirkland
- Kaye Vass 16
- 16 Blake Owens
- 17 John Allocco
- 17 Joel Orr
- 18 John Black
- 18 Becky Oke
- 19 Steve Davis
- 20 Christian McClure
- 20 Janet Hall
- 2.1 Kendall Barnes
- 21 Brenda Bouler
- 22 Michael Belk

- 22 Luke Hessler
- 22 Ann Sharpe
- 21 Gail Ferguson
- 23 Connie Ensley
- 24 Summer Guerin
- 24 Don Ratliff
- 25 Jamie Forbis
- 25 Mackenzie Lewis
- 25 Audrey Stamey
- 26 Annie Hagy
- 26 Fred Tannenbaum
- 27 Sadie Hood
- 27 Hannah Morris
- 27 Wayne Wolfe
- 28 Boyd Stanley
- 29 Brian Alexander

Gifts to the church

In memory of...

Nell Eudy-Ernest & Linda Jamison (Music Fund); Jeannine Mayberry, Marianne & Earney Smith (Bond Repayment)

Bill Furr—Ernest & Linda Jamison (Music Fund); Susan Andrews, G. Carrell Brooks, Ralph Leete Fellowship Class,

Lee & Carolyn Smith (Endowment Fund); Jeannine Mayberry, Marianne & Earney Smith, Ann Pearce (Bond Repayment)

Benny Joe Smith—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Williams, Jerry Tilley, Joyce Helms (Endowment Fund); Ann Pearce, Pam and Bill Crowder (Bond Repayment)

Raymond Holliday—Lucille Furr (Bond Repayment)

Lewis Holliday—Lucille Furr (Bond Repayment)
Bill Weatherly—Scott Montgomery & Pam Hollifield (Endowment

Fund); Ernest & Linda Jaminson (Bond Repayment)

Herman Morris—Sigrid Morris (Current Fund)

PPC Kindergarten News

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is underway! If you are planning to register your child for next year, please send in your application as soon as possible. Classes are filling up! You may obtain an application from our website: philadelphiachurch.org or from Vicki Crossman.

From your Christian Education Ministry

The Kingdom Kids invite all children ages 3 through 5th grade to "Sundaes on Sunday" all summer long!! Learn about the Bible through ice cream!! Yes, ice cream and the Bible makes a sweet treat!!! Don't miss out on our summer Sundae School fun!!!

Promotion Sunday for the Kingdom Kids is June 11 during worship. Details will follow soon!

Presbyterian Women survey

All women, currently active or inactive, are encouraged to complete a survey which can be found on the table outside the office mailbox area. If you have received a survey previously, please complete it and return it to Presbyterian Women's box 82.

Worship & Music Ministry needs your help

The choir will begin their summer schedule of practicing after the 10:30 Worship service beginning the Sunday after Easter. The Worship and Music Committee is seeking volunteers to provide child care. We want to encourage men and women with young children to participate in the Sanctuary Choir. Please contact Becky Griffin if you would like to offer your time once or twice a month to help grow the choir by providing child care. From a pool of participants a schedule will be developed. We will need at least two people each week. One must be an adult. This is a great opportunity for community service hours. Please support our Sanctuary Choir.

Saturday, April 1

9:00 a.m.—Circle #7—Heritage Rm.

Sunday, April 2

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

9:30 a.m.—Connections Class—Session Rm.

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service--Communion— Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class—Room In The Inn Lounge

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Mtg.—Youth Room

5:15 p.m.—Inspiration Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

5:45 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

6:45 p.m.—High School Youth Mtg.—Youth Room

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

Monday, April 3

6:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, April 5

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, April 6

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball

7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Admin. Ministry Mtg.—Session Rm.

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, April 7

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

<u>Saturday, April 8</u> 7:00 a.m.—Blood Drive—Bigham Hall

7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Easter Eggstravaganza—Wilgrove Mint Hill Park

Palm Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m.—Coffee & Fellowship—Bigham Hall

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Heritage

5:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class Dinner—Bigham Hall

5:15 p.m.—Inspirations Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, April 10

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:00 p.m.—Evangelism & Outreach Ministry—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, April 11

10:30 a.m.—Circle 1 & 2—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.--Circle #6--Session Room

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, April 12

 $10:\!00~a.m.\!\!-\!\!Craft~Workshop\!\!-\!\!Craftroom$

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, April 13

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Finance Ministry Meeting—Session Room 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service—Sanctuary

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building



7:00 p.m.—Good Friday Service—Sanctuary

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, April 15

No Meetings

Easter Sunday, April 16

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

Monday, April 17

Church Office Closed

 $6{:}30~p.m.—Cub~Scouts—Bigham~Hall$

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, April 18

10:00 a.m.—PPC Good Timers—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Believe Group—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, April 19

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, April 20

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room.

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, April 21

6:00 p.m.—Youth Dodgeball Tournament—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, April 22 8:00 a.m.—Stephen Ministry—Bigham Hall

Sunday, April 23

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

9:30 a.m.—Connections Class—Session Room

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Youth Room

5:45 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room 6:45 p.m.—High School Youth Meeting—Youth Room

Monday, April 24

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room

Tuesday, April 25

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—PW Council Meeting—Session Rm. 7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, April 26

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom 1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building Thursday, April 27

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, April 28

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, April 29

No Meetings

Sunday, April 30

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

12:00 p.m.—New Member Luncheon—Kerr Building

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Youth Room 5:45 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

6:45 p.m.—High School Youth Meeting—Youth Room

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Play ball, PPC!

Join us for baseball, fireworks and ballpark treats on May 26th! We're going to support the Charlotte Knights at a home game against the Buffalo Bisons. We have 50 tickets available so reserve your spots soon! Tickets are \$18.00 each and come with a \$2.00 voucher to use in the ballpark. Fireworks after the game. It's sure to be a homerun night!

You can reserve your tickets by calling the church office. Van transportation will be available. Questions? Email Elizabeth at egriffin10@gmail.com

Important information for van drivers

The Buildings and Grounds Committee Guidelines require that all drivers of church vans must have a copy of their driver's license on file with the church office. Before driving the vans, make a copy of your drivers license and send to the church office.

PPC Mission Statement

Growing the Kingdom of God by Spreading the Good News, Serving the least among us, Working for justice, and Teaching future generations



If you are a widower, come have breakfast at Showmars at 8:00 the third Friday of each month. It would be helpful to let Tony Baker know (704-545-4730) that you will be there, but it's not necessary. Just come around to the back room at Showmars in Mint Hill.

All announcements or inserts to be included in the weekly bulletin MUST be received in the office by noon on Thursday of each week. Announcements or inserts received after noon will be included in the following week's bulletin. Please be aware that any submissions may need to be edited for space!

You may sign up to receive **text alerts** of service and activity changes or closing due to bad weather by going to wsoctv.com/s/closings. Look for the "School closings and delays text alerts" link.

Backpacks of Love

Following is a lovely note from the grandmother of one of our Clear Creek students for whom we provide weekend food: "I am so thankful for the wonderful Community Christmas Program that you all provided this year. I have never seen so many people show me their love for God. Thank you for the most helpful gifts you gave to my granddaughter Miya. Thank you for Backpacks of Love, it helps Miya. May God continue to bless you all! Mrs. Hiawatha Davis Harris."

Supplies at Clear Creek are running low. We will be packing backpacks to capacity on Thursday, April 6, to provide as much as we can for spring break. We have a variety of needs for your backpack shopping: Lunch and dinner meats in cans or microwavable bowls, vegetables, fruits and snacks.

If you bought a church cookbook....

Due to various errors and additions, two pages of revisions are available to anyone who purchased a cookbook. Look on the table outside the church office and pick up two pages for each cookbook that you purchased.

Thank You note

The family of Dave Gore wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the overwhelming outpouring of love and support during the untimely hospitalization and death of Myra Gore. Thank you all for the cards, visits, gifts, prayers, assistance, meals and supporting companionship. The church congregation, staff, and preschool staff treated us all as family. It is nearly impossible to find the words to express the appreciation we feel towards the entire PPC family. Myra will be forever loved and missed by her family and all who knew her.

With Love and Gratitude, Dave Gore on behalf of the entire family

Remember to turn in ALL your volunteer hours!
Let Cynthia know what they are or post them yourself on the wall outside the church office.

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