

Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center is sponsoring a

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Sat., March 28, 2015 @ 11am.

There will be prizes, a free lunch, and thousands of eggs.



MARCH winds:

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves. Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.

—Jane Truax



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LOOKING AHEAD



Seniors plan to attend

Seasoned Citizens Day
@ Sandy Cove
Wed., April 8
Cost: \$20

Sign up and turn your money in to Ralph Veasey or Kathy Gray by Sun., March 15.

Flyers are available @ the church with details.



EASTER "SON" RISE SERVICE

Sun., April 5, 6:30am.
@ North East Town Park



Easter Regular Worship Services

will be held @ the church
Sun., April 5
@ 8:30 & 10:30am.

Cherry Blossom Trip

to Washington D.C.
(for adults)



We may also go to the White House and/or Capitol Building

on the same day. There is no cost. Please sign up IF you're interested. We're looking at April 9, 10, 14, 15, or 16. We must supply a list of all attendees to our Congressman Andy Harris' office by March 15 to apply for permission to enter The White House and/or Capitol Building. Flyers with details are available @ the church.



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 2/15/15 (7 wks):
\$3,717.

Needed Weekly: **\$3,437.**
PTL! As of 2/15/15 we are over budget: **\$1,957.**

PTL! Lottie Moon Received:
\$2,777 (includes \$747 from 2014 funds' overage for missions)

Average morning worship attendance 1/25—2/15/15:
85.

The Lamplighter

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LIVE on stage—COME to The Re-enactment of the Lord's Last Supper



Photo by Marcy BaezLopez
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SAT March 28, 6:30pm
Palm SUN, March 29, 8:30 & 10:30am

A **BREAKFAST** is also planned @ approximately 9:45am on Palm Sunday, March 29 (between performances). Come and dine with the disciples. **Please bring plenty of breakfast food/drink to share.** Coffee will be supplied.



And, for the children, we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt during the breakfast.

Men with willing spirits needed

Palm Sunday and Easter come early this year. Hopefully they'll bring some "warm" spring-like weather. It's time to turn our hearts to the men's drama, *The Re-enactment of the Lord's Last Supper*, that we have been enjoying the last 9 years. As I look through my notes, I'm reminded of all the men that willingly stepped out of their

comfort zone to participate in our yearly drama. Some have already gone home to be with the Lord. The drama not only speaks to our hearts but to the hearts of the men that give their time to take part. Each year it's always a challenge to find willing spirits. I'm thankful for those who willing help out each year. It sure makes my job easier. Jesus' followers went on to change the world. I pray you give God the opportunity to change yours. **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED.**

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PRAYER & WORSHIP Service

Sun March 8
10:30am

Featuring:

Audience of One

and

Lib Lewis'
Gospel group:

Never Too Late



Coming
Sun, March 29, 6pm:



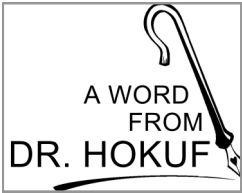
Oak Grove Quartet in Concert

The southern gospel group has been singing together for 16 years. You may hear a sampling of their music @ www.oakgrovequartet.com. Select "MUSIC".



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. These last few days we've all been



digging out from a winter snow, at least a few inches. It was 12 years ago this weekend, when my daughter

Laura got married, that we had 27 inches in one day! This is nothing.

Let me tell you about a wonderful teaching tool to which our church



now has access. It is called Revitalized Churches. Dr. Thom Rainer is the author/editor (He is also the president of Lifeway Publishing.). Anyone of you with access to the internet can join in. Currently, the deacons are participating, but so can you. At the end I will give you the web address and our church's user name and password so you can access it. Once I got there I made it a "favorite" so now my computer goes right to it without typing it all in every time. Aren't these computers amazing?!

There are 14 modules (all under an hour) that cover the steps to church revitalization. You can progress at your own speed, but even at only one a week you can get through in 3 1/2 months. It is my hope that many of you will take advantage of this powerful course. Together we can begin to implement some of the ideas that may revitalize our church.

This is something like having a church consultant come to our church. Revitalization is a process.

Sometimes we might take 3 steps forward and 2 steps back. But the direction we need to go is forward. That won't always be easy, but it is a must if we are to obey and please our Lord. We may have to change the way we are doing some things. Change isn't easy, but let's all develop a passion to be used by God to revitalize our church.

If your attitude is right and you get involved and function as a member of the body of Christ the whole church will be blessed.

Paul puts it this way: "The body is a unit, though it is made of many

parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27) .

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf

Here is all the information you should need to get started:

<http://revitalizedchurches.com/wp-login.php>

User name: FBCNorthEast

Password: JesusSaves (case sensitive)

Once you get through to the homepage it is fairly self-explanatory. If you have any problems don't hesitate to call me.



Men with willing . . .
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The drama dates are Saturday, March 28, 2015, @ 6:30pm and Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015, @ 8:30 and 10:30am. Dress rehearsal will be Friday evening, March 27, 2015, (time to be announced).

Jesus' followers were "ordinary" men who became "extraordinary" because of Jesus Christ. Despite confusion and lack of understanding during his lifetime they became powerful witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. Their lives were transformed by God's Power. He wants to do that for us, too, if we let him.

Patricia Adkins
Drama Coordinator



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. The Passion of Christ refers to his severe suffering and the intensity of his emotions as he was tried, and then crucified on the cross. The cross was used as an implement of death, but has become the most important symbol of Christianity. Christians wear crosses, keep one or more in our homes and display them on and in our churches.



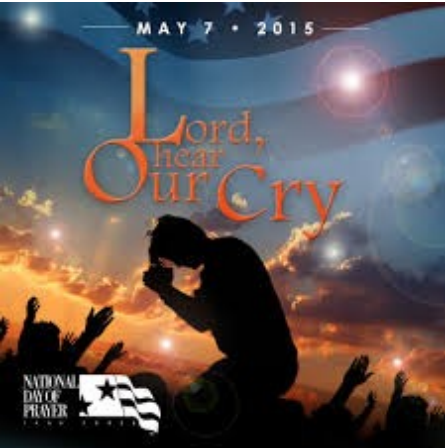
God used the horrible event of the Crucifixion for the saving benefit of anyone who would acknowledge Christ as living Lord and Savior. Christ died that we might all know true life as children of the loving God.

Paul put it this way: "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:19-20 NIV).



Lord, Hear Our Prayer
National Day of Prayer—May 7, 2015

(Editor's note: The following news article is being put before you well in advance in order for you to be praying and planning to attend.)



"If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14.

As we hear the news these days, no Christian should be in doubt that we are in desperate need of another "Great Awakening". As children of God, we hold the answer to the multitude of problems which plague our nation, and that is sincere, fervent prayer.

I have had an opportunity to serve on a committee with representatives of two other churches (First Baptist Church of Perryville and Grace Bible Chapel) to plan a special evening of prayer in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

It has been decided the event will take place at Grace Bible Chapel for an evening of praise and prayer from 6:30 -8:30pm. There will be special music (our own Sandy Jackson will be participating) and group prayer. There will be a brief intermission part way through the service.

Seven different prayer points will be introduced—government, church, military, family, education, media and business. Each topic will be briefly introduced by someone who has special connections to the category.

No child care will be provided; but, the nursery will be opened for parents to use as needed.

Please pray about being a part of this evening and ask the Lord to prepare your heart and the hearts of the people in our country.

HOW TO PRAY:

PRAISE . . .
Thank God for what He has already accomplished through Jesus.

REPENT . . .
Confess your sins and shortcomings. Repent personally and on behalf of our nation. The Lord is quick to forgive when we come to Him.

ASK . . .
Ask God to reveal truth, turn our hearts back to Him, and bring healing.

YIELD . . .
Yield to the Lord and recognize He has heard our prayers and will answer according to His will. He is waiting to provide guidance and direction!

Nancy Hudler



birthdays

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| 1 | Betty Ball |
| | Sonny Hayes |
| 2 | Dave Jackson |
| 3 | Nicholas Airey |
| | Georgianna Keyes |
| | Lloyd Ramsey |
| 4 | Scott Barton |
| | John Tyler Sprout |
| 5 | Gabrielle Forino |
| 6 | Sarah Walsh |
| 7 | Hunter Hokuf |
| 9 | Matthew Osborne, III |
| 10 | June Bibey |
| | Margie Jackson |
| | Chris Lee |
| | Carol Neall |
| 11 | Bryan Beman |
| | Joe Moyer |
| 13 | Misty Parsons |
| | Donna Sprout |
| 14 | Marc Beltran |
| | Jacob Perry |
| 18 | Helen Diksa |
| | Dorothy Hudler |
| | Penny Clough |
| 19 | Ryan Perry |
| 20 | Kelly Jackson |
| 21 | Marcia Roark |
| 22 | Loretta Sexton |
| 23 | Carol Evans |
| | Lee-Ellen Van Voorhis |
| 24 | Bernice Jackson |
| | Richard Jackson |
| 25 | Joy Grant |
| | Taylor Johnson |
| 26 | Mark Gray |
| | Marcia Murray |
| 28 | Chrissy Jackson |
| 30 | Cortnie Barton |
| | Robert Gregson |
| | Mary McLean |
| | Linda Thornton |

anniversaries

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| 1 | Clint & Joyce Blithe |
| 2 | Bob & Arlee Brown |
| 5 | Steven & Karen Harclerode |
| 10 | Jason & Amy Forino |
| 24 | Devin & Amy Short |
| 27 | Ralph & Judy Veasey |