


The Lord's Supper

Re-enactment (10th year) on March 19 & 20 featured men from our church:

(L to R) Josh Ewing, Chris Johnson, Liam Johnson, Scott Stevens (guest actor), Ben Lotman, Dave Bibey, Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf, Robert Hudler, Jr., Tom Shores, Jim Adkins, Andy Wagner, and Sam Hall.



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REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30a **WORSHIP**
9:20a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
9:30a  **Bible Study/Sunday School**
10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
6-8p Youth Ministry Mtg. (wkly mtgs)


Monday

5:30p  Praise & Worship Team Practice

Tuesday

11a Worship Cmte Mtg. (4th Tues, monthly)

Wednesday

6:30-8p **Kids' Klub** (for grades 2-6)
6:30-8p  **Prayer/Bible Study**
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

10a Choir Practice
11a Ladies' Prayer Time



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
3/20/16 (12 wks): **\$3,518.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,603.**

Budget Status: **(\$1,011)**

Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering
received to date: **\$537;**
Goal: **\$1,200.**

Average morning worship
attendance 2/21/16-3/20/16:
92



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Shout it aloud, do not hold back

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5, 2016



Time is drawing near for our National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5th. The theme this year is *Wake Up America*, and our theme verse is Isaiah 58:1a NIV—

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back, raise your voice like a trumpet.”

Now, more than ever, our country is in need of a “Great Awakening.”

We encourage you to join with other churches in Cecil County for an evening of intercessory prayer for our beloved nation. We will meet at Grace Bible Chapel, 1949 Joseph Biggs Highway, from 6:30-8:45pm.

It will be an evening of prayer and praise. We will gather in small groups for our prayer sessions, each session focusing on a specific topic such as military, education, families, etc.

Last year was our first time meeting in this way and it was a wonderful experience. There was an incredible sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps you cannot attend but there is another way you can participate. In a few weeks we will have available to you a brochure which will name the seven different prayer points and suggestions for what to pray for each one. It would be wonderful if you could take the time to petition before the Lord for each one, either alone in your own “War Room” or with family or friends.

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Announcing!

Vacation Bible School Dates

July 18-22, 6-8:30pm

**NOW is the time to
VOLUNTEER to help.**

Jess Wagner, Director



One of our most requested
groups will be here.

Oak Grove Quartet

Sun April 24, 6pm

The Oak Grove Quartet is primarily a Southern Gospel Quartet, but also feature other musical styles including a cappella singing, a mixture of old hymns of the church and considerably newer sounds as well.

The group originated from the music ministry of The Oak Grove Baptist Church in Bel Air, Maryland. They have been singing well over 23 years.

You may find a sampling of their music online @ several youtube websites, one of which is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4DDL9F9Lk>

A love offering will be received for the group.



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The book of John chapter 20 says, “Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.” Imagine if that had been you or me! All of the details aren’t spelled out, but she must have investigated and looked in and around for Jesus’ body. She ran to the disciples and told them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”



Later she went back to the tomb and wept. While she was standing and weeping, the resurrected Jesus appeared to her and said, “Woman, why are you crying, who is it you are looking for?” At first she thought He was only the gardener, but when He spoke her name, “Mary”, she recognized Him right away! She was the first, but soon there would be over 500 eyewitnesses to the resurrected Lord. Our world has never been the same.

Since that first resurrection morning billions of persons have come to believe on Jesus as their Savior. Each of us has to have our own personal encounter with Jesus. None of us have seen Jesus like Mary did, in the flesh, but some day we will. The angels later announced at His ascension, “This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). This same Jess!

I have always hoped to be alive on earth when Jesus returns. Since I was a youngster I have thought it could happen at any time. I was talking with my

granddaughter, Eliana, the other day about that very thing. She told me that if I had Jesus in my heart I could go to heaven. I assured her of my faith in Him and she was relieved. Then she wanted to know what heaven would be like. We talked about that for a while. Then she told me that we go there when we die. I agreed. She then informed me that I was going there first! I wondered how she knew that. I decided not to pursue that. Instead I told her about the rapture and the possibility that we could all go to heaven together without dying. She liked that a whole lot better. So do I.

Of course none of us knows the day or the hour, but we should be able to discern the signs of the times. And we should be waiting and watching for that blessed hope of every true believer. In fact there is a crown of righteousness promised “to all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8). I hope that each of you receive that particular crown someday. Maybe this will be the year of His return?

Pastor Steve





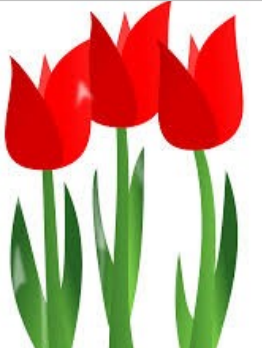
Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



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way you have seen him go into heaven” Acts 1:11.

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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GLORY in his holy name; LET the HEARTS of those who SEEK the Lord REJOICE. LOOK to the Lord and his strength; SEEK his face ALWAYS. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 NIV						
3  Communion	4	5 10:30a SBA Ministers'/ Wives' Fellowship, FBC Perryville	6  9a Seasoned Citizens Day, Sandy Cove Deacons' Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)	7	8	9 9a-2p VBS EXPO, Oak Grove Baptist Church
10 Cooperative Program Day Sharing Life through the  COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	11	12	13 11a Church COUNCIL Mtg BUSINESS Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)	14	15	16
17 Lamplighter MAY articles DEADLINE	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  6p OAK GROVE QUARTET in CONCERT	25	26 ★★★★★ VOTE ★★★★★ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 11a WORSHIP Cmte Mtg	27	28	29	30 

See page 6 for regular events/services

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Operation Christmas Child Update



Here’s the 2015 shoebox numbers

The number of shoeboxes collected for 2015 are as follows:

USA boxes received:

8,765,637

Goal: 8.6 million

Global boxes received:

11,213,010

First Baptist Church of North East received: 150

First Baptist Church of North East Relay Center received: 2,355

We praise God for His provision! I would like to share with you one of many spiritual impact stories. In Cajamarca, Peru, Maria, who is 9, has been going through the discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. It has been a delight to her. Although memorizing the Bible verses has been a challenge, she remembers them and is able to share them with her friends at school. When

they ask her where she learns them, she invites them to church. Maria says, “I like to invite my friends because I want them to know Him, too. How beautiful it is to be able to feel Him when we pray or sing. I am happy I know Him.” Nancy Hudler

- 18 Ethan Gibson
- Emma Goad
- 19 Bronwyn Bare
- Brooke Bare
- Blake Bare
- Janice Kennard
- Will Robertson, Sr.
- 21 Thomas Beman
- 22 April (Emerson) Lotman
- Ray Sommers
- 23 Jordan Grant
- David Naggie



APRIL



birthdays

- 1 Jesse Green
- 2 Brenda Simpkins
- 3 Connie Harris
- William (Liam) Johnson
- Peter Keyes, III
- Ava Marvel
- Sabrina Vance
- 4 Kyle Hudler
- David Mash, III
- 5 Gerrit Hopman
- Pete Keyes, Jr.
- Kaitlin Perry
- Keegan Perry
- 7 Linda Lotman
- 9 Curtis Chestnut
- Valeria Cornwell
- Jim Hall
- 11 Kristine Burns
- 12 Patricia Moore
- 13 Maci Lotman
- 14 Edna (Hamilton) Miller
- Sophia Moyer
- 15 Adam Ward
- 17 Chloe Logue

April 24, 2016, is Josephine BRASEFIELD’s 101st birthday! GOD BLESS “JO” and CONGRATULATIONS!



- 24 H Josephine Brasefield (101st)
- John Ewing
- Arthur McLean
- 25 Emily Roman
- 26 Timmy Everidge
- 27 Jessica (Jackson) Holland
- 28 Andrew Jackson
- 29 Kyle Osborne
- Tyler Wagner

anniversaries

- 3 John & Stacyjane Booth
- John & Donna Sprout
- 7 Dwane (Tony) & Lisa Ann Taylor
- 8 Thomas & Grace Shores
- 16 Richard & Nancy Brasefield (50th)
- 17 Ed & Carol Evans
- Robert & Nancy Hudler
- David, Sr. & Misty Parsons
- 18 George & Betty Jackson
- 20 Robert & Eleanor Hatfield
- 30 Robert & Dorothy Gregson (60th)

National Day of Prayer

continued from front page Lastly, and I am real excited about this. On the back of your brochure is a beautiful prayer written by Dr. Tony Evans, 2016 Honorary Chairman, National Day of Prayer Task Force. (We have also included the prayer below.) It has been suggested that everyone pray

this heartfelt prayer exactly at 12pm EST on May 5th. This will be happening simultaneously across the nation. Can you imagine the wave of prayer moving across our land and rising up to our Father’s Heavenly throne?

I pray you will be a part of the movement. Committed, praying Christians are the

answer to America’s great need. “Shout it aloud, do not hold back, raise your voice like a trumpet.” Isaiah 58:1a NIV Nancy Hudler



Dear heavenly Father, we come to You today as a humble people desperate for Your supernatural intervention on behalf of our beloved nation. First, we thank You for all the blessings You have bestowed on our land, blessings that have allowed us to bring so much good and benefit to not only our own citizens but also to the rest of the world. The very ideals upon which this country was founded were based on biblical truths, no matter how some try to rewrite history to deny that very fact today.

This is why our hearts are so broken over how You continue to be marginalized and dismissed by both our people and our institutions. We are also saddened by the fact that Your people have contributed greatly to the spiritual apathy that now engulfs us. Our satisfaction in remaining religious without being fully committed to living out the truths of Your Word has caused us to become co-conspirators with the forces of evil that are destroying us as a society.

It is for this reason that we personally and collectively repent of our carnality and recommit ourselves to becoming visible and verbal disciples of Jesus Christ. Enable us, by Your Spirit, to no longer be secret agent Christians but rather to publicly declare and live out Your truth in a spirit of love so that You feel welcome in our country once again.

Thank You for Your promise to hear our prayers when we call to You with hearts of repentance and obedience, which is how we are appealing to You today, Father. On behalf of Your church, we affirm afresh the priority You are to us that You would fill every dimension of our lives as we seek to bring You glory through the advancement of Your kingdom in our personal lives, our family lives, and in the lives of our churches and our government leaders. We confidently invite heaven’s intervention into all the affairs of our nation and we praise You in advance for Your answer.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

by Dr. Tony Evans

Dr. Tony Evans is one of the country’s most respected leaders in evangelical circles. He is a pastor, best-selling author and frequent speaker at Bible conferences and seminars throughout the nation. Dr. Evans has served as the senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, for over 36 years, witnessing its growth from ten people in 1976 to now over 8,500 congregants with 100 plus ministries.

