

# The Lamplighter

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## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Ephesians 4:3 – “Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.”

**T**hursday, May 3, 2018, is the National Day of Prayer. Everyone is invited to join together with other churches in our county to saturate America with prayer.

Grace Bible Chapel graciously offers their facilities, but several churches are participating in the event. The chairs are set up in semi-circles so many small groups are formed. There are seven centers of influence in America for which we pray. They are business, education, government, media, family, military and the church.


Each center is briefly introduced by an individual who is in some way connected to that certain topic. This year two of our members will be participating in the introduction. Chris Johnson (football coach at Perryville High School) will be introducing education, and Joyce Blithe, of Blithe Sales Company, will be introducing business.

After each introduction we spend approximately ten minutes of prayer on that particular subject. What an awesome sound it is to hear a number of voices simultaneously raised in prayer to our Heavenly Father.

At the conclusion, our pastor Dr. Stephen Hokuf, will be giving the closing remarks

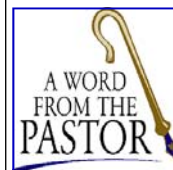
I encourage you to seriously consider being a part of this wonderful evening of intercession for our beloved country that is in dire need of revival. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Grace Bible Chapel is located at 1949 Joseph Biggs Memorial Highway, Rising Sun, MD. The time is 6:30pm-9:00pm.

Nancy Hudler 

Dear church family,

**G**reetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Spring is finally here. Praise the Lord! I love to see the flowers popping up and blooming, and everything turning green again. Don't you? It does my heart good to see all the signs of life reemerging. It has been a long winter.



God said through Isaiah that the Messiah and His kingdom would come in a similar way.

When all looks bad and things appear beyond remedy, new life springs forth. Isaiah 11:1-10 says, “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse (King David’s father); from his roots a branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord...the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him.”

The picture is of a seemingly lifeless stump of a tree, once alive, but now cut down and gone. Out of the roots springs (continued on page 2)



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

- 27 Jessica Holland
- 28 Andrew Jackson
- 29 Kyle Osborne  
Tyler Wagner

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 John & Donna Sprout
- 7 Dwane (Tony) & Lisa  
Ann Taylor
- 8 Thomas & Grace  
Shores
- 16 Richard & Nancy  
Brasefield
- 17 Ed & Carol Evans  
Robert & Nancy  
Hudler
- 18 George & Betty  
Jackson
- 30 Robert & Dorothy  
Gregson



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forth a little shoot with a branch  
that not only lives, but it bears  
fruit and fills the whole earth.

This is a Messianic prophecy. Jesus the Messiah is the branch. At first he comes as a humble son of a carpenter from Galilee. The royal line of David hasn't had a king on the throne for hundreds of years. It looks like the "tree" and its stump are dead. However, it isn't completely dead. Out of the humble beginnings in Bethlehem, a young couple, both in the royal line of David, has a son, Jesus. Jesus is also the root of Jesse. He is the Almighty God, the creator of us all. Think about it. He is both the root and the branch! What a prophecy.

Isaiah himself probably didn't realize the full meaning of these words. It was a mystery until the

incarnation. God became man and dwelt among us, who could have imagined that that was even possible?

The world is still waiting for the final fulfillment of these and hundreds of similar prophecies. Christians, for centuries, have been praying for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. It will be like the "spring time" of history; a time of light after many millennia of darkness. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Your fellow laborer with Christ,

*Pastor Steve*

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



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**Come to the Table**

The table is ready; a place is set for each one of us. Christ invites us to join Him at the table. Come and listen as Jesus teaches a lesson on service and love.

Thank you to all the faithful men that volunteered to brave the stage again, to make the scripture come to life. Thank you to all who came Saturday and Sunday, to show your support. We pray that you were blessed, and that God was glorified. To everyone behind the scenes, thank you. It takes a "church family" to present a drama such as this.

The following words are the lyrics from a song titled "Come to the Table" by Sidewalk Prophets. Listen. Let the words speak to your heart.



Come to the Table  
By Sidewalk Prophets  
We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry, we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in  
Just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us  
He said come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have  
been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table  
Come to the table

To the thief and to the doubter  
To the hero and the coward  
To the prisoner and the soldier  
To the young and to the older  
All who hunger, all who thirst  
All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princes  
All who fail you've been forgiven  
All who dream and all who suffer  
All who loved and lost another  
All the chained and all the free

Come meet this motley crew of  
misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
So that sin and shame that you

brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
Let mercy draw you near

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All who follow, all who lead  
Anyone who's been let down  
All the lost you have been found  
All who have been labeled right or  
wrong  
To everyone who hears this song

Oh...Come to the table  
Come join the sinners you have  
been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Oooh...Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table (2x)  
Just sit down and rest a while (2x)  
Come to the table

In Christ' Service,  
Patricia Culver-Adkins  
Drama coordinator 2018  
(stage set-up by Dave Bibey)



**LET'S HAVE A BABY SHOWER!**

Our Women on Mission recently met and we will once again be promoting our Baby Bottle Ministry to benefit the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. On Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, you may pick up your baby bottle(s) to fill with loose change or enclose a check for the benefit of the pregnancy center. They will need to be returned by Father's Day, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

This year, in addition to the baby bottles, we would like to do something special for Cecil County Pregnancy Center. We would like to have a baby shower for them on Mother's Day. Cecil County Pregnancy Center has a special baby boutique where mothers can earn new items for their babies. In order to obtain something from the boutique, they have to earn points. After they have earned so many points, then they can pick out a needed item.

Below is a list of items needed by the boutique. Large boxes, wrapped in baby shower themed wrapping paper, will be available at the back of the sanctuary and in the hallway of the educational wing. You can place any of the items that you wish to donate into one of the boxes. On Mother's Day we will bring the filled boxes to the alter where we will have a prayer of dedication. It would be wonderful if you would participate. Get the kids involved too.

Items needed:

- ~NEW clothing sizes for boys needed: 12 months to 5T
- ~NEW clothing sizes for girls needed: 12 months to 5T
- ~Diapers: sizes 4,5 and 6
- ~NEW teething rings
- ~NEW baby towels and wash cloths
- ~NEW pajamas: any size
- ~NEW lightweight jackets: any size
- ~Diaper rash ointment
- ~Hair brushes and nail clippers
- ~Baby shampoo and lotion



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**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
EASTER OFFERING®

Church offering goal:  
**\$1,400**  
Received to date:  
**\$815**

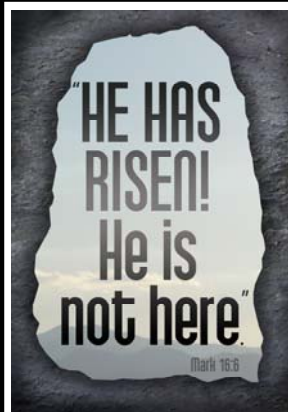
**reCHARGE Youth Camp @ Skycroft**



Sun, June 17-Fri, June 22  
Please see Tim Bayer for more info, or contact Jess Wagner in the church office.  
Spaces are limited; only a few open spots remain. So get your deposit in ASAP! A deposit must be received to secure your spot on the roster. You don't want to miss out on the fun and fellowship!



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>6:30am:</b> "Sonrise" service @ NE town park	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:30am:</b> Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ FBC of Perryville	<b>4</b> <b>9:15am:</b> Sandy Cove seasoned citizens	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:45am:</b> Deacon's Mtg @ Chef's Kitchen
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6:30pm:</b> Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>May Lamplighter</b> articles are due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>7:30pm:</b> Jail ministry annual meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<p><i>I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:13</i></p>						
<b>29</b> <b>8:30am &amp; 10:30am</b> Chris Moyer will be preaching. <b>Fellowship meal</b> following 10:30 service. <b>6pm: God's Not</b> <b>Dead 2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:15am:</b> Sandy Cove seasoned citizens	<b>3</b> <b>National Day</b> <b>of Prayer</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:45am:</b> Deacon's Mtg @ Chef's Kitchen
<p>See page 6 for regular events/services</p>						



## Easter Sunday, April 1 service times:

**6:30am: “Sonrise” Service @ the North East Town Park, Benjamin Pavilion.**

**8:30 & 10:30am: Easter worship @ the Church.**

(NO monthly donut breakfast before Sunday School.)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

#### Sunday

8:30am

9:20am

9:30am

10:30am

6pm

6pm

#### **WORSHIP**

**Breakfast** (*1st Sun, monthly*)



**Bible Study/Sunday School**

**WORSHIP/Children’s Worship**

**Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**

Youth Ministry Mtgs.

#### Wednesday

6:30-7:30pm



**Prayer/Bible Study**

BUSINESS Mtg (*2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg*)

#### Thursday

10am

11am

5:30pm

Choir Practice

Ladies’ Prayer Time

♪ Praise & Worship Team Practice



### Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund  
Weekly Average as of  
3/25/18( 12 wks): **\$3,374.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,691.**

Budget Status: **\$525.**

Maintenance/Building  
Repairs Fund: **\$3,162.**

**PARKING LOT FUND**  
received to date: **\$35,740.**

We have 3 *revised* parking lot  
fund goals: **\$20,000** (PTL);  
**\$30,000** (Glory to God);  
**\$47,745** (Hallelujah!).

Average morning worship  
attendance: 2/18/18-  
3/25/18: **105**

