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Men's Drama 2018

March 24 & 25,

A group of faithful men come together in an upper room, to celebrate the Passover feast, not knowing this would be the last time they would be together with Jesus. They had very little understanding of what lay ahead. But God used these men... 12 ordinary men... to go out and set the world afire.

God is again seeking 12 ordinary men with willing hearts, to be used of the Lord to continue His work.

Please pray and ask God if He can use you. I will be asking each one of you for your decision in the next few weeks, to join us for this important ministry.

“Be strong and courageous, for your work will be rewarded.”

2 Chronicles 15:7b

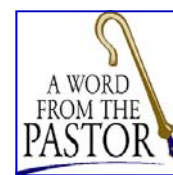
God wants to use you...



Patricia Adkins
2018 Men's Drama director

Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. How is your heart today?! Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart. So how is your heart?



Jesus said where your treasure is, that is where your heart is (Luke 12:34).

That tells me that the inside is surely related to the outside, but not in the way we usually think, perhaps. We usually get the cart before the horse. Jesus wants us to get these important life issues right. Proverbs 4:23 says above all else to guard your heart, for out of it are the issues of life (“it is the wellspring of life” NIV). I want to get this right, don't you?!

Over the last few weeks, I have been preaching a series of sermons on six kings of Judah whose hearts were right before God. Each of the kings experienced a time of personal revival that translated into a revival in the whole country. Not everyone got on board, but most did. Whole generations of people (continued on page 2)



Anniversaries and Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Betty Ball
- Sonny Hayes
- 2 Dave Jackson
- 3 Nicholas Airey
- Georgianna Keyes
- 6 Sarah Walsh
- 7 Hunter Hokuf
- 9 Matthew Osborne, III
- 10 June Bibey
- Margie Jackson
- Carol Neall
- 11 Bryan Beman
- 13 Misty Parsons
- Donna Sprout
- 14 Mark Beltran
- Jacob Perry
- 18 Penny Clough
- 19 Ryan Perry
- 21 Marcia Roark
- 23 Carol Evans
- 24 Bernice Jackson
- Richard Jackson
- 25 Joy Grant
- Taylor Johnson
- 26 Mark Gray
- Marcia Murray
- 28 Chrissy Jackson
- 30 Robert Gregson
- Linda Thornton



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Clint & Joyce Blithe
- 2 Bob & Arlee Brown
- 24 Devin & Amy Short
- 27 Ralph & Judy Veasey

(Pastor’s letter cont from page 1)

reaped the benefits and blessings of Jehovah God on their lives because they got their hearts right. I want that for you and your family, and for our church. It must start with each one of us. I can’t do it for you and you can’t do it for me. The revival that comes from God starts with prayer and ends with action. In between is a changed heart.

Hezekiah was one of the good kings of Judah. He prayed for his people – “everyone who sets his heart on seeking God” (2 Chronicles 30:19). Then it says, “God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, His holy dwelling place” (2 Chronicles 30:27). The heart change led to action. He cleaned the idols out of God’s temple and reinstated true worship, as God had commanded. They celebrated the Passover like never before; at least since the days of David and Solomon. Then it says that the people “faithfully brought in contributions, tithes, and dedicated gifts” (2 Chronicles 31:12). Just like Jesus said – where your treasure is, that’s

where your heart is. We all may need to smash some idols, clean up our worship and devotion to God, as well as be sure that we generously give the Lord our first fruits – all from our hearts.

Where is your heart? What will the next generation say about us? They are watching and learning from our example. 2 Kings 18: 5-7 says of Hezekiah, “there was no one like him... either before or after him...and the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook.” Will you be the man or woman He can bless?

Your brother in Christ,

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



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COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 @ 10:30am

(rain or shine)

Candy! Prizes!! Lunch!!!

Sponsored by Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center



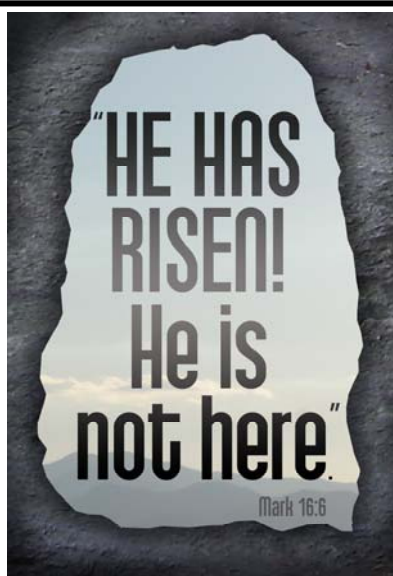
THE LAST SUPPER

The Lord's Last Supper
Re-enactment

3 Performances:

Sat. March 24 @ 7pm & Palm Sunday, March 25 @
8:30 & 10:30am

A fellowship breakfast will be held between the 2
Sunday services, located in the Robert Hudler Sr.
Fellowship Hall. PLEASE bring plenty of food and
drink to share. Coffee will be provided.



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 breakfast between services)

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering—100 percent—goes to train, resource and send more than 5,000 missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. Our partnership with Southern Baptist Convention churches and individuals makes this work possible.

The North American Mission Board supports 5,262 missionaries. NAMB's annual report provides missionary count information, as well as a summary of missions efforts.

The above information was taken directly from...<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/>
Please visit the website for more details and information.

AAEO Week of Prayer

March 18-25

Church offering goal:
\$1,400

"Kids' Korner"

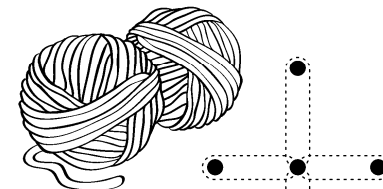


reCHARGE Youth Camp @Skycroft

Sun, June 17-Fri, June 22
Please see Tim Bayer for more info, or contact Jess Wagner in the church office.
Spaces are limited, so get your deposit in ASAP, to secure your spot on the roster.

CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.



RESURRECTION HOPE

Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.


Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

2+2 = ___ united	2x3 = ___ death	7+6 = ___ resurrection
3x3 = ___ certainly	18-16 = ___ have	4-1 = ___ been
0+1 = ___ if	2x4 = ___ we	13-1 = ___ him
2+3 = ___ in	20-6 = ___ like	2+5 = ___ his
2x5 = ___ be	8+3 = ___ with	

"For 1 we 2 3 4
with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25 6pm: Sunday evening worship w/ Brian Musser	26 See page 6 for regular events/services	27	28	1	2	3 7:45am: Deacon's Mtg @ Chef's Kitchen
4 New Beginnings @ Otts Chapel opens today	5	6 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings spring ahead 1 hour 	12	13	14 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	15	16	17 8am-1pm: Church work day 
18 April Lamplighter articles are due	19	20 First day of spring!!! 	21	22 6:30pm: Cecil County Pregnancy Center Annual Banquet	23	24 7pm: The Lord's Last Supper Drama
25 8:30 & 10:30am: The Lord's Last Supper Drama (fellowship brunch between performances)	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31
1 Easter Sunday 6:30 am: "Sonrise" service @ NE town park	2	3	4 9:15am: Sandy Cove seasoned citizens	5	6	7 7:45am: Deacon's Mtg @ Chef's Kitchen

**IMB: Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering:**

**Church Offering
Goal: \$2,700**

**Goal reached:
\$2,705**

Praise the Lord!



**Cecil County Pregnancy Center
Annual Banquet**

“Miracle on High Street”

Thursday, March 22 @ 6:30pm

@ the Singerly Fire Hall

RSVP to Dan Mohler

by March 12



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WARM SPRING GREETINGS!!!!

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 ☆ Non-Profit Org. ☆
 ☆ U.S. Postage ☆
 ☆ PAID ☆
 ☆ North East, MD ☆
 ☆ 21901 ☆
 ☆ Permit No. 19 ☆
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am

9:20am

9:30am

10:30am

6pm

6pm

Tuesday

11am

Wednesday

6:30-7:30pm

6:30-7:30pm

Thursday

10am

11am

5:30pm

WORSHIP

Breakfast (*1st Sun, monthly*)

📖 **Bible Study/Sunday School**

WORSHIP/Children’s Worship

Monthly Last Sunday **WORSHIP**

Youth Ministry Mtgs.

Worship Committee Mtg. (*4th Tues*)

Kids’ Klub (grades 2-5) *will resume in summer*

📖 **Prayer/Bible Study**

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

Choir Practice

Ladies’ Prayer Time

🎵 Praise & Worship Team Practice

**Budget/Attendance
Analysis**

Budget/General Fund

Weekly Average as of

2/18/18(7 wks): **\$3,374.**

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

Budget Status: **-\$2,218.**

Maintenance/Building

Repairs Fund: **\$2,897.**

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: 1/14/18-

2/18/18: **84**

