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Weekly Services & **Group Meetings**

Sunday

8:30a: Worship Service

9:30a: Sunday School/Bible Study (classes available for Preschool through Adult)

10:30a: Worship Service & Children's Worship

5:30p-7:30p: Youth (grades 6 through 12)

<u>Wednesday</u>

6:30p: Kids' Klub

6:30p: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Monthly Business Meeting immediately to follow, 2nd Wed. of each month)

Thursday

10a: Ladies' Prayer Circle

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear church family,

reetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen! He is risen indeed!!!

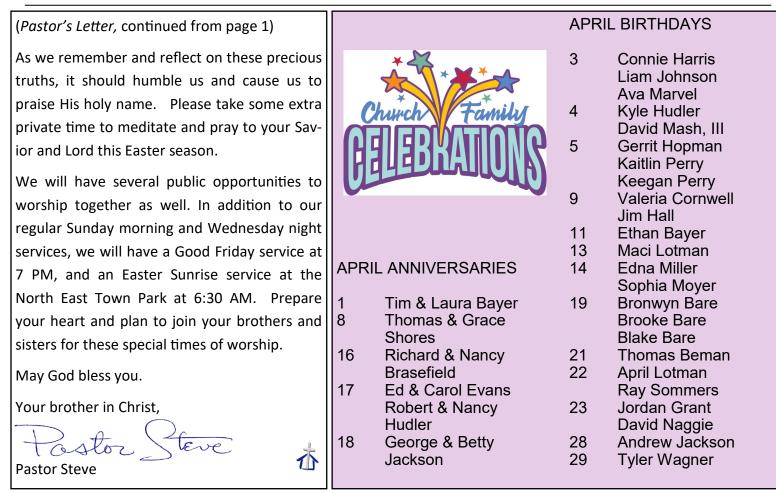
Easter is the most wonderful time of the Christian calendar, isn't it?! Hebrews 12:2-3 commands us to "consider Him who endured...so you will not grow weary and lose heart." It adds, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." The weeks leading up to Easter are the perfect time to do just that.

This past month I have been preaching through Isaiah 53 on the mystery of God's Servant, the Messiah. Each week we have examined this most amazing prophetic passage which is quoted and alluded to over 85 times in the New Testament! It is here that He, Jesus, is called "the man of sorrows," who was "pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities...and with his wounds we are healed."

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born Isaiah told us all these details that would be fulfilled in such precise detail, just as he said, under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

It is here that we learn that the Messiah will be like a lamb, our sin bearer, and the substitute in our place to pay for all our sins. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." It is a beautiful picture of all our awful sins being taken away and transferred to Jesus, the only One who could pay our sin debt. Thank you, Jesus.

Isaiah adds that "My righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities...he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors." Hallelujah what a Savior. (*Pastor's Letter*, cont. on pg. 2)





Old Testament heroes are best known for their most celebrated moments: Moses dividing the Red Sea; David slaying Goliath; Gideon routing an insurmountable army; Joshua marching around the defiant walls of Jericho.

And Elijah-----calling down fire on Mount Carmel.

Blinded by the remarkable narratives of our biblical heroes, we can forget they each had a backstory----months and years of development, even difficulty, which fortified their spiritual muscle and prepared them for the tasks that made their lives unforgettable.

Join us beginning Thursday April 1, 2021 @ 6pm at First Baptist Church of North East as we dive into the newest study by Priscilla Shirer for a 7session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And

how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. There will also be a virtual option for this study on Zoom Monday nights beginning April 5 @7pm.

Study books are \$17. For more information contact Tanya Area at 240-346-3251 or <u>madjacmama@yahoo.com</u>. All are welcome to join.

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"He is not here; He has risen!" - Luke 24:6-7

sun	MON	TUES	wea	Thurs	Fri	SQF
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
PALM SUNDAY			6:30p: Prayer/Bible		7p: Good	
James Area is preaching.			Study 6:30p: Kids Klub		Friday Service & Communion	
5:30p: Youth					Communion	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
EASTER SUNDAY (Communion @ 8:30a & 10:30a services)			6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub			8a-9:30a: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study followed by Deacon's Mtg in
6:30a: Sunrise Service @ the NE town park						Education wing.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
5:30p: Youth			6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study & Business Meeting 6:30p: Kids Klub			8a-1p: Work Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
5:30p: Youth			6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub			8a-1p: Work Day (rain date)
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
James Area is preaching.			6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study			8a-9:30a: Men's Breakfast & Bible
May 2021 <i>Lamplighter</i> articles due!			6:30p: Kids Klub			Study followed by Deacon's Mtg in Education wing.
5:30p: Youth						

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2

7pm

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 4 6:30am North East Town Park. **Benjamin Pavilion**

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 4

8:30 & 10:30am

(Communion will be available at both services.)

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