



The Messenger

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Mount Holly, NC

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Welcome to FBC Mount Holly



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



HOLY WEEK

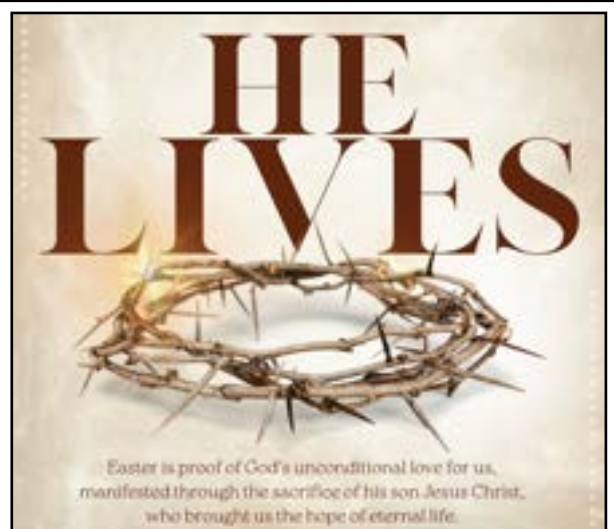
Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday
10:30am Worship (Children singing)

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday
6:00pm Churchwide Dinner
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 29 : Good Friday
3:00pm Veiling the Cross (Front Lawn)
7:00pm Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 30
10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31 : Easter
7:00am Sunrise Service
7:30am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Easter Service (Sanctuary)





What is your favorite ending to a movie? The Sound of Music, Raiders of the Lost Ark, The Return of the Jedi, Avengers Infinity War? There are so many great choices. Something extraordinary happens when a story comes together and everything is complete. The music swells, the tension releases, and a smile comes across your face.

We have been discussing significant moments in God's salvation story these last few weeks. This will continue as we build towards Holy Week. It is story that began countless generations ago. God has been working throughout time to bring heaven to earth as He intended from the dawn of creation. Humanity could not fix our own problems but God's love made a way through the life of Christ.

I hope we will get a sense of the eternal nature of this story. It is much more than our favorite novel or movie. It is the true story of a love so large that it moved eternity into creation. God opened His arms to us. Will you hear the music swell, the tension resolve, a smile come across your face? I pray it will be so!

Pastor's Den

 A graphic with a background of a castle at sunset. The title "STORIES OF A KING" is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, in smaller white letters, is "AS HE JOURNEYS TO THE CROSS".

Mar. 3	<i>For the Hungry</i>	Luke 14:15-24
Mar. 10	<i>For the Resentful</i>	Luke 15:11-32
Mar. 17	<i>For the Poor</i>	Luke 16:19-31
Mar. 24	<i>For the Proud</i>	Luke 18:9-14
	Palm Sunday	

 A graphic with a dark, textured background. The title "HOLY WEEK" is in large, bold, white letters.

Mar. 28	<i>Love Defined</i>	Matt. 26:26-45
	Maundy Thursday	
Mar. 29	Tenebrae Service	
Mar. 31	<i>A New Day</i>	
	Sunrise Service	
	<i>All For Love</i>	Galatians 2:20
	Easter Service	HE'S ALIVE!

Telling sTORIEs

Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia! We are in the middle of the Lenten season, preparing our hearts and minds as we journey to the cross. Every year, I find myself overcome with emotion during Holy Week, as I am sure you do too. I am reminded of the depths of Christ's love for us. As a teenager, during Stations of the Cross, I saw clips from "The Passion of the Christ." I had never seen the movie before, and after seeing the clips, I wanted to view the rest of the movie. My parents explained to me that the movie was intense as it sought to capture what the Crucifixion would have looked like. I was stunned by what I saw in the film. I was overcome with emotion as the scriptures I had read "came to life" in a way before me. I have never read the story of Jesus the same since I saw the movie. Every time I read the story of the harsh and brutal treatment of Jesus, I remember the scenes from the movie. As a young teenager, the understanding of what the sacrifice of Jesus entailed was explained to me when I sat down and watched the film with my parents. I was able to fully comprehend the depth of Jesus' love for me when I saw the scriptures "come to life." I am entering into Holy Week knowing my savior's love for me. My prayer for you is that you feel it too.



We had 18 Youth
and 22 Seniors
attend the Young &
Young at Heart
event. A great time
was had by all.

More pics on p. 6



Illumination Student Ministry

3/10: LIVE CLUE GAME
(Connect Event Hosted by us!)

3/31: No Youth- Easter Sunday



Children's Ministry

3/24: Waving of the Palms
(during worship)

3/30: Easter Egg Hunt
10:00am-11:30am



Youth & Children's Ministries



Sunday, March 10th we are fortunate to host an ensemble of students taught by Cole Freeman. They will be playing during the worship service.

We look forward to hosting this fine group of musicians.

String Ensemble: Walter McCann, Mary Claire Davidson, Ella Norton, Lucy Frost, Charlotte Dong, Juliette De Mey, Choloe Phung, Jake Baugh, Carson Lunam, Jade Diouri, Weston Semones and Olive Hoffman



Please plan to join us for the special services leading up to Easter Sunday.

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday - Children singing

March 28 - Maundy Thursday - Meal and Service in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 29 - Tenebrae Service - Service of Darkness

Sunday, March 31 - Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Musical Notes



Cherub Choir

Music Makers



Graceful Praise

Operation Christmas Child 2024

For the month of March, we're asking everyone to bring WASHCLOTHS. As you know, in many third world countries, washcloths must be shared by the entire family. The mother or father washes first, then dips the washcloth in boiling water. This process is repeated until every family member has washed. Our goal for March is 450 WASHCLOTHS so we can include 3 washcloths in EACH Shoebox.

A bin is available in the Gathering Place with an OCC sign requesting that you place your WASHCLOTHS in it.

If anyone prefers to shop and fill the Shoebox as we have traditionally done at FBCMH, that will be equally appreciated. We'll have those Shoeboxes available on October 7th.



Praising God for your call to serve Him in this way!

Questions? You may reach me at 980-253-7180 or kaymmacintosh@hotmail.com

Circle of Faith

In the month of February, the Circle of Faith donated the following to Catherine's House in Belmont: 13 sheet sets, 5 mattress covers, 4 comforters, 1 quilt, 2 blankets and 18 washcloths. Catherine's House in Belmont helps women who are victims of homelessness and abuse get back on their feet by living on their own and joining the workforce.

The Circle of Faith is open to any women in the church. We meet on the last Monday of every month. Please join us on Monday, March 25 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you!

Spiritual Gifts Corner

Recently, Jeff preached about the challenge to being a Micah 6 church by living out the call "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). How do we do this? Committing to being (becoming) a disciple of Christ is a good first step, but what does that mean? Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers that "discipleship means obedience to Christ." In chapter 12 of 1 Corinthians we learn that we are all members of the body of Christ and that each member has a gift to use for the good of the body. In other words, by discerning and utilizing our spiritual gift(s) we are being obedient to Christ and building up the body of believers, thus laying the foundation to prepare our church for the call put forth in Micah 6. Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? The Spiritual Gifts Committee has provided some [resources](#) to help guide you (if you can't access the link the church office can provide you with a paper copy).

In Christ - Your Spiritual Gifts Committee

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

March 6: Pizza
 March 13: Lasagna
 March 20: Hot Diggity Dog (Youth)
 March 27: BBQ

A Salad Bar is provided every week.



Congratulations to Mike and Erika Purser. Their first grandson, Axel Griffin Purser was born on January 30.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus during John's sickness and his passing. Your words of encouragement, support, and especially your prayers have helped sustain us.

Thank you!

Love,
 Debbie Posa



In Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Sarah Pryor.



Childcare Volunteers

Nursery

3/3- Linda Richardson & Ann Little
 3/10- Maggie Pressley & Gabrielle Cox
 3/17- Jo Ann Rollins & Cheryl Lineberger
 3/24- Maggie Pressley & Gabrielle Cox
 3/31- Maggie Pressley & Gina Hough

Toddler

3/3- Maggie Pressley & Gabrielle Cox
 3/10- Sajiah Taylor & Rebekah S.R.
 3/17- Gabrielle Cox & Maggie Pressley
 3/24- Sajiah Taylor & Rebekah S.R.
 3/31- Gabrielle Cox & Lauren Huneycutt

Children's Church

3/3- Children Stay in Worship
 3/10- Youth
 3/17- Angie Hilderbran
 3/24- LuAnn & Dickie Thomas
 3/31- Brooke Shepherd Elting

Church Security

Gary Farmer	Feb 26—Mar 3
Keith Piercy	Mar 4—Mar 10
Ken Fortsch	Mar 11—Mar 17
Richard Flowers	Mar 18—Mar 24
Brian Smith	Mar 25—Mar 31

Ushers and Greeters

3 Aubrey Horton, David Wrenn, Roger Hawkins, Denise Hawkins, Jay Ratliff
 10 Dickie Thomas, Stephen Abernethy, Cheryl Lineberger, Jo Ann Rollins, Danny Snead
 17 Ricky Russell, Kevin Collier, Mac Richardson, Tami Piercy, Cornelia Pressley
 24 John Petersen, Suzanne Griffin, Missi Fortsch, Brent Green, Chris Medlin
 31 Denise Hawkins, Roger Hawkins, Leah Allen, Josh Allen

5 Donna Hawkins, Pat Kinney, Josh Medlin
 6 Brent Green, Emily Green, Erika Purser
 7 Amanda Hensley
 8 Steve Sisk
 10 Emmalyn Helms, Angie Hilderbran, Will Rogers
 11 Maggie Ferguson
 12 Jennifer Allen
 13 Jack Hough
 14 Julie Haver
 16 Jax Allen
 17 Jacquy Denison, John Petersen
 18 Linda Mullis, Amy Smith
 19 Jeff Allen
 20 Elaine Crosby, Ron Featherstone
 21 Sam Elting, Tony McGee
 23 Tom McQuarrie
 24 Hunter Hawkins
 26 David Cauthen, Sarah Pryor
 30 Scott Collier, Joy Flowers, Aubrey Horton



Memorials and Donations

Bus Fund and Local Missions Fund

In honor of Jeff, Jennifer, Matthew and Hannah Allen by Jason & Lori Cogdill

Building Fund

In memory of Al Rhodes and Vickie Flowers by Doug & Linda Mullis

In honor of Tori Freeman by Roger & Denise Hawkins

4 Ben & Yvonne Kirkpatrick

19 Nate & Kaylee Seedorf

25 Yates & Michaela Collier

31 Todd & Joy Flowers



Memorials / Volunteers / Birthday Anniversary

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OFFICE SCHEDULE

Mondays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman

Kim Payne (remote)

Tuesdays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman

Kim Payne

Wednesdays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman

Kim Payne (remote)

Thursdays

Jeff Allen

Tori Freeman (remote)

Kim Payne

Fridays

Kim Payne



January 2024

Total Receipts – \$35,689

Bldg. Fund – \$305

Bldg. Fund YTD – \$305

Other Designated – \$3,820

Other Designated YTD – \$3,820

2024 Budget – \$538,227

Avg Needs – 1/31—\$44,852

Budget Receipts YTD – \$31,664