

April 2026

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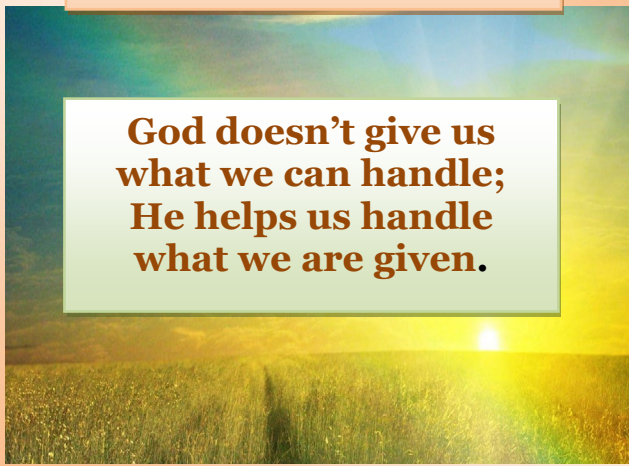
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Welcome to our monthly newsletter! We are excited to bring you the latest news and events happening at our church.

We hope you find these updates helpful and engaging. As always, feel free to reach out to our pastor, staff, deacons or committee chairs if you have any questions, need further information, or simply want to share something. Let's continue to grow in faith together. Read on for the highlights this month!

Monthly Devotion



God doesn't give us what we can handle; He helps us handle what we are given.



See our Facebook page for real time updates on church activities and events!



Easter Sunday April 5th

Sunrise Service at 7:00am with breakfast to follow.

The Choir will present the "Seven Last Words" at 11:00am followed by a message from Pastor Tim Vaughn.

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We had a great turnout at our Parents Night Out meeting last month with 42 children and youth in attendance. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to serve.

Children: This month, we will be focused on Easter activities and our lesson will be about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have several Easter activities planned and are excited about the time change so we can now go outside for recreation!

Youth: The Youth learned about the ‘Sermon on the Mount’, ate pizza and played board games for the night. Pastor Jesse is also working with the youth by discussing showing respect and proper behavior in the Lord’s house.

Pictures to the Left:

Top: Preschoolers making booklets for our lessons - Middle: Learning the books of the bible- Bottom: Craft time



The *Daughters of the King* will meet on Saturday, April 11, at 9:00am. We will resume our *Assembly of Blessing Bags* ministry during this gathering. This is a wonderful time for fellowship, devotion, and mission work—open to women of all ages. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special time of service and sisterhood. We look forward to seeing everyone and serving together in Christ’s love. Read on to learn about a great ministry opportunity – **A Diaper Drive**- the ladies’ group will be sponsoring!

With joy and gratitude,
Valerie

“If we don’t teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.”- Unknown.

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Children's Church:

The children are learning mini verses such as "I am the way, the truth and the life" and also John 3:16. The children are learning about how Jesus is the "door of the heart". Pastor Jesse illustrated this by locking himself out of a room, he knocked, and the children let him in. He did it a second time, but didn't knock. The children questioned why he didn't knock, and Pastor Jesse explained that we have to ask or invite Jesus in.

Songs: **Jesus Loves Me** and other traditional children's songs.

Pastor Jesse's Thought for the Day:

He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6

Children's Church Schedule:

Music: Mike Tabor

Teacher Assistant: Vernelle Davis

April 5th Scott and Vernelle Davis
April 12th Caleb and Taylor O'Neal
April 19th Mike and Melissa Tabor
April 26th Sam and Jeanna Gregory

Youth – Sunday Morning Worship:

The youth finished their study on Job and started a new discussion, in detail, on how the Lamb of God is worthy and also began learning about the Lion of Judah.

Songs: **Agnus Dei**, a praise and worship song, based on a Latin phrase which means "Lamb of God" and **Christ Is Risen**.

Wednesday Nights:

Support: Angie Rogers, Hannah Walton, Melissa Tabor, Brett Hager, Mike Tabor

Children: The lessons focused on Heroes of the Holy Week such as Simon of Cyrene (the man compelled by Roman Soldiers to help Jesus carry the cross to Golgotha) to help prepare the children for Easter.

Youth: The lessons have been centered around solitude and prayer and how Moses spoke to God face to face as found in Exodus 33.

Children and Youth Ministry:

On Sunday, March 29th, our children and youth are having an Easter Celebration immediately following the morning worship service. The newsletter was released prior to the event so watch next month's newsletter for an update!!

Saturday, April 18th, will be movie night and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at the church from 4:00-7:30pm.

See the last page for a few shared photos!

To God Be The Glory,
Pastor Jesse

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Let's Celebrate!!
Happy Birthday to.....

Tommy Boyles – 2nd
Billie Ann Alford – 3rd
Garry Weddington – 9th
Keith Nodine – 16th
Roger Ockerman – 16th
Hayden Hensley – 20th
Ginny Wilson – 21st
Allyson Joslin – 21st
April Greer – 24th
Tim Smith - 24th
Carolyn Sims – 26th
Wyatt Walton – 27th

*happy
birthday !!*



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Happy Anniversary to...

Bob and Wanda Collins -10th
Frankie and Judy Julian – 21st
Mike and Melissa Tabor – 22nd
Caleb and Briana Brown-Ikard – 26th

**HAPPY
anniversary**



**Thank
You!**



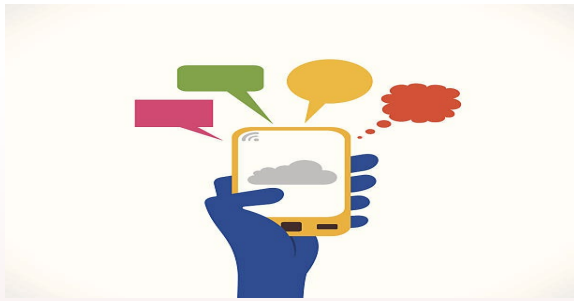
This month's shout out goes to all our nursery workers who provide coverage during Sunday mornings!! They entertain, feed, change diapers, referee, wipe tears and dispense toys! We appreciate your sacrifice for missing services so that you can support this ministry.



April Events

April 3rd Parents Night Out
April 5th Easter Sunrise
Easter Cantata
April 11th Daughters of the King
April 12th Deacons Meeting
April 19th Qtrly Business Meeting
April 23rd Seniors Meeting
April 26th Baptist Men

We will be collecting for the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** through Easter, April 5th. Special thanks to all those who contribute!



If at any time you stop receiving **TEXT UPDATES** regarding prayer requests or event notices for our church, please let Briana Brown-Ikard know. Also, let Briana know if you would like to be added to the distribution. This communication method can be quite the undertaking so a special **THANK YOU** to Briana for all her hard work. Briana's cell # can be found in the church directory. Copies of the directory are located in the narthex and by the church office



Calling all Seniors! Hope you will plan to join us for dinner at China Grove Family House on Thursday, April 23rd! Our reservations are for 4:30 p.m. We didn't make plans for the bus so perhaps some of you can meet at the church and share a car ride. Watch the list and try to arrange ride shares. Be sure to sign up in the narthex so we can get an accurate headcount. See you there!

Linda Moody



Please join us for a drop-in baby shower for Caleb and Taylor O'Neal on Sunday, April 12th from 3:00-4:30pm. See 'mybabylist.com' for their registry and gift ideas. This is an exciting time so join us to help congratulate the O'Neals!

Quarterly

Church Business Meeting

Sunday, April 19th

Another **Security Training Class, Saturday, April 18th at 9:00am**, will be held to accommodate those who were unable to attend the earlier session. Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve on the church's security team.



Hurting Together, Healing Together

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1 Corinthians 12:25–26

When we talk about Christian unity, we tend to focus on our need for shared vision, goals, and values. And those are important. But Christian unity is more than going on mission together, worshiping together, and celebrating together. It's also, when the need arises, hurting and healing together.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul described God's design for the church. God has connected its members like the parts of a body, each unique yet indispensable, so that "there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." (vv. 25–26 KJV)

In other words, when one of us hurts, it affects all of us. If we want to function as a healthy, united whole, we must show each other the same concern we would show ourselves. Christ loves His church and every single member of it. When His body hurts, He wants to heal it—and He likes to use the love of fellow believers in the process. So let's treat one another with patience and compassion. Let's minister to each other's pain as the Holy Spirit enables us. And when we ourselves hurt, let's seek healing. Let's bring our hurts to the Lord, allow Him to direct the healing process, and do what we need to do in order to heal. At the same time, let's not give up on the body of which we're an essential part. Let's keep showing up for each other—serving, encouraging, listening, exhorting, forgiving, reconciling—remembering that others may be hurting too.

Becoming the church God envisioned is worth the slow, hard, painful work of unity. And in loving each other through the hard moments, we are being that church.

--Megan Bean





A bible study, **Experiencing God**, will start soon! Details will be forthcoming and as information is shared regarding the series, please prayerfully considering making this a priority and attending!



A small group attended the discipleship conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention last month. Valerie Bowen coordinated this outing, received feedback from the attendees, and has met with our Deacon Board regarding different ideas for service. Watch in the coming weeks as information is shared!

Upcoming Mission Opportunity – Diaper Drive!

Great news! West Corinth Baptist Church will host a **LifeChoice Rowan Diaper Drive** on Saturday, November 14, 2026. Let's be in prayer for this meaningful mission, as it allows us to care for families in our community and share God's love in a tangible way. A collection box will be placed in the narthex as we begin collecting diapers and wipes of all sizes in preparation for this amazing ministry. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!



VBS Save The Date:



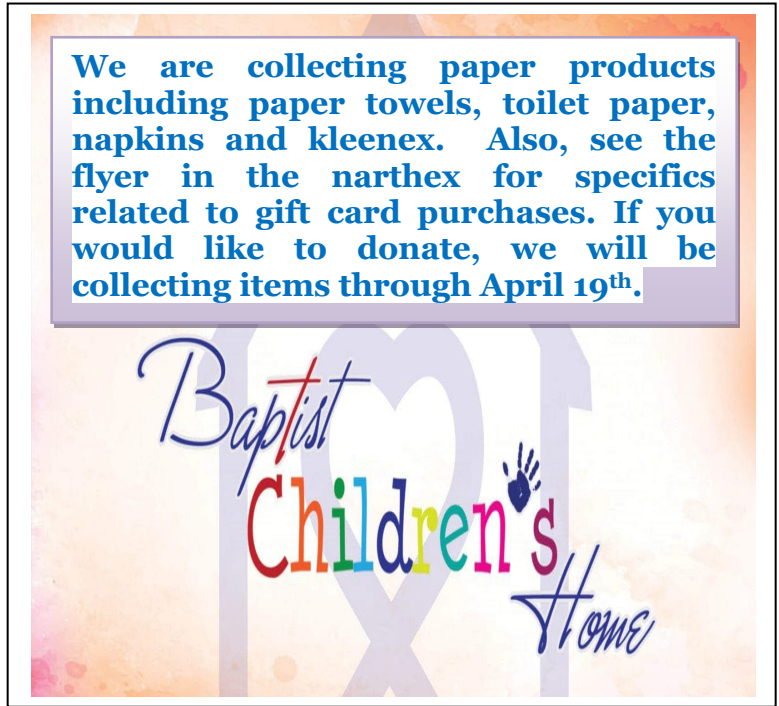
This year's VBS will take us to Rome as we learn about the work of Paul. Watch your newsletters as more details will be shared over the coming months. But until then, save the week of June 7th – 11th for our 2026 summer VBS! See the volunteer sign-up sheet in the narthex! Look for a VBS meeting right after Easter!

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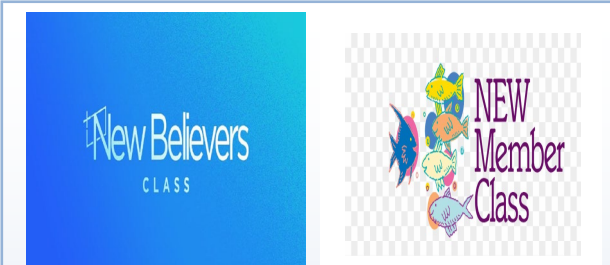


As an outreach opportunity, Hospice of Iredell County offers bereavement support to anyone in the community who is navigating the death of a loved one. This support is offered free of charge, and is available to all ages. For anyone interested, see the flyer on the bulletin board by the church office and feel free to share with others.



There was a special called business meeting on March 22nd by our Deacon Board. At the recommendation of the Deacons, the congregation voted to call Tim Vaughn as our interim pastor. Over the next several weeks, please introduce yourself and welcome Pastor Vaughn to our church family. Watch next month's newsletter for more information regarding Pastor Vaughn and his family.

Please continue to pray for our leadership and our church in the days ahead as we seek to move forward and carry out God's will for our church.



Coming Soon!!

A **new member** disciple class and a **new believer** disciple class will be incorporated into the Experiencing God series. Watch your bulletin for dates and times!

OUTREACH

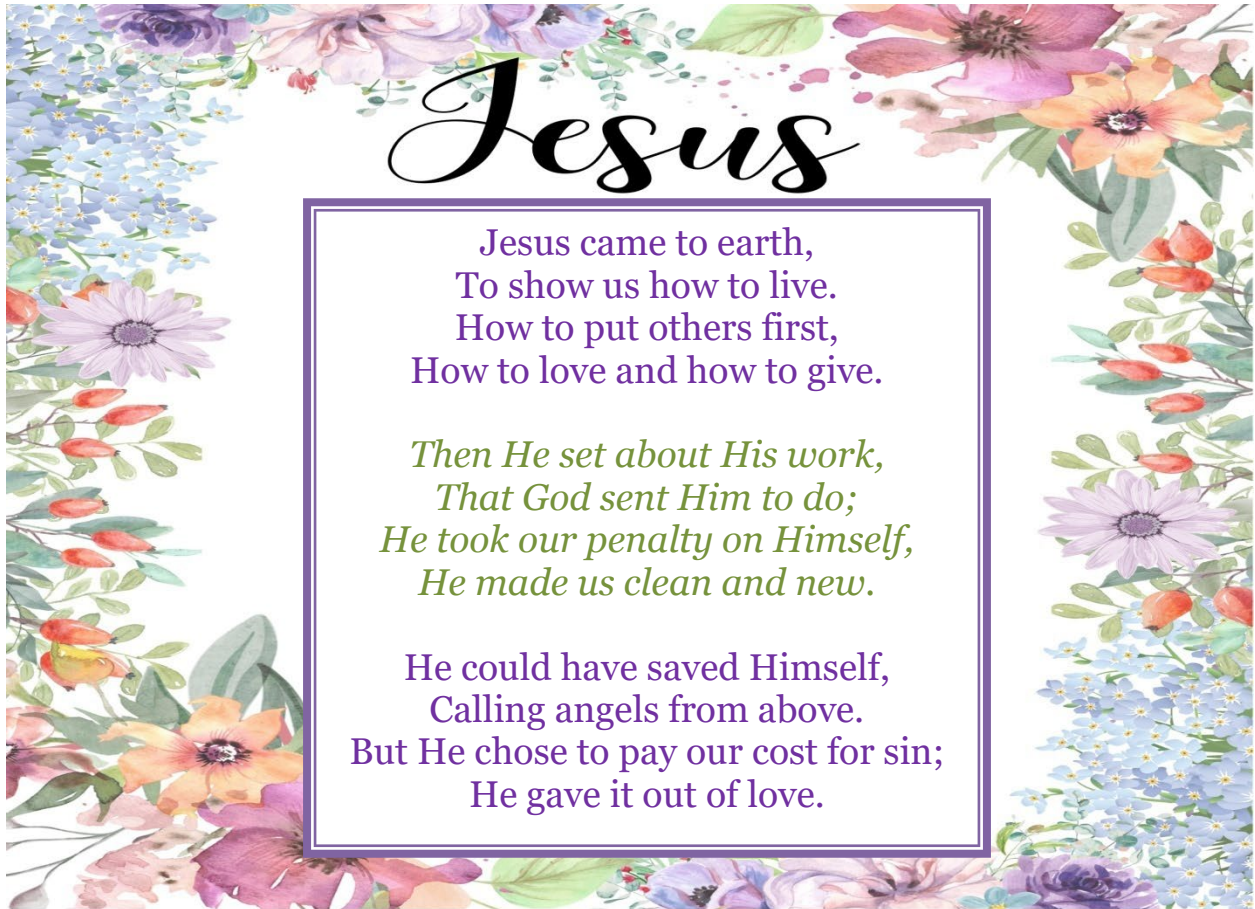
Hope boxes for Kentucky:

You can pick up the boxes you have chosen and fill them with the items for the child(ren) you have chosen. Please bring the filled boxes back any time before Easter Sunday, April 5th. The last date we can receive the boxes is Wednesday, April 8th. We will need to take the boxes to Calvary Baptist in Salisbury on that date. Anyone who would like to travel with the boxes and hand out to the children on April 19th through 22nd, please let Billy Hodge or Vernelle Davis know.

The church will be open for **prayer all day, every Wednesday in April**. (April 1,8,15,22 and 29). Clyde Paschal will be available all day on April 1, handing out a prayer guide. May we all consider praying through this prayer guide, allowing the Lord to prompt us to pray on these Wednesdays for special needs. These include our church and church family, our community, our state, our nation, our leaders and most of all our witness to those lost around us and the world.

On Thursday, April 30, we will be sponsoring the breakfast meeting of the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Mooresville High School**. Our own, Hayden and Spencer Hensley, are a part of this organization and help lead it. May we support them and the other Christian young people there by donating to the breakfast—140 biscuits from McDonald's. Just mark your envelope FCA breakfast. Or, you can volunteer to help pick up biscuits at McDonald's in Mooresville. They will already be ordered. They need to be picked up at 6 am, to arrive at Mooresville High Gym at 6:15am. Thank you to all who will help support this ministry.

Prayerfully consider your part in these ministries. Everyone cannot do it all, but we can all do our part to show Christ's love to others!



Celebrating Children and Youth Birthdays!



Taylor Hinson and Taylor Walton



Sarah Grace and Will Hinson