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KEVIN'S KORNER

In the Gospel accounts of Jesus' transfiguration, Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of our Lord in his glory. But soon the experience is over, and as they come back down the mountain, Jesus tells them not to go spreading the word about the glory they've just encountered. "Keep your lips sealed about this," says Jesus. "Don't go announcing what an out-of-this world experience you've had, not until I've been raised from the dead." Jesus didn't want His disciples, then and now, to think that He's all glory and no suffering. The path to glory will include the cross.

The God whose glory is displayed in Jesus Christ isn't a God whom we create. He's the God who creates us. He isn't a God whom we make. He's the God who makes us. One of the greatest threats to true worship is our tendency to shrink God down to a comprehensible, manageable size, to fashion a god who will be unthreatening to us, to form a deity who is willing to meet our needs, a deity who seeks our self-fulfillment. This tendency to create God in our image, to worship a god so much smaller than the biblical God, is the essence of idolatry, and we're all guilty of it.

One of the great dangers of idolatry is that we become like the gods we fashion. Whatever we revere, that's what we start to resemble. Or, as I've heard some folks put it, you become what you worship. If you worship money and possessions, you become greedy and stingy. Your life becomes one big account ledger. If you worship sex, you become more and more obsessed with your image and your attractiveness. You measure yourself by your physical prowess. If you worship power, you become scheming and manipulative. Your life becomes a matter of controlling others. If you worship career, you become a ruthless devotee of upward mobility. You step on whoever you have to as you scale the social ladder. If you worship knowledge, you become arrogant in your

learning. You assess others by how many degrees they have or where they went to school. Whatever becomes your chief desire, the object of your deepest adoration and allegiance, you will become like it.

This is why worship is such an important part of the Christian life. Instead of gazing in love and gratitude at idols, which only distort the image of God in us and keep us from being who God intends us to be, we come together as a congregation and direct our awe and adoration to the one true God, revealed to us fully in Jesus Christ. We behold the glory of the Lord Jesus himself. It may not take the form of a blinding light or a voice from heaven, but we trust that as He gathers us we look upon His splendor, a splendor revealed not just on the mountaintop but especially in the cross. For it's most of all through Christ's suffering and death that we have access to God's glory.

As we dwell in Christ's presence, and make Him the singular focus of our adoration and attention, He works on us. You see, worship isn't just something we do. Worship is also something that's done to us. Worship does something to us. It affects us. It alters us. It shapes us. It molds us. It forms us. It transforms us into the likeness of Christ. We take on more of His image, have more of His mind, and get filled with more of His Spirit. In this way, when we leave the Sunday morning gathering, we're different from when we arrived.

Faithfully,

Kevin

Pastor Kevin

FROM THE COMMUNICATOR STAFF

By Jenny Boswell, editor and church administrative assistant

The Deacon of the Month for March is Steve Norbrey.

On March 2nd eat green eggs and ham in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. He is the author of "Green Eggs and Ham" and many of his rhyming books that had made him so popular among young children.

On March 3, 1931 President Herbert Hoover officially designated the Star Spangled Banner as the United States' national anthem. It was written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812 after observing the flag still standing following a nightlong British attack.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to change your **clocks forward one hour** before going to bed Saturday night.



On March 10, the anniversary of her death in 1913, we observe Harriet Tubman Day. She is known for her courage in helping hundreds of slaves to escape to freedom in the north via the "underground railroad." She also served in the Union Army as nurse, cook, scout, and spy.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick was born in West Britain and spent his final days in Ireland preaching, teaching and building churches. He is best known for using a three-leaf clover to explain the Trinity, (The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit) one body, three parts.

Spring begins on March 20!

In 1987, congress officially made March National Women's History Month.

The Deacon of the Month for April is Ken Heinbuch.

On April 1, Pastor Kevin will celebrate his 19th year with us here at Grace Baptist Church. We wish you a happy anniversary and thanks for your service to our Lord and Savior. Also we want to recognize all that you do for all of us and for teaching the Day Care children about the Word through Bible teachings on Wednesday mornings.

Sunday, April 5 newsletter articles are due for the May/June issue of the COMMUNICATOR!

EASTER WEEK



Jesus enters Jerusalem

April 9 is Maundy Thursday.



This was the day of the Seder meal and the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus. This happened the night before He was crucified.

April 10 is Good Friday.



SUNDAY, APRIL 12 IS EASTER
The day that Jesus rose from the dead.



6:30 AM Sunrise service at Mt. Aventine
8:30 AM Easter breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00AM Morning Easter Service at Grace

April 15 is Tax Time!

Earth Day is April 22.

MARCH/APRIL NEWS FROM THE DAY CARE CENTER

By Amy Shumpert, the Day Care Center assistant director

March will bring weather related units with the coming of spring and windy days. It's a fun time to discover the science behind beautiful rainbows in the sky. Rainbows also remind us of God's promise of HOPE!

We will enjoy riddles and rhymes while reading Dr. Seuss books in honor of his birthday, March 2. And don't forget to wear GREEN on March 17, or you may receive a little "pinch" from the leprechaun. We will create Leprechaun traps and search for his pot of gold at the end of the rainbows.



We will end the month of March by wishing Pastor Kevin a very "Happy Birthday!" Spring and Easter are quickly approaching.

April brings us another month of celebration! We will study and learn about the blessed meaning of Easter. Jesus has died for our sins and indeed risen to save us and provide us with Eternal life! Charles County Public Schools will be CLOSED for Spring Break April 10 – April 14. Grace Baptist Day Care Center will be OPEN every day to provide quality child care for our preschoolers and school-aged children during this time. Prior to Spring Break, the preschool classrooms will all celebrate SPRING/EASTER with a classroom party!

Registration for our summer program and the 2020-21 school year will begin on March 2 for children/families currently enrolled. Any available spots will be offered beginning March 16 to children on our waiting lists. External registration will begin on March 23, and continue until all spots are filled.

We pray that God continues to bless us with children to care for and teach. We strive daily to nurture and love each child as an individual, by providing them with a biblical foundation and a learning environment conducive to physical, academic and social/emotional development!

**From our church/daycare family to yours....
HAPPY EASTER!**



It's all about the gospel

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Our Church's Goal: \$2,500

The week of prayer March 1 – March 8

THE SCRIPTURES SAY...

About Salvation through Jesus

"Yet all who receive him (Jesus), to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..." John 1:12 (NIV)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (NIV)

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NIV)

SAY THAT AGAIN

In honor of Women's History Month

"Stop determining your worth and value by how someone else has treated you." Joyce Meyer

"Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry with your girlfriends." Laurie Kuslansky

"Old age ain't no place for sissies." Betty Davis
(Continued on next page)

"I'm not offended by all the dumb blond jokes because I know I'm not dumb and I'm also not blond."

Dolly Parton

"Friends seem to be like aspirin: we don't really know why they make a sick person feel better, but they do."

Letty Cottin Pogrebin (submitted by Faye Rogerson)

"My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first being hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint."

Erma Bombeck



WORD OF THE MONTH

SALVATION – *n.* 1. saving of the soul from sin and its consequences, the state of being saved. 2. Preservation from loss or calamity.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ayodele and Mamusu on their newest addition to the Warburton family with the birth of Art Christian Warburton. He was born on January 12, 2020.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Add to the directory:

Destynie Starner
3208 Fraser Road
Bryans Road, MD 20616
Phone # 757-309-3314

Change to the directory:

Jordan Holder
3145 Jackson Ave.
Miami, FL 33133

WARBURTON, Ayodele, Mamusu Sesay
Ava Maya and Art Christian

E-mail update: rigphg@primary.net



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Destynie Jeanne Starner was baptized on February 16, 2020 at Grace Baptist Church by Pastor Kevin Holder.



VBS UPDATE

The VBS is under way for summer of 2020.



MINDY'S PEACE

By Mindy Adams

I can't believe it's March already and spring is almost here (March 20th to be exact). Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on March 8. Also don't forget to wear GREEN on St. Patrick's Day or you might get pinched.

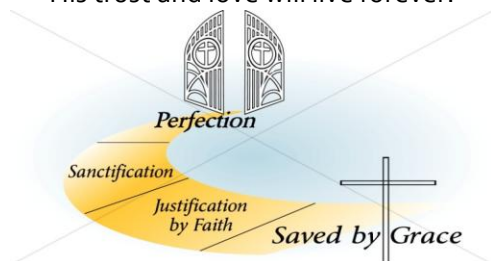
We celebrate Easter this April. Palm Sunday is April 5. Palm Sunday is the day that Jesus road in to Jerusalem where the streets were lined with palms as they welcomed Jesus with open arms. Maundy Thursday is April 9. Maundy Thursday is the day that Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and celebrated the last supper with the bread of His body and the wine of His blood that he shared with His disciples. April 10 is GOOD FRIDAY. Good Friday is the day that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners. **EASTER** -- Easter this year is on April 12. That was the 3rd day in which Jesus rose from the dead. Halleluiah! On Easter Sunday, Grace will participate in the Sunrise service, starting at 6:30 AM at Mt. Aventine followed by Easter breakfast at 8:30 AM at Grace. Then at 9:45 AM Sunday school and Morning service at 11:00 AM.

April showers bring May flowers. It also brings Earth Day on April 22. Don't forget tax day on April 15. Let's hope for wonderful spring like weather as predicted last month by the groundhog on Groundhog's Day.

Trust

By Mindy Adams

Trust is a fragile thing.
It is easily broken.
Once broken it's hard to repair.
Trust is not easily given.
It must be earned.
There is one above all
who can be trusted.
We call Him God.
He will never leave us.
He will never abandon us.
His trust and love will live forever.



GRACE'S RECIPE BOX

Granny's Sunday Chicken

By Ruby Deer

6 chicken breasts (legs or thighs will do)
2 T. Flour
1 egg, beaten
½ tsp. Salt
½ tsp. Black pepper
1 cup light cooking oil
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup chicken broth
Buttered bread crumbs

Heat oil in frying pan. Roll chicken pieces in the beaten egg, then flour, drop in oil and fry until brown. Arrange in baking dish, salt and pepper to taste. Heat mushroom soup, dilute with one cup of broth and pour over chicken pieces. Sprinkle buttered bread crumbs over the top and bake about 20 minutes at 350°.

Honey Garlic Butter Salmon in Foil

By Pastor Jacques Banks

¼ c. Butter
1/3 c. Honey
4 large cloves garlic, crushed
2 T. Fresh lemon juice (juice of ½ lemon)
2 ½ pounds side salmon
Sea salt to taste
Cracked pepper to taste (opt.)
Lemon slices to serve
2 T. Fresh chopped parsley

Position a rack in the middle of the oven. Preheat oven to 375°. Line a baking sheet with a large piece of foil (large enough to fold over and seal, making a packet over the salmon). In a small saucepan, melt butter over low to medium heat. Add honey, garlic and lemon juice and whisk until honey has melted through the butter and the mixture is well combined. Place the salmon onto lined baking sheet. Pour the butter/honey mixture over the salmon, spreading evenly. Sprinkle with a good amount of salt (about 2 teaspoons) and cracked pepper. Fold the sides of the foil over the salmon to cover and completely seal the packet closed so the butter does not leak. Bake until cooked through (about 15 – 18 minutes, depending on the thickness of the salmon and your

preference of doneness). Open the foil being careful of escaping steam and place under broiler for 2-3 minutes on medium heat to caramelize the top. Garnish with parsley and serve immediately with lemon slices.

A PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

By Jenny Boswell

The recipes in this newsletter have come from a cookbook called "Favorite Recipes" a collection by Indian Head United Methodist Church
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Indian Head, MD 20640

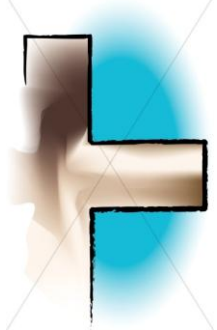
Our church, Indian Head United Methodist is trying to raise money to buy a new air conditioner for the church. We are selling this cookbook for \$15. There are over 200 recipes including recipes for dog treats. If you are interested in buying one, you can contact me by phone: (work) 240-377-8023; (cell) 240-377-6135 (home) 301-743-5230
e-mail: jennyboswell5@gmail.com

Please leave your name and how to get back to you.



POETRY SECTION

The following poems have been written by Richard Gold. These poems can be found in his newly published book called "The Tree of Salvation." This book is copyrighted. (©copyright 2019 by Richard I. Gold)
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CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

For the Christian, Baptism
Is a contract with God
To live according to His teachings
Until we're beneath the sod

Baptism is of water
Of spirit and Christ's blood
It is to know the Word
That Christian understood

Commitment is a personal thing
Only we, our self can make
For in the world at large
Temptations will our attention take

So commit to the will of God
Make this your joy
Love God with all you have
For God is the universe's Roy

GLORY, GLORY, GLORY

Glory, glory, glory
Praise Him, praise Him
Praise Him all beings
Glorify His name
Glorify His name
Glorify His name all ye people

Sing His praises, sing His praises
Sing His praises all beings great and small
For God has done a mighty thing
He sent His only Son
To show us how to live
To show us the way of salvation

Praise Him
Praise Him
Praise Him with all your being
Praise Him with all your soul
Praise Him with all your earnings
Praise Him for all His works

For God is truly love
For God is truly love
For God is love that we should live
Should live with Him above



March

Beth Rogerson	03/03
William Rozar	03/18
Cathy Stouffer	03/21
Donna Toma	03/27
Kevin Holder	03/28



Anniversaries of the Month March

Tom and Christine Propes	03/07
G.C. Rogerson	03/22



April

Juanita "Nita" Elder	04/03
Don Bazzle	04/09
Steve Norbrey	04/09
Debbie McGuigan	04/18
Amber Krivitsky	04/20
Madison Toma	04/25



Anniversaries of the Month April

Darrell and Nan Linville	04/28
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

March 1 Lord's Supper
 March 2 Girl Scouts
 March 3 Westside Stitches
 March 3 Girl Scouts
 March 4 Bible Study
 March 6 Stampin' Up
 March 7 Deacons Meeting
 March 8 Daylight Savings Time starts
 March 10 Girl Scouts
 March 11 Bible Study
 March 12 G.S.S.U. Meeting
 March 14 Movie Night
 March 15 Fellowship Luncheon
 March 16 Girl Scouts
 March 17 Girl Scouts
 March 18 Bible Study
 March 24 Girl Scouts
 March 25 Bible Study
 March 29 Church Council Meeting
 March 30 Girl Scouts
 March 31 Girl Scouts

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 1 Bible Study
 April 3 Stampin' Up
 April 4 Deacons Meeting
 April 5 Palm Sunday
 April 7 Girl Scouts
 April 8 Business Meeting
 April 9 G.S.S.U.
 April 9 Maundy Thursday
 April 10 Good Friday
 April 11 Movie Night
 April 12 Easter
 April 13 Girl Scouts
 April 14 Girl Scouts
 April 15 Taxes
 April 21 Girl Scouts
 April 22 Bible Study
 April 26 Church Council Meeting
 April 27 Girl Scouts
 April 28 Girl Scouts
 April 29 Bible Study

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lord's Supper 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	2 6:30pm Girl Scouts	3 4:00pm Westside Stitchers 6:30pm Girl Scouts	4 7:00pm Bible Study	5	6 6:00pm Stampin' Up	7 7:00am Deacons Meeting
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APRIL 2020

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12 EASTER 6:30am Sunrise Service 8:30am Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Worship	13 6:30pm Girl Scouts	14 6:30pm Girl Scouts	15 Tax Day 7:00pm Bible Study	16	17	18
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