



# The Beacon

First United Methodist Church  
A light for Christ in Cleburne County and the World!

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## PASTOR'S MOMENT What's So Holy About This Week?

Last Sunday we celebrated Passion/Palm Sunday; this week we will come together in worship on Maundy Thursday and again on Good Friday at our Tenebrae Service. We call this week Holy Week. The world could look at the church and wonder why this week is so different. As Christian people we respond that this week is holy because it celebrates the life, and death, of Jesus of Nazareth. This Jesus came born of the virgin, grew, walked, loved, and taught us to love while living among us. And, this week we remember how he willingly gave up his life for you, for me, for each and every one of us.

This week is different because without Jesus going to the cross we have no hope. Without Jesus becoming the sacrifice for our sins we would be a lost people. We know we can't be good enough. We know we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, so we tell the world we all need a Savior. This week is special because Jesus paid the ultimate price for us to have a relationship with God. Jesus became sin so we might become the righteousness of God. It is God's revelation of his grace through Christ that you and I are claimed as children of God. So friends, when the world looks to us and asks what's so special about this week, we can respond that this week is what makes it possible for us to go on when the world says quit.

This week gives us hope in every situation that we face because we know that we serve a risen Savior. The grave could not hold him, but we have to go to Calvary before we go to Easter.

See you Sunday, Tommy

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**Worship, April 17**  
**Easter Sunday**

Sermon Title: "Running on Empty"

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Scripture: John 20: 1-18

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Holy Tollers at 8:25 & 10:55

## GETTING AROUND ON EASTER SUNDAY

I don't have to tell how special Easter is, but each year I remind everyone that some problems – good ones - come with the increase in attendance and the number of visitors. Last year there were 1,096 in worship, and it has been as high as 1,200! This Sunday we will have a parking problem and likely a seating problem. The relocating of our contemporary service to the Family Life Center will add to the confusion but will also help.

Several steps will be taken that should help. Ministry team members will be in the parking lots to greet and help with directions to the Family Life Center, nursery, or wherever. Also, golf carts will be carrying people who cannot find a handicap space or just have to park too far away or uphill. The change in location of the middle

service will eliminate the time crunch between services and allow more time for fellowship before and after worship.  
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## EASTER SUNDAY



Join us **Easter Sunday**, April 24, as we discover the empty tomb and proclaim **He is Risen!** The Holy Tollers will play at 8:25 and 10:55, and will accompany the Chancel Choir anthem. The Hallelujah Chorus will also be presented. **Our 9:35 service will meet for the first time in the Family Life Center.**



**DON'T FORGET TO  
BRING FLOWERS  
FROM YOUR YARD  
FOR THE SANCTUARY  
FLOWER CROSS!!!!**

## MIDDLE SERVICE NAME-TAGS

In the event your name-tag did not make it to the Family Life Center, please indicate on the attendance registration that you are in need of a name-tag. Thank you.

## MEMORIALS

*The following gifts have been given to the glory of God and in memory of ...*

### Building Fund

Anne Simmons and Ida Bell Burnett by Mr. & Mrs. Charle Cayton

### Choir Fund

Gene Gray by Gladys McCracken

Ione Garver by Dotty Bea & Harriet Ann Gish, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kendrick

### Mission Fund

Ollie Thompson by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Ward

### Godpleasers Choir Fund

Ollie Thompson by Mr. & Mrs. Everett Uphoff

Ione Garver by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Daniels

## HONORARIUMS

*The following gifts have been given to the glory of God and in honor of ...*

### Building Fund

In His Steps by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kendrick

### Pastor's Emergency Fund

Bro. Tommy and Staff by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kendrick



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SHARE OUR HERITAGE

Women, please bring your homemade contributions to the United Methodist Women's Unit Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 1:30 PM. Categories include all of the following plus more: sewing, beading, scrapbooking, quilting, cross-stitching, crocheting, knitting, creative writing, photography, oils, water colors, poetry, pottery, cooking, and music. Be original and bring something not on the list! Our program will be "Show and Tell" as we share our heritage in Faith, Hope, and Love in Action.

## RECYCLING REMINDER

Please do not use the recycling bins as trash cans. This makes the collection process more difficult for our volunteers. The bins with the green tape along the top edge and a recycling emblem on the side are for recyclable dry paper, cardboard and empty cans only. Please discard plastics, coffee grinds, styrofoam, food items, etc., into bins labeled "trash." Thank you.

## EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHILDREN

Hello Church Family!

I can't believe Easter is already here! The entire Lenten season is a really special time of each year to draw closer to God, to appreciate the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and to celebrate the gift of GRACE. Each time a lesson is taught about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, I can see the kids' eyes opening and understanding a little more about the true meaning of Easter. I am so thankful to be a part of God's big plan in our church and community!

I want to say a special thanks to Melisa and the Sunshine Singers for blessing us all this past Palm Sunday! That was really special and started Holy Week off in a special way.

The "Journey to the Cross" will begin Easter morning at 10:40 for our preschoolers through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Of course, visitors are always encouraged to jump right in! This journey involves multi-sensory stations that guide the children along the path that Jesus walked during his last days on earth. The activity stations focus on Jesus' love and forgiveness and demonstrate the real meaning of Easter: our risen Christ's victory over death! You will need to take your child to the following designated areas to begin the process: PreK will begin in the Mother's Day Out class across from the nursery. K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will begin in the Fellowship Hall. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes will begin in their usual classrooms upstairs.

The Egg Hunt will begin at 12:15 (after you pick up your child from the above listed classrooms and walk them to the front lawn). Each age group will have a designated lawn area to hunt for eggs. **Parents - please hold on to the Easter Baskets until the Egg Hunt.**

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## XYZ BRANSON TRIP

XYZ Senior Adults are going to Branson, MO on May 9-11. Cost is \$130 for double occupancy and \$186 for single occupancy. Please sign up by April 27.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 24

8:25 Morning Worship\*  
9:20 Wiggle Worship\*  
9:35 "Come As You Are" Service\*  
9:45 Sunday School\*  
10:40 Easter Celebration\*  
10:55 Morning Worship\*  
10:55 Sunday School\*  
12:15 Easter Egg Hunt  
7:30 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

### Monday, April 25

8:00 Mothers' Day Out, 106  
8:30 Staff Meeting, 104  
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FH  
6:00 Disciple I, 207  
7:00 Boy Scouts  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

### Tuesday, April 26

7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH  
9:00 Disciple I, 104  
9:30 Explorer's Bible Study  
12:00 Newsletter Deadline  
12:30 Line Dancing, FH  
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor  
6:00 IHS Cookie Ministry Team, 111  
6:00 Disciple 2, 206  
6:30 Disciple 4, 104

### Wednesday, April 27

8:00 Mothers' Day Out, 106  
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FH  
5:00 Fellowship Meal, FLC  
5:30 Joyous Carillons, 203  
6:00 SPAM, FLC  
6:00 FaithWeaver Friends  
6:00 Intercessory Prayer Group, 210  
7:00 Praise Team, FLC  
7:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 28

1:30 Wesleyan Circle, FH  
6:00 IHS Disaster Relief Team, 111  
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

### Friday, April 29

7:00 Senior Breakfast, FH  
8:00 Mothers' Day Out, 106  
8:45 Gentle Fitness, FLC  
6:30 Singles Ministry Potluck, FH  
7:30 Narcotics Anonymous, 208

### Saturday, April 30

10:00 Narcotics Anonymous, 208  
10:00 Young Life Car Wash @  
Super Splash

\* **Nursery Provided**



## MINISTRY MINUTE

### IHS #125 – Golf Ministry

Our next golf scramble will be held Saturday, May 2, at Lost Creek Golf Course. Cost will be \$20 per person with tee times from 2:00 - 2:30 PM. Please RSVP to John Latimer at 206-2373, or by email at jlatigo@suddenlink.net, no later than April 29. John also needs to know your average golf score . . . no lying.

Meetings for IHS Ministries this week include: **IHS #73 Cookie Ministry** at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 26, and **HIS #77 Disaster Relief** at 6:00 PM on April 28. Also, on Friday, April 29, at 6:30 PM, **IHS #139 Singles Ministry** will have a pot-luck.

## GETTING AROUND

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As for remodeling, the Fellowship Hall and Children's Department are nearing completion. In the Family Life Center not everything will be in place this Sunday, but most will, and it will be an exciting day. A new coffee system will be in place, and all are invited for coffee and juice, doughnuts, and fellowship from 9:15 to 9:35. Contributions to fix up the church are still coming in. The amount donated exceeds \$63,000 so far and includes one anonymous gift of \$4,000!

On Sunday this will be the welcoming place and the celebrating place - for He Has Risen!

Our members can do several things that will help greatly. First, come earlier than normal to help others get situated. Next, sit a little closer to the front to make it easier for later arrivals to be seated. Finally, and to help our visitors, park further away than usual if physically able (or you would like a golf cart ride). We especially want to save the parking places marked for visitors and for those with disabilities.

--David



## EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd

This week the 2nd Service will move to the Family Life Center for worship. Our children are used to running in excitement to their Promiseland classes after the service is over. We will have cones set up and ushers/greeters in place under the breezeway to block any traffic, however please be careful! Parents, remind your children about how dangerous it can be to run in the breezeway and parking lots. Adults, please watch for our little ones! Please drive super slowly and be fully aware of our children at all times.

The Children's Ministry Team is fully devoted to loving Jesus and to sharing that love with the precious children He has entrusted to us. Pray that our children will be "sold out" for Jesus and serve Him with passion all of the days of their lives. Pray for their salvation daily and encourage them in their faith. Happy Easter! Ashley

## HONOR MOMS WITH A GIFT FOR COSTA RICA FOOD MINISTRY

In recognition of our mothers, who fed and nourished our bodies and souls, please consider making a gift to help feed others. Each \$10 donated supplies food for a family of four for a week. We met our goal of 200 families this past Sunday, but we'd like to reach more families. . You can help by making a memorial/honorarium gift of \$10 or more for your mother, grandmother, or wife for Mothers' Day. Make check payable to FUMC and mark it for Costa Rica.

## WALK-A-THON FOR SENIOR SERVICES

Walk 2011, benefitting the Cleburne County Aging Program, will be Saturday, May 7, at 9:00 AM. Lunch for walkers will be served at 11:30 AM. Walk packets are available in the church office and at the Senior Center.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Baptist-Little Rock:** Joy Braden

**St. Vincent's:** Richard Baumgarten

**White County:** Ben Shearer

**Concerns:** Art & Sue Aist, Kenneth Allen, Betty Amberson (Jim Bolhuis' sister), Linda Armstrong, Audrey Arnoult, Jeffrey Barber (Mary Kendrick's grandson), Robert Beckham (Joyce Beckham's son), Beth Beenders (Everett Uphoff's niece), Mike Berryhill (Rebecca Mathison's brother), Helen Braswell (Jayson Jones' grandmother), Helen Childs, Wilma Crouch (Audrey Arnoult's sister), Kevin Diffee (Joe & Carolyn Diffee's son), Jack Dunlap (Jenise Dunlap's son), Ann Dye (Sandra Cherry's sister), Sonya Ellington (Maggie Siler's mother), Anna Engler, Bill Faircloth (Bill & Karen Brinley's grandson), Kolsen Fleming (Renae Hudspeth's nephew), Erin Fortner (Dottie Johnson's granddaughter), Don & Aletha Garner, Ann Germano, Dotty Bea Gish, Haskel Harlan, T. F. Harlan, Jeanie Hayes, Forrest & Anne Hergert, Lee Herren (Pam Beckham's brother), Reba Hicks (Karen VanDyke's mother), Ruth Holland, Robert Holt, Danny Horton, Gary Don Junkersfeld (Lee & Doris Haymaker's son-in-law), Joan Kelley, Tim & Donna Kemp, Doug Kever (Barbara Engler's father), Chelsea Koop (Mary Kendrick's granddaughter), Ann Lewing, Mike Linn, (Debbie Robus' brother-in-law), John Lowe (Alyce Davis' grandson), Margueritte Madding (JoAnn James' mother), Teddy Marshall (friend of Marti Burgan), Jim Minton (Dianne Simmons' uncle), Marion Moeller, Gayla Moore, Laurie Morgan (Melba Herring's granddaughter), Mary Morgan (Pam Evans' mother), Lucille Nichols (Freddie Lou Quist's mother), Karen Osburn, Jim Owens (Rob Owens' brother), Vera Perry, Mary Pruett, Helen Puckett, Josie Rast (Selena Evans' niece), Bobby Ray, Dustin Roberson (Melba Herring's great-grandson), Lois Robertson, (Rebecca Cockrell's mother), Joe Rork, Terry Sapio, Alma Shearer (Yuri Shearer's mother), Jeff Stanford, Donald Traylor (Linda Tredway's cousin), Judy Taylor (Jerry Bise's sister), Peri Thomas (friend of Lehfeldt Family), Doris & David Travis (Ruth Jones' parents), U.S. Armed Forces protecting our country, Greg Verser, Layne Wallace, Earnestine Williams, Opal Williams (John Haugen's mother), Ruth Wilson, Tim & Becky Yeisley, Pat Zimmerman (E.J. Devlin's sister)

**Sympathy:** To *Tony LaRosa* on the death of his mother, Jacqueline Brookman; to *David Estes* on the death of his father, John Estes.

**SERVING IN HIS STEPS**  
**A light for Christ through**  
**Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness**

**By Our Presence**

Attendance April 17		<b>636</b>
8:25 AM - 133	9:35 AM - 313	10:55 AM - 190
Sunday School		<b>292</b>
Children & Youth - 123	Adults - 169	

**By Our Gifts**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 18,662.71
Our Giving Last Week	\$ 17,746.71
Year-to-Date Needs	\$ 298,603.38
Year-to-Date Budget Income	\$ 293,719.73

**By Our Service**

**Bus Driver:** Ernest Flippo (362-7751)

**Pray for Worship during Worship**

April 24	Betty Daschler	May 1	Buster Crowder
May 8	Joanne Evans	May 15	Jan Awalt

<b>Liturgist</b>	<u>8:25</u>	<u>9:35</u>	<u>10:55</u>
April 24	Karen Carper	Logan Goddard	David Jones
May 1	G. Johnson	Burt Eddington	Charlie Evans
May 8	Tom Moore	Ben Evans	Barbara Williams
May 15	Jerry Cockrell	Caitlyn Crowder	Janette Fall

**A/V Ministry**

April 24  
8:25 - Cliff Childers, James Carr  
9:35 - John Goddard, Logan Rolleigh, Warren Darden  
10:55 - Rick Davis, James Carr, Rocky Togni

May 1  
8:25 - Charles Stuart, James Carr  
9:35 - James Carr, Arden Schlicker, Calvin Brannon  
10:55 - Scott Tomlinson, James Carr, Kim Bell

May 8  
8:25 - Mark Spanel, James Carr  
9:35 - Rick Gardner, Sherry Shearer, April Woods  
10:55 - James Carr, Kelley McCormick, Greg McCormick

**Ushers**

April 24  
8:25 - Howard Chapin, Mike Irwin, Jerry & Rebecca Cockrell  
9:35 - Scott Tomlinson, Mike Wagner, Sam & Kathy Ward, Jimmy & Lesli Thomas  
10:55 - Jan Awalt, Lucille Davis, Sue Moody, Sandy Phelps

May 1  
8:25 - Ira Ashley, Rodney Bise, Ron Gillespie, Ed Irwin  
9:35 - Buster, Judy, Caitlyn & Hailey Crowder, Tom & Darlene Ellis  
10:55 - Lynnette Files, Gynelle Linder, Rocky Togni, Jerry Smith

May 8  
8:25 - Rodney Bise, Ed Irwin, Leslie & Gwen Thorn  
9:35 - Melanie, Shannon, Lauren Grayson, Kenneth & Kathleen Harrison  
10:55 - Jerry & Jan Moon, C.K. & Jean Rhodes

**Attendance Slip Stewards**

April 24 - Keith & Gloria Cathey  
May 1 -  
May 8 -  
May 15 -

**Sanctuary Stewards**

Rocky & Carol Togni  
Jerry Smith & Sandy Phelps  
Betty Daschler & Sue Moody  
Ernest & Dona Flippo

**Nursery Volunteers – April 24**

9:35 – Witsy Buffalo                      10:55 – Beverly Luetschwager

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**Church Staff**

Rev. Tommy Toombs, Pastor

Charle Cayton - Minister of Visitation  
Carolyn McNamee – Office Manager/Music Dir.  
Greg Luetschwager – Custodian  
Mike Wagner – Office Assistant  
Ashley Herring – Dir. Children’s Ministries  
Barbara Little – Pianist  
Chris Schlicker & Alesha Presley- Youth Directors

David Jones - Administrator  
Beth Rork - Administrative Asst.  
Tommy Toombs, Jr. – Custodian  
James Carr – Audio/Visual Coordinator  
Selena Evans – Promiseland Coordinator  
Jo Wells – Organist  
Kassey Goddard - Praise Team Coordinator

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

To be a light for Christ in Cleburne County and the world by exalting Christ in worship, encouraging fellowship in the family, enlightening disciples with biblical truths, equipping the saints for service, and evangelizing all in the name of Christ.

**WEDNESDAY MEAL**

The meal for April 27, will be Chicken Spaghetti with a salad, bread and dessert. You may sign up on the registration pad each Sunday morning, or by calling the Church Office no later than noon, April 26.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

To date more than \$63,000, has been donated to the Building Fund for the remodeling project in the Education Building. This includes an anonymous \$4,000 cash donation that was received on Sunday morning.

## NEW MEMBERS



Ed & Annie Harris  
798 Ridge Road  
Heber Springs, AR  
(501) 206-0189



Buddy & Becky Jones  
366 Tower Drive  
Heber Springs, AR



Harry & Barbara McClintock  
1400-B Sage Brush Way  
Heber Springs, AR  
(501) 362-1923



Nancy Perez Dazey  
1104 Mill Street  
Heber Springs, AR  
(501) 365-3224



## STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT

### Carry a Heavy Burden?

Do you feel that you are the only one who cares for your elderly parent? Your siblings don't call, don't visit and you're left with the total responsibility of caring for your parent.

Your parent doesn't even remember your name at times. You feel overwhelmed by the constant involvement with feeding, medicating, cleaning, and support you give. Your spouse is sometimes jealous and wishes you were back to normal. What is normal?

Why do I have to do all this Lord? I feel alone and many times frustration surfaces and devastates me. Anyone has the right to these feelings. Maybe a Stephen Minister trained to listen will encourage you. Just call, and open the door.

Should you have a need for a Stephen Minister, please call our Referral Coordinator, Glenda Langston, at 362-1829. For more information, please call:

Bill Brinley	362-3984
Cindy Carpenter	362-5303
Clara Konkle	362-8633
Linda Storm	362-8019
Church Office	362-2696

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers for my dear friend, Vi Cassman. Vi passed away in March. I know all the prayers helped her and her family. Also, thank you to all who sent cards to me in the hospital and rehab, and to those who visited me. Thanks and God Bless, Rosemary West



## DID YOU KNOW??

Our church's website has a section for "Member Log-in". This section is now up and running. Currently, prayer concerns, hospital concerns, and a list of shut-ins can be accessed.

What would you like to see in this section of the website? We are open to suggestions. Please email any suggestions to [bethrork@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:bethrork@suddenlinkmail.com).

## A MESSAGE FROM KASSEY

What role does the Praise Team have in the move to the Family Life Center? Well, the primary goal of the Praise Team is to lead the congregation in worship for the glory of God, which is what we intend to keep doing. We are working hard to create a beautiful atmosphere with intimate lighting, comfortable seating and time to fellowship and greet visitors and get to know new members. The most important thing about this change gives us all the ability to bring others into our church family and do the work God calls us to do which is to build up His kingdom for His glory! Right now we are simply out of room in the sanctuary. What a wonderful problem to have! God is so good!

Currently, we are all rushed in and then rushed out of each service. We can't give God a time limit. There are so many opportunities to grow closer to God in corporate worship as long as we give God the time to do so. Praise and worship plays a huge part of any church service. And remember; *there is no right or wrong way to worship*. Our prayer is that everyone worships as they feel led. FUMC of Heber Springs purpose statement says that we are "To be a light for Christ in Cleburne County and the world by exalting Christ in worship, encouraging fellowship in the family, enlightening disciples with biblical truths, equipping the saints for service, and evangelizing all in the name of Christ."

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

We love all the beautiful changes going on in our church, not just the Family Life Center, but ALL the improvements happening right now! The fresh, bright paint and beautiful floors make me smile every time I walk in the doors! I feel so deeply in my heart that all of these changes can bring nothing but good to our place of worship. I love the idea of seeing lots of new faces every Sunday whether they are looking for a church home or just visiting. I have never been more proud to be a part of this church family! See you Sunday!

Love, Kassey Goddard  
Praise Team Coordinator

## YOUNG LIFE FUND-RAISER

Young Life will have a carwash, Saturday April 30, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Super Splash carwash. The youth will wash your car inside and out for a donation. While you wait, have a hamburger or hot dog.

Don't forget the garage sale on June 4, for Young Life. To have donations picked up, please call Bruce or Sherry Shearer at (501) 250-0571.