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Senior Pastor’s Note

Resurrection Greetings!

What an exciting time of year it is, especially for those of us who have put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior! Even though the day we celebrate Easter is behind us, the reality of that great day is always before us.

A portion of scripture in the Bible shows the tremendous victory Christ won over death as He arose from the grave in power and authority.

1 Corinthians 15:55–57 (NKJV) — 55 “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

It almost seems that the Apostle Paul is taunting death as He knows the resurrection of Christ was then, and continues to be the ultimate testimony to the truthfulness of the claims of Christ.

In a world of decaying values and shifting “truths,” we as believers know there is One who has never changed and never will change! Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) — 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

From the moment Jesus breathed his final breath on Good Friday, it seemed death would win, and life would lose. Yet, death had never encountered such a victor as Jesus Christ! He was without sin, so death could not win! That first Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday) was coming, and Jesus would come out of the powerless tomb!

Friends, we have a reason to celebrate and worship! In a world that seems overwhelmed with sin and despair, we as Christians should be shining our light MORE and not less!

This nation needs Revival! This nation needs to experience the life that Christ offers that resulted from His victory on Calvary and the resurrection that took place! Revival needs to start with each of us asking God to move powerfully in our lives.

He's still alive and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God, making intercession for us today!

Romans 8:34 (NKJV) — 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Please begin to pray for our church and great nation.

Blessings,
Pastor Riley

April Birthdays

- 3 - Trish Birtsch
- 4 - Ray Booth
- 4 - April McDaniel
- 13 - Connie Boyd
- 16 - Sue Wing
- 19 - Ruth Sumpter
- 20 - Linda Webb
- 25 - Sarah Porter
- 26 - Donna K. Johnson
- 27 - Cheryl Johnson
- 30 - Sharon Hogan

Our Vision Statement:
“Every member a good neighbor.”

Our Purpose Statement:
“Our Journey - Knowing, Loving, Serving, Sharing.”

Some Words from the Education Director

Welcome to April-Spring is finally here! With Spring comes all sorts of new programs and ideas that you expressed a desire to participate in!

AARP will continue to do taxes for free. It will be every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday at 11:00 am – 3:00 pm until April 15. You will need to make an appointment and pick up a tax information packet from Cheryl in the office.

Mark your Calendars:

Tuesday, April 2 4:30 pm Chair Exercise Class/5:00 pm Standing Exercise Class

Thursday, April 4 9:00 am The first Breakfast Club at Denny’s (Mobile Hwy)

Breakfast Club will meet at a different restaurant each month on the first Thursday at 9:00 am. Everyone is responsible for the cost of their own meal, but if you need transportation, let me know.

4:30 pm Chair Exercise Class/5:00 pm Standing Exercise Class

The two Exercise classes will follow every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4:30 pm led by Sharon Cacciatore.

Friday, April 12 10:00 am Puzzle Club (bring your own or work on one of ours as a team)

Puzzle Club will meet on the second Friday at 10:00 am each month. If there is enough call for a night group, we will consider that as well.

Friday, April 12 6:00 pm Young Adult Game Night & Dinner

Saturday, April 13 Troop 2 Yard Sale/Bake Sale

6:00 pm Family Game night and dinner

Sunday, April 14 Native American Ministries Sunday

Monday, April 15 Newsletter articles are due

Thursday, April 18 11:30 am The first Lunch Bunch meeting at Po’ Folks on 9th Ave.

6:00 pm First meeting for VBS teachers

Lunch Bunch will meet at a different restaurant each month on the third Thursday at 11:30 am. Everyone is responsible for the cost of their own meal, but if you need **transportation, let me know.**

Saturday, April 20 Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast led by Beth Herndon this month

Please show up and support her while I do the soccer thing

Tuesday, April 23 12 noon First luncheon meeting of the Widow/Widower Walk

Depending on the participation, we will have a monthly social.

Wednesday, April 24 Secretaries’ Day

Friday, April 26 4:00 pm Book Club

Book Club will meet on the fourth Friday at 4:00 pm each month.

5:00 pm Men’s Club Fish Fry

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Sunday Activities

Sunday School 8:30 am

Worship 10:00 am

Elevate (Youth) 3:00 pm

Prayer Team 4:00 pm

Worship
Service
Opportunities

Wednesday Activities

1:00pm Daytime Classes

6:00pm Evening Classes

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Addresses & Other Changes, New Members, Baptisms, Transfers, & Deaths

Death:

Christine Danks Clary

If you move, please let the office know your new address. Also, if your phone number has changed, please let the office know.

Reminder to All Sunday School Classes, Groups and Scouts

We ask that you be sure to clean up the room(s) that you use whenever you are here. There is a vacuum in the custodian’s closet (M5) for you to use. Please return the vacuum when you are finished. Thank you for helping to keep the church clean.

April Prayer List

April 1-6

Billy & Joan Carter

Joyce Childers, Claudia Coon

Elaine Clark

Lavern Cooper

Tom & Linda Danks, Katie

Diane Darville

Patsy Dean

April 7-13

Kay Dickey

Nora DuBois

Bill & Maureen Dunbar

Shirley Dunn

Marcus English

Ola Farrington

Janet Faxon

April 14-20

Jim & Suzanne Ferguson

Chad Few

Connie Few

Devon & Chasity Few, Adalyn,

Breylin, Brenden Baggett

Dee Flues

Dottie Ford

Bruce Fortner

April 21-27

Marianne Fuller

Kay Gamble

Patricia Gamwell

George & Sally Garner

Larry & Theresa Gillespie, Lacey

Tom & Rachel Goodloe, Tommy

April 28-30

Bubba & Susanna Gordon

Elrena Greeney

Chris Harris, John Johnson, Chris Jr, Ashleigh, Haleigh,

Aleigh, Chance Harris

Cody Harvison

Renee Hedden

SISTERS IN SERVICE

The SIS mission circle wishes to thank our church family for purchasing our fundraising coupon books this spring. All the profits from this sale support our mission work in the community. We prepared and served lunch to the families at the Ronald McDonald House in March. Then we will assist the Mission Fishin' ministry at Reimagine Pensacola in May. Our next trip to the Washburn Center for the Homeless will be in June.

When you are cleaning out closets this spring, we would gladly accept your donations of gently used summer casual clothes to be given to the homeless. We also appreciate NEW underwear to pass along. Those we serve are always so grateful.

If any of our church ladies have a heart for missions, we invite you to join us when we meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We share a light meal, a devotional and prayers, and then discuss service opportunities. If you have any questions, contact Carol Laguens at 850-456-5611. Thank you all for helping us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the less fortunate!

CHURCH LIBRARY

MGUMC has a small library across from the church kitchen. It is open every Sunday morning or you can get access during the week with the help of our wonderful church secretary, Cheryl. Choose a book, put your name on the card in the back of the book, and place the card in the black file box on the table. Return books by leaving them in the table or dropping them through the slot in the door for the librarian to put back on the shelves.

We have some new Karen Kingsbury books for young readers inside on the shelf immediately to the left. Life is always better with a good book! Happy reading!

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Some Words from the Education Director - Continued from Page 2

The **Silver Patrol** will be delivering flowers and cards to our church’s seniors and shut-ins during the month of April. If you would like to add someone to our list, let either myself or Emy Bennet know. Also, I encourage you to show your love and appreciation to Emy and her incredible band of volunteers who make sure our senior members do not feel forgotten.

The next Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, April 20, at 9 am. Come out and join us! I just want to reinforce that you can feel free to invite your friends regardless of where they go to church. We will not pressure them to attend MGMC. This program was designed bring back corporate prayer into the body of Christ not just MGMC. Don’t forget to bring a breakfast item to share.

In addition to these programs, we will also be adding a few in May! Look forward to a **monthly Quilting Club**, a **Handbell choir for all ages** and a day time **Game and Movie day for seniors**. I am so excited and look forward to seeing who participates. Thank you to everyone who turned in a survey! It was your input that made these programs possible, now you have to support them with your participation!

I also have a few needs for volunteers in our church. We need a small group of folks willing to help **clean Sunday School rooms** once a week and help **wipe down tables in the Fellowship Hall**. We have a small group of volunteers who have started a **card ministry** to church family who suffer the loss of a loved one, is hospitalized, recovering, ill, etc. Now I would like to know who would like to participate in a **phone ministry**? We would like to call our Silver Patrol list at least once a month and perhaps others who may need a loving touch from their church family. Also, if anyone would like to be a part of a **hospital visitation team**. We have a few volunteers already. Is God asking you to help? Let me know.

I have been meeting with a core group of volunteers to take a look **at present and potential programs**. We would love your input about what you would like to see happen in our church and community. We really want to be a “cradle to the grave” church! If there is a program that we no longer do that interests you and your family or a program that you see other churches doing, let me know and we will look into it.

Please watch the weekly bulletins for any other upcoming dates and events.

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I just want to say that I enjoyed seeing all of you at the Egg Hunt last month. Also, you did an exceptional job singing on Palm Sunday! We had so much fun waving the palm branches. The youth musicians were great as well. Thank you: Bella Zimmerman, Megan Sturm, Hannah and Grace Colyer!

Parents, if you are interested in the new programs that will be introduced in April and May, please take a look at the Education Department newsletter article. We are looking to have a Family experience each month and I need your input on what kind of things you and your family would enjoy. For instance, we are planning a **FAMILY TRIP TO THE ZOO IN GULF SHORES FOR SOMETIME IN APRIL—WATCH THE UPCOMING BULLETINS FOR DETAILS!** If you want to grow and see more young families, invite your friends and their children to one of our Family Fun events!

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Psalms 150 (NIV)

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with the tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals., praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

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