



THE WORD

April 2019 Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist



Manly Memorial will once again host the Community Lenten Services at **12:10 pm** in the sanctuary on **Thursdays through April 11th**. The services will last about 20 minutes and a light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall for \$5.00.



The Community Palm Sunday Parade will be held on **April 14th, 9:30 am at Hopkins Green**. The members of all the downtown churches are invited to gather for a prayer and Bible reading, and then walk through the streets of Lexington. We stop at the various churches and ask God's blessing on them as they serve Jesus Christ.



On Thursday, April 18th, at 6:30 pm the Adult Choir will lead a very special Maundy Thursday service by Mary McDonald titled "It is Finished." The mini musical traces Jesus journey to the cross by using many familiar texts and melodies. It will give you a chance to take a moment from all the busyness of our interconnected lives to contemplate the meaning of Christ's sacrifice for you. The service will include a special communion together. Plan now to be a part of this very moving service. **Our fellowship meal will precede this service at 5:30 pm.**



Manly Memorial will host the Community Easter Sunrise Service on **Sunday, April 21st**. The service will be at **7:00 am** followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. McKinley Williams of First Baptist Church will be the speaker.

OUT OF MY MIND

When you think about Easter, what words and images come to your mind? Do you recall some special time of worship in the past, such as a Maundy Thursday service that left a tear in your eyes, or a sunrise service that left you wondering - was it a morning like this? Maybe it's the stirring affirmation of an Easter hymn or an inspiring choir cantata that comes to your mind.

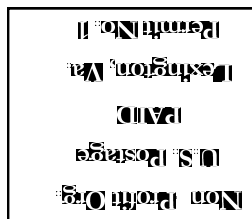
Phillip Yancey in his insightful book, "The Jesus I Never Knew," suggests that one of our reactions to Easter should be to ask the question, "If God could do that then....?" If God has the power to raise Jesus from the grave, if the resurrection is true, if God can do even that, then is there anything that God cannot do? The answer is no. "For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

If nothing really is impossible for God then what does that truth mean in regards to how you and I should live each day? Rather than confine the message of Easter to special times of worship in the past, a few hours of celebration on a certain date on the calendar, or even the hope of a life in heaven in the future, Easter should have implications for how we live, and act, right now.

So to what impossible situation in your life today do you need to apply the resurrection power of God? On what person have you given up and said "They will never change." To what situation have you said, "There's nothing that can be done!" Where have you told yourself, "I could never do that, it's impossible." Because of the resurrection, there is always hope, and always possibilities.

Knowing the resurrection power of God the Apostle Paul wrote, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..." (Ephesians 3: 20) He's saying that God can do more than you can even begin to imagine in your wildest dreams that he can do, and he can do it in you, in those you love and in our church. Let's remember that as we prepare to celebrate Easter this year.

Your Pastor,
Mike



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BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

April 7th - Barbara Heckman
April 14th - Loretta Ballard
April 21st - Phyllis Puckett
April 28th - Barbara Heckman

HALL WATCH

April 7th - Joel Snow
April 14th - Mike Bozeman
April 21st - Gary Judy
April 28th - Bucky Joyce

OFFERTORY PRAYER

April 7th - Larry Bond
April 14th - Patsy Paxton
April 21st - Sherry Baucom
April 28th - Wally Hawkins

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 7th - Katlyn Bradley & Will Wranek
April 14th - Patsy Williamson & Wendy Higgins
April 21st - Easter Activity
April 28th - Katlyn Bradley & Kaden Sherman



8th Barbara & Fred
Vaughan

If you have a birthday
or anniversary coming up,
please share it with us!



4th Tom Tait
6th Judy Dunning
7th Alysan Raymond
13th Gordie Valentine
John Wranek
16th Phyllis Puckett
17th Robyn Sherman
19th Anderson Huger (VMI)
22nd Rick Lollis
23rd Scott Hartbarger
30th Dr. Charles O'Roark, Jr.



WMU met on Monday, March 11th at 5:15 pm. Lee Higgins presented a program on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. We will continue to collect this offering until Easter. **Our goal is \$1,500.** Please consider what you can give to support our missionaries who are working to reach the lost!

Our project for March was the tea at Lexington House on Sunday, March 31st. Projects for April will be a social for the residents of Natural Bridge Manor and for May, cookies for teachers at Central Elementary during SOL's.

Please join us as we reach out to the community around us to bring happiness and God's love to our neighbors!



We will hold an indoor yard sale on **Saturday, April 6th from 8 am till 12 pm** to help raise money for the mission trip in July. Get your spring cleaning done and donate your no longer used or needed treasures to the sale! We will also have a baked goods sale (donated items are needed). **We will not accept clothes or TVs for the yard sale.**

April 3rd - Patsy Paxton & Friends
(Hazel's chicken, rice pilaf, carrots, coleslaw, bread and dessert)

April 10th - Restaurant (TBA)

April 18th - Patsy Paxton & Friends
(Spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad, garlic and plain bread and dessert)



April 24th - Deborah Caylor
(Hamburgers, hot dogs, and grilled chicken breast)



All church members are invited to sign up to serve at The Community Table on **Monday, June 3rd at 5:30 pm.**

We will serve as waiters, bussers, refill providers and clean-up crew. The Community Table provides restaurant meals to everyone in the community at whatever price you can afford to pay (or for free). To find out more about the Community Table go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Community-Table-for-the-Rockbridge-Area-187278674709284/> **If you would like to be part of the Manly Team, please contact Lucy Wilkins at lwilkins@wlu.edu.**

The MMBC Endowment Fund invites applications for funding for 2019 church activities. We are especially excited to hear of new plans that you may have to show God's love to others. **Please send a summary of the request to Deborah Caylor, Endowment Fund chair, at dcaylor@wlu.edu by Monday, April 1st.**

Include in the summary the following information: (1) your name, e-mail, and phone number; (2) the church group's name, if it is for one of our groups (such as Youth Group or Children's Group); (3) a description of the request; and an estimated cost or budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Deborah at the address above or talk with any member of the Endowment Fund Board of Directors (Justin Spears, Bucky Joyce, Jan Meador, and John Wranek).



The **Children's Choir** will be singing on **April 14th** during the **Palm Sunday 11:00 am worship service.**

The **Handbell Choir** will be playing on **Sunday, April 7th** during the **11:00 am worship service** and then in the **Maundy Thursday service on April 18th.**



We need your help on **Saturday, April 13th** beginning at **10 am** with sprucing up the church grounds before Easter. Men, women and youth are asked to bring rakes, scoops, gloves and an energetic spirit to help pull weeds, plant flowers and mulch around the building.



We will have our quarterly Business Meeting on **Wednesday, April 24th at 6:15 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Children (K-5th grade) are invited to **Kids Place Park on Saturday, April 27th at 12:00 pm** for a picnic lunch and time to play and fellowship together. Please let Katlyn Bradley know by Sunday, April 21st if your child would like to attend!



Your Relay Team, Lighthouse Youth Ministries of Manly Memorial, volunteer with Relay for Life because we know it makes a difference! We have people in our church family that volunteer with ACS programs in order to help newly diagnosed cancer individuals.

This year Relay For Life will take place on **Friday, May 3rd, 6:00 pm at Brewbaker Field Sports Complex** (198 Wallace Street). Come out and see what each team has to offer in the way of food and entertainment!

If you would like to donate a luminary in memory of or in honor of someone, the forms are located on the shelf next to the church office and in the fellowship hall through **Sunday, April 28th.** You can also contact Curtis or Deborah Caylor (460-4060 or cwaylor@comcast.net). **The cost is \$10 (tax-deductible) and checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society.**

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

The Youth are selling roses for Mother's Day as a Relay For Life fundraiser! You may give a rose in honor or memory of a loved one. Roses will be distributed at the end of the service on Sunday, May 12th. **Please place your order form and payment of \$5.00 in the offering plate by Sunday, April 28th.** Your support is appreciated!!



We would like to give our personal "thank you" to our church members who continue to give us so much support during Don's illness. Many of you have prayed for us, sent positive thoughts, called, brought food, sent cards, visited, picked us up for doctor visits, sat with Don, and done anything you could do to help us through this difficult time. A fall or illness can quickly alter your normal daily life and you find yourself sitting and watching your loved one, knowing there is only so much you can do to assist. This can leave you feeling helpless, overwhelmed, and exhausted. We are so grateful for our doctors, family, friends, prayer chains, church family, and for all the love shown to us. Words cannot express our appreciation. We are so fortunate to know and have the relationships with each and every one of you. Living in a community where people are so concerned and are so willing to give you a helping hand is a great gift. Again, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks.
Blessings, Priscilla and Don Jamison



Thursday, April 4th
11:30 am Set-Up/Serve/Clean-Up Lenten Lunch
1:00 pm Yard Sale Set-Up

Sunday, April 7th 5:00 pm
Youth Group (Dinner, Game & Bible Study)

Saturday, April 13th 10:00 am
Church Grounds Mulching & Lunch

Sunday, April 14th Palm Sunday
9:30 am Community Palm Sunday Parade
NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 21st Easter Sunday
7:00 am Community Sunrise Service & Breakfast
NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 28th 5:00 pm
Youth Group (Dinner, Game & Bible Study)



Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am

"Famous Last Words" Bible Study
If you knew your time on Earth was coming to an end, what would you want to say to the people in your life? For Jesus, the days leading up to His death were filled with meaningful conversations with the people around Him. In this series, as we look at some of His famous last words, we will discover what Jesus really wanted His followers—both then and now—to know!

April 7th with John Wranek
Unity Starts With You!
(John 17:20-23)

April 14th with Molly Kay Moore
Trust Who God Is, Even When You Don't Understand!
(Luke 22:39-44)

April 21st with Thomas Smals
Because Of Jesus, We Can Be Close To God!
(John 19:30, Mark 15:37-38 & 1 John 2:2)

April 28th with Katlyn Bradley
God's Grace Is Unfairly Good!
(Matthew 26:33-35 & John 21:15-17)