

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JAN...

Now that we are well into the Season of Lent I wonder how you are doing. I wonder how I am doing. So I am trying to imagine how I can make this time of soul searching more meaningful this time around. Not to get into a rut but to think outside the box or the tomb I should say.

So let's think about what Jesus was doing between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. He was lying on a cold slab in a dark cave unaware of anything going on. You might say He had the day off. After all He had had a grueling week and it was Saturday. If anyone deserved a day off it was Jesus! You might call this dark day "empty waiting." It reminds me of how life is lived between the great dramas of life. If we would pause and allow ourselves to embrace our times of empty waiting we might realize this was just what we needed to jumpstart our spiritual lives.

While we are empty and waiting for our prayers to be answered or for the crisis to pass if we only draw near to God He draws nearer to us. The key here is for us to be willing to rest in this place of utter darkness void of any distractions where we cannot depend on ourselves or anyone else but Jesus alone. He alone is the only one who can rescue us from our darkness with the light of His amazing love. For is it there in the quietness and coldness of your own cave that He chooses to come to you and bring you back to new life. May the expectation of knowing that He is about to do a new thing in your life excite you enough that you experience the truth about your own resurrection.



Faith in Action,
Pastor Jan



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PASTOR JAN'S SERMONS

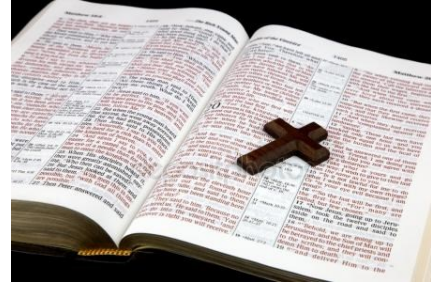
TO LISTEN TO PASTOR JAN'S SERMONS, CLICK ON THE DATE BELOW

[Feb 04:](#) A Journey Worth Taking ~ 2 Peter 1:1-4

[Feb 11:](#) It is good for us... ~ Mark 9:2-10

[Feb 18:](#) Salvation Cannot Be Bought ~ Mark 10:17-27

[Feb 25:](#) The Unmerited Grace of God ~ John 8:1-11



THOSE WHO SERVE...

Greeters: Sheral & Paeton Gentry

Ushers: Clifford Manning & Shane Gentry

Communion Stewards: Pastor Jan & TBD

Offertory Counters: Steve Romine & TBD

Flower Stewards:

During the season of Lent flowers are not part of the worship service. If you would like you may still bring them and place them in the narthex.

Wednesday Youth/Children Meals:

Mar 07: Fred & Ann Voigt

Mar 14: Kevin & Erin Yackel

Mar 21: Teresa Sawyer

Mar 28: Wally & Sheila Arthur

Trustee Duties

Kim Baird & Lonnie Becker

3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal— March 18th

Chris & Brandy Bynum

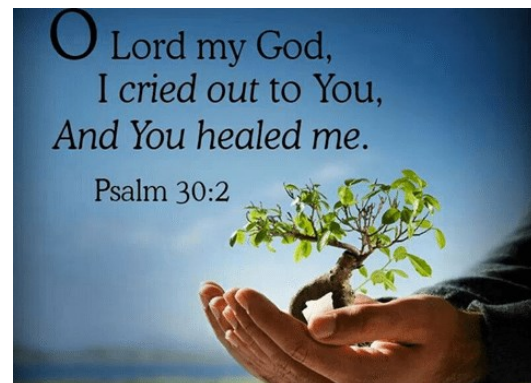
Larry & Edie Ellis

JOIN IN PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Betty Romine
Carolyn Warren
Hattie Blakely
Johnny Johnston
Lorraine Lewis
Virginia Stanfield
Sybil Gandy
David Manning
Jimmy Van
Denise Morris
Teresa Cornell
Renee Morton
George Klauson
David Massey
Donald Swiacke
Maria Peters

Charles Morrison
Bobby Lyewski
Robin Fender
Gus Arsgott
Nora Smith
Richard Manor
Linda Hill
Debbie Elliott
Pattie Daniel
JoAnn Clemmons
Patricia Flynt
Cathy Dent





Bring your gloves, sun hat and smile to the
Annual Spring Clean Up Day!
Saturday, March 17th starting at 8:00 AM.
Inside and outside items to be taken care of.

DECORATING OF THE EASTER CROSS

Saturday, March 31 at 3pm

Bring fresh flowers from your garden,
purchased or picked from the fields.



KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE NEWS.....

Watch the Mid-week News and Bulletins
for exciting things to come!
The Worship Committee has been planning!
More news to come soon!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

If anyone would like to honor a graduate, spouse, relative or friend, flowers for the Church can be a beautiful acknowledgement of the occasion. The flower calendar is in the Narthex or you may call the Church office at 912-576-5457.

Prayer Shawls

The Hana Circle has been busy making Prayer Shawls! If a friend or loved one is in need of a shawl, you can pick one up in the narthex in the basket located there.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study takes place at 6:00pm in the Church Office. Dan Krupp will be leading. Come and enjoy this time of learning and fellowship. Bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Dan Krupp.

Women's Bible Study

"HEAVEN" BY RANDY ALCORN—The Women's Bible Studies is taking place on Monday evenings beginning at 6:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. You may pick which ever fits your schedule the best. The meetings will be held in the Church Office and lead by Pastor Jan. Bring a friend. It's never to late to join in the learning!

MARCH CALENDER 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Trustee Committee Mtg. 7pm	2	3
4 Clergy & Laity Mtg College Place FUMC 2:30pm	5 Women's Bible Study 6pm	6 Tuesday Lunch Program 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm	7 Women's Bible Study 10am UMCF 5-6:30pm UMYF 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 6pm	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time!	12 Woman's Bible Study 6pm	13 Tuesday Lunch 10:00 am Men's Bible Study 6pm Finance Committee Mtg. 6:15pm Church Council Mtg. 7pm	14 Women's Bible Study 10am	15	16	17 Church Cleanup Day 8am
18 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal 12pm	19 Woman's Bible Study 6pm	20 Tuesday Lunch 10:00 am Men's Bible Study 6pm	21 Women's Bible Study 10am UMCF 5-6:30pm UMYF 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 6pm	22 Hana Circle Mtg. 7pm	23	24 Easter Egg Hunt 11am-1pm
25 Palm Sunday Service 11am	26 Woman's Bible Study 6pm	27 Tuesday Lunch 10:00 am Men's Bible Study 6pm	28 Women's Bible Study 10am UMCF 5-6:30pm UMYF 6-7:30pm Choir Practice 6pm	29 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm	30 Good Friday Service 6:30pm	31 Decorating of the Easter Cross 3pm

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 08: Wally Arthur
 Mar 09: Lorraine Lewis
 Mar 12: Jeremy Boggs
 Mar 24: Ann Voigt
 Mar 26: Lynn Wheeler
 Mar 31: Andrew Swiacke Jr.



If your birthday or a family member's birthday is not listed, please contact the Church Office at 912-576-5457

From the Children & Youth Director...

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The planning of the Community Egg Hunt is in the works, Saturday, March 24th from 11:00 – 1:00. Candy donations are needed; candy must be individually wrapped and may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the bin located in the Narthex, no later than March 21st. Helping hands and smiling faces are also still needed to man the games, crafts, and other activities. If you haven't already signed up to help, please come see me and I'm sure we can find a spot for you. Be a blessing and you will be blessed!

JESUS, SWEETER THAN CANDY

I think it's fair to say in the eyes of a kid Easter is one of the greatest holidays of the year. It's one of those special holidays kids can't wait for. It's not just a medium level holiday like Labor Day, St. Patrick's Day, or even the 4th of July. Easter is one of the big ones. It's right there at the top with Christmas. It's a day kids get candy, candies you don't get the rest of the year. The chocolate bunnies, the Peeps, the jelly beans, and oh let's not forget the Cadbury eggs! Candy is a great way to celebrate this special day. It's a reminder that something very sweet happened on the first Easter. It's the sweetest news in history, and it came straight from the Lord. It's the good news that Jesus is alive! The candy eggs and the chocolate bunnies were not God's idea, but they can be sweet reminders of what this day is all about. When you take a bite of a Peep, when you bite the ears off a bunny, when you savor the crème filling of a Cadbury egg, remember why we have these things. We are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is the sweetest gift ever given. He is far greater than candy. Let's celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and let the world know why Easter is the sweetest of holidays. The best thing about Easter is not the sweet candy in those baskets, but the sweet news that candy reminds us of. It reminds us that because Jesus rose from the dead and anyone who believes and accepts him as their Lord and Savior can be saved and spend forever with God. So as you share some of those delicious candies with your kids on Easter ask them, "Why is Jesus sweeter than this candy?"

Standing on His promises,

Maryann



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Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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