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**JOIN US FOR THE EASTER
 SUNRISE SERVICE
 SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH AT
 6:30 A.M. AT THE BUIES CREEK
 CEMETERY**

WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
9:30 am Sunday School	7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm KISS (Keep It Simple Supper)
11:00 am Morning Worship	6:00 pm Girl Scouts	6:30 pm Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions)	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m. Hand Bells
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team Youth Discipleship Training	7:00 pm Cub Scouts	Thursday 7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm College Music & Message		

The Reminder



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**Buies Creek First Baptist Church
 Holy Week Services April 1-8, 2007**

Palm Sunday: Jesus rides into Jerusalem to the shouts and praise of the crowds.
 11:00 a.m.—Celebration Worship and Triumphant Music of Praise

Monday: Jesus returns to Jerusalem and cleanses the Temple.
 12:00 p.m.—Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Dr. Michael Cogdill, Dean of Divinity School, Campbell University

Tuesday: The chief priests, scribes and elders question Jesus' authority.
 12:00 p.m.—Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Rev. Steve Pegram, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Angier

Wednesday: Judas offers to turn Jesus over to the chief priests.
 12:00 p.m.—Lenten Luncheon at Buies Creek First Baptist Church
 Speaker: Dr. David Whiteman, Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday: Jesus shares his last Passover meal with his disciples.
 6:00 p.m.—Pot Luck Supper in the Fellowship Hall
 Communion Service to follow the evening meal
 Speaker: Dr. Michael Simmons, Pastor of the Buies Creek First Baptist Church

Good Friday: Jesus dies on the cross in our place for our sin.
 12:00 p.m.—Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Rev. Dan Deaton, Director of Missions, Little River Baptist Association

Saturday: Jesus remains in the tomb while his disciples hide.

Easter Sunday: Jesus rises from the dead and assures believers of everlasting life.
 6:30 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service @ Buies Creek Cemetery
 Speaker: Dr. David Whiteman, Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church
 11:00 a.m.—Easter Celebration of Worship in the Sanctuary
 Speaker: Dr. Michael Simmons, Pastor of the Buies Creek First Baptist Church

*Events in the life of Jesus during Holy Week are based on the Gospel of Mark. Luncheon reservations should be made by calling the church office at 893-4280. A donation of \$2 is suggested for the Luncheon on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. There is a charge of \$3 for the Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday.



Pastor's Paragraphs

Peter Larson in an article entitled "Prism," writes about Jesus Christ as a paradox. He says: "Despite our efforts to keep him out, God intrudes. The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: a virgin's womb and an empty tomb. Jesus entered our world through a door marked 'No Entrance' and left through a door marked 'No exit.'"

We are now in the last part of the season of Lent and by the time many of you receive this newsletter, will be about ready to enter Holy Week. I love the season, it is spring, the flowers are starting to bloom, the birds are singing, and the world seems to come alive with colors and sounds and activities. Like Christmas, Easter has a certain sense of magic for children. I suppose for some of us who refuse to grow up (Where's the fun in that?) that sense of magic continues to exist. There are stories of the Easter Bunny and baskets filled with Easter eggs and jelly beans. In our day and time, the Easter Bunny has almost become a springtime version of Santa Clause. The bright colored Easter outfits are already in the stores and will soon be on our backs. It's a happy time, an exciting time. However, the fictitious stories of bunnies and eggs can never overcome the true meaning of the season with its factual events. Easter is about God's love. It is the story of how Jesus loved us so much that he died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead on the third day for, as Paul says, our justification. Indeed, it is as much a mystery as the virgin birth; and yet, I believe just as true. It is a story of new life, abundant life, and eternal life. It is a story of forgiveness and hope. It is a story of lives that were changed forever because of an old rugged cross and an empty tomb. It is a story that needs to be told and retold again and again. It is a story we need to remember and a story the world needs to hear. So, children of all ages, grab hold to the true meaning of Easter, the real reason for the season. Easter is about Jesus, what he did for us and how he has changed us.

There will be many special events and services that will help us celebrate the meaning of Easter. I hope you will participate in as many of them as you possibly can. There will be Holy Week luncheons, and a Maundy Thursday supper. There will be an Easter Sunrise Service and an Easter Celebration Service. There will be family gatherings with plenty of good food to eat and fun to share. While you enjoy the season and the family time, pause to reflect on what Easter is all about and give thanks to God for his wonderful love and his willingness to make salvation possible for all of us.

I close with a true story. When my son was small and I was serving as chaplain for the Eden Y's Men's Club, our club was putting on its annual Easter Egg Hunt in the football stadium of our local high school. While Jeff and his mother were sitting in the stands, waiting for the hunt to begin, I was in the announcer's booth preparing to read the Easter story from the Scripture and open the festivities with prayer. When I began to read, Jeff, never having been to the football stadium and never having heard anyone speak over the loud speaker system, turned to his mother and said: "Is that God?" to him, it was the Easter story coming right out of the sky. Sandra turned to him and said: "No Jeff, that's just your Dad. Though the story is humorous, I cannot help but marvel how a little boy knew that when the Scripture is read, it really is God speaking. Indeed, he speaks to each of us. The Easter story is God's story, a love story written just for us. Thanks be to God.

I hope each of you have a wonderful and blessed week. I am looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Michael

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

4	Arlene Brown-Page	20	Larry Stewart
6	Susan Carpenter	20	Peter Dinklage
9	Bob Roberson	20	Thomas Lanier, Jr.
10	Dorothea Gilbert	21	Gayle Stewart
19	Janice McLeod	22	Dr. Chris Stewart
20	Gerry Gregory	26	Christopher Hare



Ideas and Thoughts for the Youth Spring Fling on April 22, 2007

- Youth and Children perform songs, skits, puppet drama, dance (ballet, mime), etc. on a Sunday night.
- Correlate chosen performances with scripture verses read by all ages.
- Choirs perform as well as children's bell choir.
- Youth skits could be by Bible Study classes.
- Youth may want to share in short testimony about "Being Christian in Today's Times".
- Program/Bulletin would highlight the list on children, age, where they go to school, interesting facts about them ,etc.
- Adults would only be the facilitators of the night.
- Children would do all prayers, introductions, master of ceremony, recognition of special guests (parents, relatives, Bible Study Teachers, Choir leaders, etc.).
- Program should run about an hour. Kids can participate in several numbers.
- Props would be those needed in the skits.
- Fellowship Hall refreshments after the program so that all guests, relatives, kids could mingle and visit. (cookies and punch)
- This should be fun, light, enjoyable so the kids are really excited about "their night". Nothing heavy and too stressful.
- Any youth member could invite others to perform with them. Their friends from school, sports, etc. could come to sing with them or act out drama.
- No big practice would be necessary except a on time "run through".
- Youth would sit in the front pews by age.

**If you have any questions or comments please contact Joan Lanier*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. Your friendship is truly appreciated.

In Christ,
Shawn Inscore

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Jeremy Turner (Afghanistan), Tommy Lechinger, Donna Turlington, Louise Adams, Nick & Gerry Gregory, Doug Johnson, Hazel Weaver, Valeria Lanier, Veronica Stewart, Beulah Stewart, Shawn Inscore, Winifred Stewart, Richard Keith (Debbie Jones' brother), Coy Lanier (Coyt & Gladys Lanier's son), Charles Lanier (Angie Turner's father), and Elton & Faye Perry (Frances Lewis' brother and sister-in-law); our shut-ins and homebound.

Men's Prayer Meetings

Please join us Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and fellowship. After the prayer meeting we will go out for breakfast and then go about the rest of our day refreshed and empowered by our time spent in prayer and meditation.

Policies and Procedures Reminder

To Committee Chairpersons, Staff and Church Members

The policy for church members to use church property is as follows:

1. Person or persons requesting use of any church property must submit proper forms to the church office and gain prior approval of the Properties Committee.
2. It is the responsibility of the person or persons using the church property to return it in a timely manner and in the same condition as when borrowed; otherwise, that person or persons will be responsible for any repairs or replacement.
3. In order to protect the church's interests, the Properties Committee reserves the right to reject any request.

KidShine

"Let your light shine before men...and praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

Spring is coming...flowers are blooming, spring breaks are occurring, and batters are warming up for a homerun. We are heading into a busy season here at BCFBC. Let me share with you the upcoming events and happenings.

- ❖ **March 25** - Spring Fling meeting with Joan Lanier at 4:00p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- ❖ **April 1** - 12:30 p.m. "Brown Bag" Playground Equipment Pizza Fund Raiser and Easter Celebration with an egg hunt to follow.
- ❖ **April 22** - Spring Fling...An evening of our children displaying gifts and talents God has given them.
- ❖ **June 3** - **Music and Mission Celebration** at 5:30 in the fellowship hall.
- ❖ **June 10** - V.B.S. Leader's Training
- ❖ **June 24 - 28** **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

Yes, it is time to think about **V.B.S.!** **R U Ready** to put your game faces on!! This year our theme is LifeWay's **GAME DAY** Central WHERE HEROES ARE MADE Hebrews 12: 1-2. Our *athletes* will be introduced to biblical heroes and learn that true heroes are ordinary people, like themselves, who follow God's plan for their life. For this Game Day to be a success we will need to go into some serious Spiritual Spring Training and preparations. As always there will be many positions that will need to be filled...**R U Ready!!** More information will be following in the coming weeks, so be praying about how you can be involved.

God Is Definitely BIG!
Debbie