



# The Proclaimer

April 2022

## Philadelphia Baptist Church

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

Robert Beringer wrote this about Easter: *I can still recall a geography lesson from elementary school in which we learned that the southernmost point of Africa is a point which for centuries has experienced tremendous storms. For many years no one even knew what lay beyond that cape, for no ship attempting to round that point had ever returned to tell the tale. Among the ancients it was known as the "Cape of Storms," and for good reason. But then a Portuguese explorer in the sixteenth century, Vasco De Gama, successfully sailed around that very point and found beyond the wild raging storms, a great calm sea, and beyond that, the shores of India. The name of that cape was changed from the Cape of Storms to the Cape of Good Hope.* 

Until Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death had been the cape of storms on which all hopes of life beyond had been wrecked. No one knew what lay beyond that point until, on Easter morning, those ancient visions of Isaiah became the victory of Jesus over our last great enemy. Suddenly, like those ancient explorers, we can see beyond the storm to the hope of heaven and eternal life with the Father. More than that, we dare to believe that we shall experience in our own human lives exactly what the Son of God experienced in his, for the risen Christ says to us, "Because I live, you shall live also." This is the heart of the Easter faith.

Just this week, I have been around a lot of people who are "sailing through the Cape of Storms." A young lady is facing the fact that her cancer has returned. A young man is having uncontrollable seizures. Another man is facing the realities of dealing with a degenerative disease. A marriage appears is in trouble, while another spouse is trying to imagine a life without her mate of more than 60 years. A church in our Association has made the decision to close its doors after many years of ministry. A grandparent is beyond concerned about a prodigal grandson. The storms are raging, and it appears there is no hope in sight.

That is how it must have felt for Jesus' disciples, and the ladies who arrived at the tomb of Jesus. They were afraid. All hope was gone. Their world had been shattered.

Then, the tomb, the very place of death, the very place where hope died, became a place of life. Jesus was not there. He was risen! And HE still is. So, there is hope. We can have calm in our storm because Easter changes everything!

May our Father bless you today! It is a joy to serve our Lord with you! RCA

#### **MISSION FRIENDS**

April 6<sup>th</sup>: Lesson/Snack Lisa – Class in the Family Life Center

April 13<sup>th</sup>: Lesson: Vanna/Ava; Snack-Ava

April 20<sup>th</sup>: Lesson: Lisa/Morgan; Snack

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Lesson: Michelle/Lisa; Snack: Luisa

## NURSERY WORKERS

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jana Turner & Jill Aldridge, Kelsi Brock April 10<sup>th</sup>: Jill Aldridge & Mindy Jenkins, Lindsey Jenkins April 17<sup>th</sup>: No Nursery-Easter Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>: Sheri Bradshaw & Ava Strawn, Kelsi Brock May 1<sup>st</sup>: No Nursery-Old Paths





## Bird Nests (Kid friendly recipe...let them help you make.) Ingredients

2 packages (10 to 12 ounces each) white baking chips

1 package (10 ounces) pretzel sticks

24 yellow chicks Peeps candy

1 package (12 ounces) M&M's eggs or other egg-shaped candy

### Directions In a large metal bowl over simmering water, melt baking chips; stir until smooth. Reserve 1/2 cup melted chips for decorations; keep warm. Add pretzel sticks to remaining chips; stir to coat evenly. Drop mixture into 24 mounds on waxed paper; shape into bird nests using 2 forks. Dip bottoms of Peeps in reserved chips; place in nests. Attach eggs with remaining chips. Let stand until set.

## **April Birthdays**

Jerri Pittman Raelyn Tucker	April 2 April 2
Kasey Medlin	April 3
Darren Guffey	April 4
Daniel Guffey	April 4
Ray Rickard	April 7
Michael Thomas	April 7
Kathy Newland	April 8
Michelle Simpson	April 8
Ciara Vaughn	April 8
Bill McLaurin	April 13
Casey McClain	April 14
Kyle Pittman	April 14
Butch Smith	April 14
Dustin McClain	April 15
Randall Wilson	April 15
Emma Ashcraft	April 16
Karen Haigler	April 16
Shirlie Deese	April 17
Madison Bradley	April 18
Bob Oster	April 18
Tristin Patterson	April 18
Woody Altman	April 20
Karlie Strawn	April 20
Ashlyn Porter	April 22
Jackson Davis	April 23
Cara Krest	April 24
Kristen Robinson	April 24
George Davis	April 25
Luisa Price	April 25
Marvin Snead	April 25
Emma Simpson	April 26
John Romanello	April 28
Todd Rorie	April 28
Dean Jenkins	April 29
Bonnie Oster	April 29
Miley Ross	April 29



Please contact Sheri at the church office to update the Birthday List. Thank you.

## **1st Week in May Birthdays**

Joshua Baker	May 1
Kaley Fennell	May 1
Jayla Rapp	May 2
Amanda Tarlton	May 3
Hunner Wallace	May 3
Esther Medlin	May 4
Tiffany Romanello	May 4
Rick Benton	May 5
Caroline Rushing	May 5
Cora Rushing	May 5



**UBA Spring Session** 

DATE: Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: AT THE CROSS FELLOWSHIP

1924 Old Pageland Monroe Rd., Monroe, North Carolina 28112

## Annie Armstrong EASTER OFFERING Collected throughout this month.

#### Where Does Your Money Go?

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – 100 percent – goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. Our partnership with Southern Baptist Convention churches and individuals makes this work possible.



## Michael & Traci Byrd: Serving the Abandoned

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By canvassing the community, Michael & Traci quickly found their assumptions of needs were different from reality. Building relationships over shared meals, offering group cooking lessons and even trips to the grocery store have become pathways to meeting needs and discipling new believers. And now Faith Community Bible Church has expanded to a second campus. "All people have the same heart condition in small towns and in the big urban centers," Michael

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#### Jared & Jennifer Huntley: Deployed for Christ

Jared and Jennifer Huntley had a heart for military personnel long before they launched Pillar Church of Washington, D.C. Jared had served in the Army and knows firsthand how difficult it can be to navigate the unique challenges of the military culture—especially without Christ.

Now the couple is discipling and equipping military personnel and their families to follow Christ, share the gospel and be missionaries if they are moved to other

bases or deployed. Jared says to him, it's a "great way to accomplish the Great Commission."

"They're already transient," he said. "If the government is already moving these people all around all over the place naturally, why not ... see that as an opportunity to say, 'Let's disciple these families and then they're going to take the gospel with them everywhere.'" **Praver Requests** 

- For Jared and Jennifer to have favor on military bases and in the community.
- For God to open hearts among military personnel and grow them in their faith so that they can go as missionaries to their future assignments.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS STARTING BACK THIS MONTH!!

## All new literature!!



Ages 4 – 6 years old

Following Children's Sermon, children will go to the vestibule to line up and go with their leaders to the Fellowship Hall Classroom.

## **Our April Leaders:**

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lisa Stutts & Kim Outen Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Luisa Price & Sara Clay Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter (No Class) Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: Whitney Beard & Sheree Jenkins



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 20th-24th



Backpack Buddy Items Needed: Pop Tarts, Individual Cereal, Grits. Please drop off in the vestibule or outside the secretary's office. Thank you!



March 2022 Prayer Breakfast



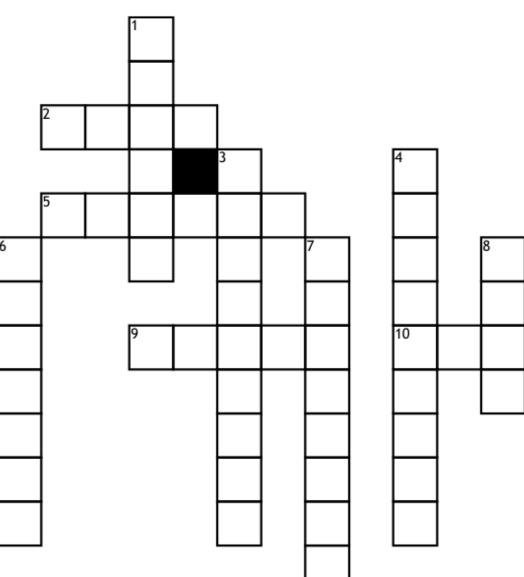
Ladies' Retreat 2022



Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, April 19th TIME: 9:00 AM PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

# Triumphal Entry



## <u>Across</u>

2. What animal does the Bible use to describe Jesus' sacrifice for us?
5. What animal did Jesus ride on His triumphal entry into the city?
9. What did the people lay on the ground for Jesus to ride over in addition to their coats and cloaks?
10. What did Jesus come to save people from?

## <u>Down</u>

1. Who did the Jews want to be saved from?

3. Where was Jesus born?

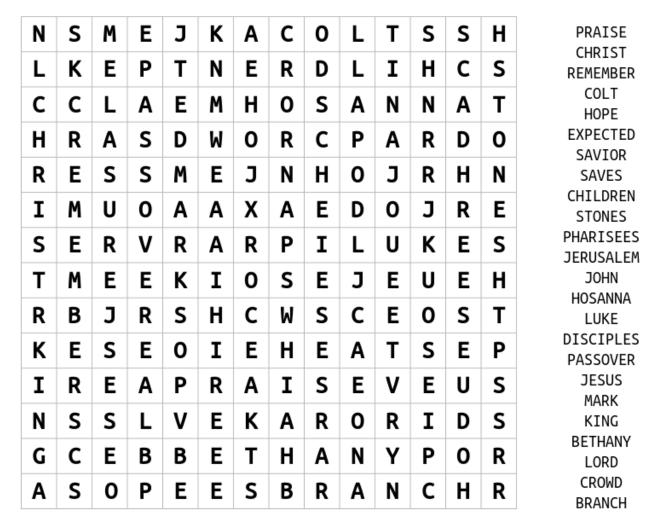
**4.** What city did Jesus enter triumphantly?

**6.** What did the people shout when Jesus rode into the city?

7. During what Jewish religious event did Jesus die?

8. What kind of Savior were the Jews looking for.

## Palm Sunday Word Search



## Ingredients

- 3 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 package (16 ounces) Velveeta, cubed
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 2 cups shredded white cheddar cheese
- 1-3/4 cups whole milk
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten

## Directions

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Cook macaroni according to package directions for al dente; drain. Transfer to a greased 5-qt. slow cooker. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Cook, covered, on low 2 to 2-1/2 hours or until a thermometer reads at least 160°, stirring once.

#### **Potluck Macaroni and Cheese**



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SUNDAY	MON	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THU	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 FLC: Reserved
3 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship 4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	4	5	6 <b>6:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook; <b>7:00 PM</b> : WMU, Mission Friends in FLC, GA's, RA's, Youth <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	7	8	9
<ul> <li>10 Palm Sunday</li> <li>9:30 AM:</li> <li>Sunday School</li> <li>10:30 AM:</li> <li>Morning Worship/</li> <li>Church Conference;</li> <li>4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA –</li> <li>Missions Night</li> <li>5:00 PM: Youth</li> </ul>	11	12	13 <b>7:00 PM</b> : Mission Friends, GA's in FLC, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study live & streaming on Facebook <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	14	15 Good Friday	<sup>16</sup> Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch 11 AM-1 PM
<ul> <li>17 EASTER</li> <li>7:00 AM</li> <li>Easter Sunrise Service</li> <li>8:00 AM</li> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>9:00 AM</li> <li>Sunday School</li> <li>May NEWSLETTER INFO. DUE</li> </ul>	18	19 Ladies' Prayer Break- fast at Beth's 9 AM	20 7:00 PM: Mission Friends, GA's, RA's in FLC, Youth, Adult Bible Study live & streaming on Facebook 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	21	22	23 FLC: Reserved
24 9:30 AM: Sunday School; 10:30 AM: Morning Worship 4:30 – 6:00 PM: AWANA 5:00 PM: Youth	25	26 UBA Spring Session at At the Cross Fellow- ship Church	27 <b>7:00 PM</b> : Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth in FLC, Adult Bible Study live & streaming on Facebook <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	28	29	30



AWANA CALENDAR April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Awana April 10<sup>th</sup>: Missions Night April 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter Break-No Awana April 24<sup>th</sup>: Awana

#### Dear Philadelphia Baptist,

We are so grateful for your partnership in our ministry, building resilient disciples. Thank you for the value that you have placed on child discipleship. It is encouraging to hear churches and leaders in the Carolinas digging deep during challenging times to build lasting relationships with children.

The Awana Ministry Director at Kingsway Baptist Church, Darlene Jones, has worked in Awana for 40 years. She took her children to Awana when they were young, and now she goes to Awana each week with her grandchildren. Kathy Babisha, the Sparks leader, went to Awana as a little girl and now brings her children with her each week. It is incredible how God works through the lives of loving, caring adults who pour into the lives of children. Then to see those children who recognize the value of Awana to reach their children with the Gospel of Christ, raising generations of children to become resilient disciples.

In Africa, God is changing lives through the ministry of Awana. A couple of Awana leaders in Zimbabwe were concerned about the children in their school. They spoke to the headmaster at the school about using Awana in the curriculum, and the headmaster agreed to let them try it. After one year with Awana, the school saw reduced discipline problems by over 80%. The headmaster spoke to principals at other schools, and 50 other schools tried the program with the same results. They invited the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education to attend a special Bible quizzing and Games. She came and agreed that all 5,300 schools in Zimbabwe should use Awana.

What a joy it is to continue to hear amazing stories like this! I love sharing this with you, as you are such an essential part of this ministry. Your prayer and financial gifts make this all possible. Thank You!

In His service,

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