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God the Son

If we are Christians, we should be familiar with Who Christ is. He is the very center of our lives. We mentioned last month that God exists as a Trinity of three Persons. Matthew 28:19 gives a clear mention of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Son goes by many names: “Jesus” means “Savior” or “Salvation”, “Christ” means “Messiah” or “Anointed One”, “Son of David” means He was a descendant of David, and “Emmanuel” means “God is with us”. He is also the “Prince of Peace”, “Lion of Judah”, “Lamb of God”, and many others. If He is God, then He has all the characteristics of God that we mentioned last month (all knowledge, present everywhere, all powerful, loving, etc). Just to mention one example, we look at His all knowing nature. In Mark 2:8 He knew what was in the unspoken minds of the scribes who were critical of Him.

John 1:1-3 tells us that Jesus existed before He was born and that He was there at the time of creation. In the timing of God’s plan, the Son came to earth and took on a human body and was virgin born (John 1:14, Matthew 1:22-23). John 1:12-13 tells us that through Jesus we are adopted into God’s family. John 3:16 says that we have eternal life through Him. His death on the cross bought our salvation (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9) and His rising from the grave insures that He conquered death so that death is not the end (Romans 8:4). This is the essence of what Good Friday and Easter are all about.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” – John 14:6 New American Standard.

Let’s celebrate and look forward to opportunities to be part of His plan for our lives! He lives! Happy Easter! Dean

THE BLESSINGS OF SPRING

There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.

With winter's bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring...
is keeping Jesus in our sight!
Deborah Ann Belka

DANCING IN THE RAIN

I recently read a quote: "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it is about learning to dance in the rain."

Vivian Greene

I love that! All of us face storms in life. It is so easy to look at the storms and just pray that God helps us make it through or that He takes it away! We don't like storms. We don't like it when our faith is tested. We complain when we have to go through hard times in life.

Philippians 4:4 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" It doesn't say rejoice when things go your way! It doesn't say rejoice when you get that big raise! It says, rejoice ALWAYS!

Even in the storms of life, as worshipers, we can rejoice and dance in the rain! We rejoice not because our circumstances are perfect! We rejoice because we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

We cannot only dance in the rain, but we can worship in the rain! We worship Him, who is worthy of all glory, honor, and praise, despite our circumstances!
by Wisdom Moon

Latest Prayer List (from Bulletin 3-12-17): Katie Engel, Ronald Allan Scribbs Sr, Vivian Hutchinson, Ed Cromwell, Jeanette Cook, Cathy Coldwell, Hannah Smith, Angie Porter, Donna, Edith Dyne, Adrianna Blackburn, Mason Pierri, David Hackett, Rene Majia, Richard Alyea, Joshua & Becky Pentecost; Jaffeth Saucedo; Nora Storer, Jay Johnson, Ellen McClurg, Shelly Paul, Gloria Shearer, Vicki Page, Matt and Emily Webb, Ted Koechel; Evan's six year old daughter, Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki; Ray Carroll; Sue Sloane; Ann Conrad; Susan Knecht; Kevin Swords, LeeAnne Johnson; Skinner family; Deb Derr; Ray Bostick; Chris & Ronda; Karen Mejia; Amy K's Aunt Virginia, Arlene & Bill Johnson; Virginia Donahue, Jim Oren



Bible Study:

The pastor will be coming at 6:00pm, for the first, third, fifth Thursdays of the month (6th, 20th), to study the Bible. You are welcome to **drop in!**

Love Feast:

Maxine will be serving the sop and bread and cup at 6:30pm at the church on Thursday, April 13th.

Easter Breakfast:

We will have a breakfast at 9:30am on April 16th, Easter Sunday. Services at the regular time, 10:30am

Church Council Carry-in:

After services on April 23rd, we will have a carry-in lunch and then the church business.

Coming up:

Mother's Day Breakfast May 14th, 9:30am

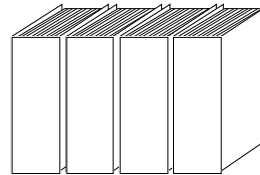
Local News:

Donations have started for the AC units, stewards have selected a contractor, await the funds.

As part of the AC stuff, we got three quotes on a new roof over the back classrooms, will have it replaced about the same time as the units are placed on the roof.

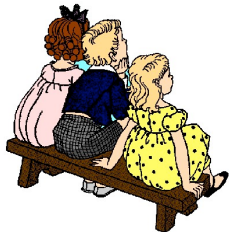
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Brethren Heritage Center

The center is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays, usually 10:00am to 4:00pm. Contact them at 937-833-5222 or email amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org to schedule a visit.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 1 Byrl & Janet Shaver
2	Amy Knecht 3	Betty Oren 4	5	6	7	8
Amy Ballew 9	10 Larry & Dawn Shope	Jamie Cook 11	12	John Collins 13 Love Feast 6:30pm	14	15
Duane 16 Deardorff Easter Breakfast	Jeff Vaughn 17	18	19	Virginia Donahue 20	Vicki Page 21 Bonnie Porter	Jeremy Baker 22
Kyle Huwer 23 Council Carry-In After Services	24	Karen 25 Baughman	26	27	David Oren 28	Rhonda Horn 29 John & Sue Edwards
Halley Bond 30 Teresa Sakosky						