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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sundays	5:00 p.m.	Family Night
Mon., Wed., Thurs.	Noon	Devotional on Facebook Live
Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Ecclesiastes
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Facebook Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (unless otherwise noted)
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	GPBC Book Club
April 02	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Fellowship
April 04	11:30 a.m.	Widows/Single Ladies Luncheon
April 05	Noon	ROMEO's at Southbound Sandwich Shop
		No Prayer Meetings
April 06	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 07	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 08	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
April 09	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday / Baptisms
April 10		Office Closed in observance of Easter Monday
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee via Zoom
April 11	10:30 a.m.	Nominating Committee
April 13-14		Hope Box Mission Trip to Kentucky. Office will be closed.
April 19	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive at GPBC
April 20	11:00 a.m.	SIA Luncheon and Program



The Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GROVE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH | APRIL 2023

Each Easter season I have various traditions that I like to do to get me in the proper mindset for each of the stages of Holy Week. One of those traditions is to listen at least once to a part of a sermon preached many years ago by the Reverend S.M. Lockridge of Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego, CA. I would encourage you to look it up on YouTube for the full effect, but I offer it here below as way to prepare you for the upcoming Easter season.

Grace Abounds,

Marc

It's Friday
Jesus is praying
Peter's a sleeping
Judas is betraying
But Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
Pilate's struggling
The council is conspiring
The crowd is vilifying
They don't even know
That Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
The disciples are running
Like sheep without a shepherd
Mary's crying
Peter is denying
But they don't know
That Sunday's a comin'

It's Friday
The Romans beat my Jesus
They robe him in scarlet
They crown him with thorns
But they don't know
That Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
See Jesus walking to Calvary
His blood dripping
His body stumbling
And his spirit's burdened
But you see, it's only Friday
Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
The world's winning
People are sinning
And evil's grinning

It's Friday
The soldiers nail my Savior's hands
To the cross
They nail my Savior's feet
To the cross
And then they raise him up
Next to criminals

It's Friday
But let me tell you something
Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
The disciples are questioning
What has happened to their King
And the Pharisees are celebrating
That their scheming
Has been achieved
But they don't know

It's only Friday
Sunday's comin'
It's Friday
He's hanging on the cross
Feeling forsaken by his Father
Left alone and dying
Can nobody save him?
Ooooh

It's Friday
But Sunday's comin'

It's Friday
The earth trembles
The sky grows dark
My King yields his spirit

It's Friday
Hope is lost
Death has won
Sin has conquered
and Satan's just a laughin'

It's Friday
Jesus is buried
A soldier stands guard
And a rock is rolled into place

But it's Friday
It is only Friday
Sunday is a comin'!

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. - John 3:17

In my devotion today (March 27, 2023, Daily Refresh in The Bible App), I was confronted with the following words. They are so meaningful that I want to share them with you verbatim.

“It can be easy to feel condemned or guilty because we don’t often see ourselves as worthy of God’s love. But this verse tells us something important - regardless of who you are or what you’ve done, you are loved by God.

“God is not trying to fill you with guilt or make your life difficult. He wants the best for you and desires a relationship with you. He loved us so much that He sent His only Son to the earth to give us grace and life that we did not deserve.”

This is such a common thought in Christianity that it loses its impact. But stop and think about this for a moment.

In Christ, you don’t need to feel guilty or condemned. If you feel guilty, ask God if there is some sin that you need to confess. If He brings something to your mind, confess it and turn from it. Once you have done that, you do not need to continue to feel guilty about it. He has already forgiven you. From that point on, if you continue to feel guilty about that sin, that’s not from God. It’s ok to let it go.

Paul expresses the same thought in Romans:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. - Romans 8:1

“No condemnation.” What a glorious thought! If you are in Christ Jesus, He does not condemn you. So why do we continue to beat ourselves up over things that God has already dealt with? If He has already paid for our sin on the cross, why do we still hold on to the guilt? We don’t have to!

Easter declares that Jesus died our death on the cross and defeated our death by His resurrection. We get to live in the freedom of knowing that our sins are paid for and our condemnation is gone. Let’s live in that freedom and let’s not allow guilt to keep any place in our lives.

Dale



EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. If you have any questions, see Eliza Sanders.

Seniors in Action (SIA) luncheon on April 20, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Topic is “Declutter and Flutter into Summer.” Our guest speaker will be Beth Wenhart from Carolina Relocation & Transition Specialists.
We encourage bringing friends and family. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or you can call the church office at (336) 227-2910.



Graduate Sunday: It is not too early to begin making plans to recognize our upcoming graduates. If you know of someone who will be graduating this year, please contact the church office (336-227-2910) with the details.



Hope Bags

We are returning in person to Appalachia for the first time in 4 years following our COVID hiatus. We will be ministering to the students of Wallins Elementary School on Friday, April 14 as we offer hope both through the gift of a Hope Bag and the sharing of the Gospel. We will travel up on April 13 and return after we finish with the students on April 14. If you are interested in participating in person, please call the church office and sign up. Hope Bags are available in the vestibule along with the sheets on what to include in your bag based on the age you chose.

If you have any questions, please speak with Eliza Sanders.



Our Five

Have you been working steadily on your five? Regardless, mark your calendars now for April 9. It’s Easter Sunday and a perfect day to invite someone to join you for morning worship. Beloved, the truth is that many people are just waiting for an invitation to worship and knowing they have someone to sit with them. Make your plans on how to invite, who to invite, and put it in motion as we join together to celebrate the glorious gift of Easter.

Ministers On Call for the Month of April:

Mar. 30 thru Apr. 02

Deacon Joan Smith

April 06 thru April 09

Deacon Jim Etheridge

April 13 thru April 16

Deacon Larry Dodson

April 20 thru April 23

Deacon Jason Bogart

April 27 thru April 30

Deacon Benjy Overby

(Our Known)

April Birthdays

Mauricio Arroba	April 03
Jaxon Bogart	April 05
Cathy Martin	April 05
Jazmine Bogart	April 07
Donna Moore	April 07
Jason Bogart	April 08
Susan Hudson	April 13
Bennie Kidd	April 14
Louise McGhee	April 15
Howard Martin	April 16
Ed Williamson	April 17
Katie Overby	April 18
Joyce Hayes	April 21
Scarlett Rutter	April 25
Jessica Rutter	April 25
David Snider	April 25
Mary Etta King	April 27
Susan Massey	April 27
Randy Joplin	April 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!