



By the Cross We Care
One Person at a Time

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Barcelona Banner



EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31, 2024



MARCH MEMORY VERSE

"Then Jesus said unto them again, Peace be unto you; as my father hath sent me, even so send I you."

~John 20:21

MARCH 3-10

Week of Prayer for North American Missions/
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
See Page 6.

From my heart to yours:



Archaeologists have discovered a drawing and inscription in what evidently was a room beneath the imperial palace in ancient Rome. Apparently, the drawing was intended as a caricature of the crucifixion of Jesus. It depicts a man's body hanging on a cross, but the head is that of a donkey. To the left of the cross is the figure of a young man, with his arm raised, as if he is worshiping the man on the cross. The inscription beneath the drawing reads, "Alexamenos worships his god."

It is likely the room where the drawing was found was used as a prison. With a little imagination we can reconstruct the situation. A young man named Alexamenos was a Christian. Perhaps he was a servant in the imperial palace, or even a prisoner. This much is clear: Alexamenos was mocked and ridiculed by those who were not in sympathy with his worship of Jesus Christ.

This story sheds light on the Apostle Paul's comment concerning the cross. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18, NKJV). He added that the cross was a "stumbling block" to the Jews who expected a military messiah and not a suffering servant. To the enlightened Greek it was utter nonsense. However, as Paul observed, wherever the word of the cross is declared, God's life-changing power is unleashed. Clearly, the cross is the most important event in history.

What is the message of the cross? What does the death of Jesus Christ so long ago mean to you and me? Consider the following.

First, the cross is an expression of God's love. Throughout the ages, the question has been asked: "What is God like?" The answer is seen in the cross. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Who can comprehend such love? It staggers the mind. We cannot fully understand it, but can only receive it.

Second, the cross is God's solution for the human predicament called sin. The Apostle Paul wrote: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Without exception, all of us fail to measure up to God's expectation. The result is guilt, emptiness, alienation, and a sense of futility. The penalty for sin is death or separation from God. However, Jesus became our substitute. He died on the cross in our place. For

God "made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21, NKJV).

Third, the cross challenges us to a new way of living. Jesus taught by precept and example that the only life worth living is one devoted to God in selfless service to others. He challenged: "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses His life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25, NKJV).

Finally, the cross affirms that the victory over death has been won. One day a distinguished man made his way to the necropolis, the cemetery in Rome. He sat down by a tomb marked "Tullia" and wept. His name was Cicero the great orator. "O my daughter, is this the quenching of life?" he cried. For him it was a hopeless situation. But life is different because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The sting of death is gone. Since he lives, we too shall live.

Your Pastor,

Jon M. Stubblefield



Attendance & Finances

	SS	Sun AM	Wed.
01/07/24	102	113	54
01/14/24	82	93	Bad weather
01/21/24	61	68	" "
01/28/24	101	128	

JAN. BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$40,537.83



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| 1—Wendell Hayden | 19—Carla Grey |
| 6—Phyllis Shaddix | 19—Shelly Wagner |
| 11—Benjie Harlan | 22—Damian LaFargue |
| 12—Thomas Duncan | 23—Hauteen Pierce |
| 12—Bill Mason | 27—Lynna Allen |
| 15—Levi Anderson | 27—Kendall Gilmer |
| 15—Bob DeLong | 28—Billie Sue Calcote |
| 18—Kimbelynn Craft | 28—Gail Love |
| 18—Fay Shipman | 30—Pat Blakley |



- 1—Claudette & Mike Stefanski
 5—Vicki & Joe Coker
 6—Sandra & Tracy Gross
 12—Barbara & Thomas Duncan
 15—Faye and Bill Butcher
 16—Sherry & Russell Lawson
 18—Connie & Benjie Harlan
 25—Salinda & John Hayden
 27—Jacque & Ted Emmert
 30—Leslie & Ken Bibb



The office will be closed on March 29 in observance of Good Friday.



Now is a good time to start collecting items with which to fill your shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift begins with you and results in evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. (sharing Christ with family and friends).

Remember, if you would rather donate money, simply mark your check "Shoe box" and it will be used by the committee to purchase items in bulk.



MARCH 5

**CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 PM**



**THIRD THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP/GAME DAY
MARCH 21, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M.!
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**PLEASE JOIN US MARCH 27
FOR OUR WEDNESDAY
POTLUCK!**



2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

The flower calendar for the year 2024 is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. If you would like to donate flowers, you may sign up there, call the church office at 501-922-0692, or send an email to brbc3office@att.net.

Be sure to say who you would like to honor or remember or if it's a special occasion, such as birthday or anniversary.



**Join us as we continue the study of Paul
and his teachings**

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30—Fellowship Hall
Led by Ruth Manweiler**

Through May 28, our study will continue with "Paul and the Prison Epistles". This study starts where our Acts study concluded and is very doctrinal. Contact the church office for more information.

Coffee and cookies are provided.



If you are 72 years old or older, when your financial agent calls and says it's time for you to go over your R.M.D., he's not telling you

to call the doctor for a test. He's saying that it's time to consider your Required Minimum Distribution.

In simplest terms, this is the smallest amount you must withdraw from your tax-deferred retirement accounts every year. Think IRAs and 401(k). Eventually, you must pay tax on your contributions and earnings. RMDs make sure that you do that.

Talk to your financial planner and see how much money you can save on taxes by having their office send money directly to your church for your tithe. It can be done monthly, quarterly or even yearly in one check.



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	4 3:30 Handbell Choir	5 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Deacons Meeting	6 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	7 9:30 GriefShare	8	9 8:00—Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		Week of Prayer for North American Missions				
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 3:30 Handbell Choir	12 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	13 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	14 9:30 GriefShare		16
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	18 3:30 Handbell Choir	19 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Ladies Bible	20 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	21 9:30 GriefShare 10:00 Third Thursday Game Group	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ LORD'S SUPPER	25 3:30 Handbell Choir	26 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	27 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:45 Potluck 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Practice	28 9:30 GriefShare	29 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service						



The GriefShare group had their first meeting Thursday, February 15 with eight attendees. Led by Priscilla Gullion and Ann Webb, the group offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

Grieving people in BRBC and in the community are welcome to attend the sessions on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 to find practical help and a place to connect with others. Meeting is held in the Fellowship Hall classroom.

Contact the church office for more information or to register.



Of the 370 million people living in North America, it is estimated that 280 million are lost, without the hope of the gospel. Reaching lost people in North America with the gospel is a challenge which calls Southern Baptists to MAKE JESUS KNOWN!

100% of our giving supports the ministries of almost 3,000 missionaries and their families across North America, enables additional missionaries to be sent, helps plant churches, and provides resources to service the needs of people who desperately need the gospel.

BARCELONA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH GOAL: \$7,500.00



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 — 8:00 A.M. — FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Men's Fellowship invites our members (men and women) to have breakfast with **Dr. Stan Norman**, President of Williams Baptist University, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, on Saturday, March 9, at 8 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Norman's talk will focus on the student work program at the university, called Williams Works. A student in the Williams Works program works a limited number of hours during the school year and works full-time during the summer months. When the students complete their degree program, they can graduate from the University debt-free. You may not have any potential college-bound students, however, you may know of family or friends who have potential college-bound students.

The University currently operates, with student help, Eagle Farms, Williams Corner Market, The Hotel Rhea, Lawrence Medical Center, a chicken egg production barn, a meat processing plant, and much more.

We hope you will plan to attend and learn more about Williams Works. We assure you that you will enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with fellow church members.



FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study began Tuesday, February 20, with Dr. Jon Stubblefield leading this first lesson.

The plan is to enlist oth-

er members of the church to share teaching responsibilities. A total of 14 men attended.

Join the men at the next meeting on March 19 at 8:00 AM in the Youth Fellowship Hall and then the third Tuesday of each month from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.



Library News

Please join me in welcoming **CHRISTIE RIMMER** as my co-librarian. She will be bringing school library experience and will be invaluable in helping me to keep the library up-to-date and running smoothly. Please feel free to contact either Christie or me with any suggestions you may have to make the library more usable and accessible.

Romans 5:8 - But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES! You might be surprised to know that our church library has a good collection of DVDs to choose from. Whether you want a cozy, feel-good movie, a thriller, or any kind of family-friendly movie to settle in with, we have something for you! Here are just a few:

MOONRISE—Country singer Will Brown (Granger Smith) pushed away his family, fame and faith after his wife's death. It's his daughter and a talented horse trainer who show him strength, forgiveness, and grace to live life again.

THE WAGER—Michael Steel (Randy Travis) is ten days from the biggest night of his life... walking the red carpet as a *Best Actor* nominee. Just when it seems that he has overcome industry blacklisting and persecution for his beliefs, Michael finds himself fighting for his life in a supernatural wager between God and Satan.

5000 BLANKETS —Inspired by a remarkable true story, 5000 Blankets is filled with hope and highlights the power of family and faith. When her husband has a mental breakdown and goes missing, a woman and her young son set out to find him on the streets, sparking a movement of compassion towards those in need and inspiring a city.

BEYOND THE NEXT MOUNTAIN—The story of how the Gospel of John changed the course of history for a tribe of headhunters. This is the story of Rochunga's personal pilgrimage. It is an unforgettable saga of his dedication to a vision and of the Lord's direction in his life. Filmed in India, Hawaii, Scotland, and America, this beautiful film will be enjoyed by the entire family.

THE VISITATION—The true face of terror is revealed in this supernatural thriller based on Frank Peretti's best-selling novel. Miracles are happening in the sleepy town of Antioch and everyone is talking about the mysterious drifter with the incredible powers. But who is this charismatic stranger—the true messiah, a false prophet, or something far more sinister? The townspeople are soon divided and when happenings at the stranger's revival tent take on a bizarre and frightening twist, it's up to an ex-minister to confront his own inner demons and unlock the shocking secret of **THE VISITATION**.

Kay Dierks, Librarian

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**Deadline for articles is the
fifteenth of each month.**

You may e-mail your articles to
brbc3office@att.net or bring to the
church office.

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Services:

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Sanctuary Worship Service - 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening:

Children/Youth - 3:30 PM

(During school year)

Prayer Service - 6:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM

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Friday 8:30 AM—11:30 AM