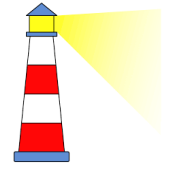


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From the Pastor's Pen...

If you have ever travelled south on I-65, then you are probably familiar with the landmark that welcomes you to the state of Alabama as you leave Tennessee. Yes, you know it. It is a Rocket. Although this Saturn 1B was actually utilized as an unmanned vessel, it reminds me of a lesson I learned about its close relative, the Saturn V. This was the kind of rocket in the Apollo program that was used to launch astronauts into outer space. (And everybody loves an astronaut. Right?)

The gigantic rockets used in America's space program, before the days of the space shuttle, had at their very top a structure called the "escape tower." The escape tower was a metal framework, supporting a small but powerful rocket. It was bolted to the pinnacle of the capsule in which the astronauts reclined, waiting for takeoff some 36 stories high.

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In the event of a launch disaster, the role of the escape tower was to carry the astronauts in their capsule up and away from the main rocket. A parachute would then float them safely back to Earth.

The resurrection is more than Jesus' escape tower. The point of the resurrection is not so much that Jesus escapes death. That would more properly be called "resuscitation." Resuscitation and resurrection are very different things.

The good news of resurrection is not merely that Jesus, by the power of God, survives death. The good news is that he conquers it, once and for all.

Most often, when people grimly observe, "We live in a fallen world," they're assuming there's nothing to be done about that, other than escaping this vale of tears. Death's portal leads to "a better place."

In the resurrection, Jesus doesn't simply return for his own sake. He returns for the sake of all humanity: to reassure us in our bewilderment and pain, to say (as he proclaims to the disciples when first he sees them), "Peace be with you."

Grace & Peace,
Jim

LUNCH WITH BF LADIES!!!

All women are invited to meet at Creekside for lunch Wednesday, April 18 at 11:45. Bring a friend the more the merrier!

Circle #34

Circle #34 will meet on Tuesday, April 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Men of The Church

Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30

Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 11th
at 5:30 p.m.

Kingdom Kids And B.Y.G.

Hello!! Happy Spring! I am so excited for Spring and all of the new life it brings. Speaking of new life, I hope to see you all for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please meet in the back of the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday so we can wave the palms rejoicing Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. On Easter Sunday please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:05 A.M. so we can start our annual Easter egg hunt no later than

10:15. Weather permitting we will have our hunt outside. I need the older kids to help hide all of the eggs. Please meet me in the Fellowship Hall by 9:45 so we can begin to hide all of the eggs. Thanks.

I hope to see you all at church for this exciting time of year.

God Bless, Michelle

Opportunity Circle

Opportunity Circle on Wednesday, April 11, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting is held in Session Room. Lesson 8, In Community with the Household of Faith will be discussed. All ladies are invited!

Ladies Night Out!

**Mother/Daughter/Friend
Banquet
April 14, 2018 6:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall
Dinner, Games & Entertainment
There is NO COST
Call church office for Reservations
270-465-7091**

EASTER BREAKFAST

9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Breakfast - we will eat and rejoice in our Savior's resurrection. The annual East Egg Hunt will follow at 10:15 a.m. (Please see below).

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1, 10:15

BFPC will be having our annual Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday morning April 1st. Please bring plastic filled eggs to the church office or the Fellowship Hall no later than 9:30 a.m. Easter morning. We will begin the hunt promptly at **10:15 a.m.** Each child should bring an Easter Basket to collect their eggs. Weather permitting we will have the egg hunt outside. I am asking the older youth to be a church by 9:45 a.m. to help hide the eggs. Thanks so much for all of your help in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless, Michelle



4/2—Dr. Elizabeth Searles—Romania

Liz helps develop capacity-building programs for orphaned children in Romanian state institutions, and for the youth and adults these children become. She also works with older women on substance pensions and with Roma of all ages. Her work seeks to address root causes of poverty, break human trafficking links, and bear witness to the unconditional love of Jesus Christ for all people. Liz serves alongside NOROC, a PC (USA) partner organization. NOROC's goal is to help the people it serves gain inclusion in society, adequately care for themselves, and be contributing members of their communities.

4/9—Alan and Ellen Smith—Germany/Russia

Based in Berlin, Germany, Ellen serves as the PC (USA) regional liaison for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, helping to connect congregations in the United States with partners in the region. Alan focuses on evangelistic outreach to minority peoples in Central and Eastern Europe and works to facilitate outreach to Roma in Russia and church twinning.,

Alan and Ellen's goal is to develop long-term relationships across the boundaries of history, language, culture, and denomination. Congregations with which they work often engage in joint projects that include summer camp ministry, orphanage ministry, drug rehabilitation, and outreach to families with children who are disabled.

4/16—Rev. Ryan and Alethia White—Germany

Ryan and Alethia work with Iranian refugees in partnership with the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin. They provide pastoral care and collaborate with a number of Christian organizations and churches that serve Iranian refugees. "We are passionate about reconciling relationships across cultural, religious, and political divides, with the hope of promoting sustainable and peaceful partnerships," they say. "Through entering into relationships with others, by listening to their stories and extending hospitality, we hope to participate in this ministry as a family."

4/23—Rev. Mark and Miriam Maldonado Escobar—Mexico-US Border

Bridging cultural, economic, political, and linguistic differences, Mark and

Miriam serve in the US-Mexico border region near Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Mexico. They support the binational ministry of Fontera de Cristo in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in work and deed. They and their partners seek to put flesh on the gospel through partnership in new church development, permaculture, health ministries, and community and economic development.

Lay Readers and Ushers

Lay Readers-

April 1: Lennie Hall
April 8: Rod Turpin
April 15: Carole Whitley
April 22: Carter Murphy
April 29: Julie Caldwell

Ushers-

April 1: Paul Johnson
Charles Shaw
April 8: Allen Burress
Mike Hall Sr.
April 15: Linda Shipp
Robert Shipp
April 22: Nancy McLean-Dix
Julie Caldwell
April 29: Allen Burress
Jane Horn

FAITH AND FLICKS 4/3/2018

7:00 p.m. Miracles from Heaven

Who: Laura Farrar, a former film and literature teacher at Larue County High School, will guide us.

What: Miracles from Heaven

When: The first Tuesday of each month.

Where: Bethel First Presbyterian Library.

Why?: Because it's FUN (and educational)





2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Church School 10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	3 7:00 p.m. Faith in Flicks Miracles from Heaven	4 No Choir	5	6	7
8 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	9 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	10	11 5:30 p.m. Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir	12	13	14 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night AKA Mother/Daughter/Friend
15 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	16 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	17 5:00 p.m. Circle 34	18 7:00 p.m. Choir	19	20	21
22 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	23 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	24	25 7:00 p.m. Choir	26	27	28
29 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	30 7:00 pm Boy Scouts					

April Birthdays

3rd: Ellie Burress
 Grace Burress
 8th: Lauren Hughes
 9th: Mickie Adams
 10th: Susan Shively
 12th: Jackie Thomas
 13th: Nicholas Hyde
 Linda Shipp
 14th: Christina Powell
 17th: Michael Green
 Jacob Overgauuw
 18th: Andy Chambers
 21st: Lennie Hall
 Alex Shively
 Mike Thomas
 22nd: Holden Coyle
 23rd: Janean Hall
 25th: Caroline Murphy
 26th: Paige Burrow

Budget Information

Average Weekly Giving
 \$2,965.00
 Average Weekly Needs
 \$\$3,151.28

REMINDER:

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