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THE MESSENGER

Daily Walk with Jesus through Holy Week

This year, we encourage you to commit to walk with Jesus through Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday on April 5. Take the time to read and reflect upon the listed Bible passages that chronicle Jesus' final days.

PALM SUNDAY – April 5

On the first day of the week, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zechariah 9:9). Throngs welcome him with the words of Psalm 118:25-26, heralding him as the Messiah, the coming King of Israel.

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19

MONDAY – April 6

Jesus returns to the Temple to find it full of traders and moneychangers. Saying they have changed a 'house of prayer' into a 'den of robbers', he angrily drives them out.

Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48

TUESDAY – April 7

Jesus teaches in the Temple, where the Pharisees dispute his authority. Later, he leads the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane and delivers what has become known as the Olivet Discourse, the last of five great discourses recorded in Matthew's gospel.

Matthew 21:23-25; Mark 11:27-13;37; Luke 20,21; John 12:37-50

WEDNESDAY – April 8

Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" for it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid thirty pieces of silver (cf Mt. 26:14). Jesus likely spent the day in Bethany. In the evening, Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects, but Jesus rebukes him and says Mary has anointed him for his burial. (cf Mt 26:6).

Matthew 26:1-5; John 13:21-35

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 9

In an upper room, Jesus prepares both himself and his disciples for his death. As Paul described it, the Messiah takes on 'the very nature of a servant' by washing the disciples' feet. He uses this simple last supper to give the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represent his body, soon to be sacrificed and his blood, soon to be shed. With this he institutes the Eucharist using the words we still use today.

Jesus instructs the disciples, 'A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.' In Latin, this is *mandatum* (root of the word *mandate*), hence Maundy Thursday. Jesus then again leads the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane and asks them to wait ('to keep watch') while he prays. In agony as he confronts his impending death, he prays 'for the sin of the world' and we glimpse the Son of God at his most human as he begs his father to 'take this cup from me'.

Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; John 13, 14, 15 & 16

GOOD FRIDAY – April 10

Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus bears his cross to Golgotha (The Place of the Skull) for death by crucifixion with two other prisoners.

Jesus' body is laid in the tomb before 6:00 p.m. when the Sabbath begins and all work stops. It lies in the tomb throughout the Sabbath.

Why Good Friday? Probably to show that Christ's death has finally liberated us from sin. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, it is known as 'Great Friday', in Israel 'Big Friday' and in Germany 'Friday of Lamentation'.

Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 22:66-23:56; John 18:28-19:37

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SATURDAY – April 11

Holy Saturday is the name given to the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. After His crucifixion, Jesus was laid in a nearby tomb, and His body remained there the entirety of Holy Saturday. The disciples had scattered when Jesus was arrested, and they spent the first Holy Saturday hiding for fear of also being arrested. The day between Christ's crucifixion and His resurrection would have been a time of grief and shock as the stunned disciples tried to understand the murder of Jesus, the betrayal of Judas, and the dashing of their hopes.

Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42

EASTER SUNDAY – April 12

Early in the morning, women go to the tomb and find that the stone at the entrance has been rolled away. An angel tells them that Jesus is alive and gives them a message. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene in the garden, to Peter, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus and later that day to all the disciples, except Thomas.

Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24: 1-49; John 20

NOTES FROM ANDY

Worship with Your Church Family each Week

Our church family has responded with enthusiasm to the online worship times. While it is not the same as being physically present together, there is an air of closeness for those who have been able to join together for our Sunday morning "Watch Party." A sense of community is created as we are able to respond immediately with comments to one another and send hearts and other emojis floating across the screen to share what we are feeling and thinking. The simple awareness that others of our TMBC fellowship are sharing a time of worship with us makes us feel closer to one another.

Whether you view and participate in the acts of worship on Facebook or through Vimeo from the tmbc.org home page, it is our hope and prayer that the online worship services will encourage and strengthen you and the whole church for these days. **Go to the church Facebook page at 10:55 am each Sunday for the duration of this time when we cannot meet together in person. If you are prevented from joining us at that particular time, each service will continue to be available on the church's Facebook page timeline and on the TMBC website.**

In addition to the regular weekly services, video clips of Fran Wilson at the piano and Sandro Silva at the organ will be posted from time to time for your devotional meditation and enjoyment. During Holy Week, a special series of opportunities will be offered (see detailed information from Brad elsewhere in this newsletter).

I am thankful to those in our church family who are working very hard to facilitate the online worship services, especially Greg Nelson, who is providing both his video equipment and his expertise in recording and editing the worship services each week.

Postponements and Cancellations

A number of significant things have been cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions on travel and gatherings. We hope to be able to reschedule some of these things. Stay tuned for updates on Sandro Silva's organ recital and the Children's Musical and other important events.

Hymnary.Org

Do you enjoy singing hymns, are you one who finds deep meaning in the rich lyrics found in the church's song (both old and new)? If you don't have a hymnal at home, there is a great resource to help you locate hymns for your own personal reflection, singing, and edification. You can find thousands of hymns and related biographies, stories, and histories at www.hymnary.org. Many of the hymns have free online piano or organ accompaniments available to assist you in singing them. Let me know if you discover something new or particularly meaningful to you!

Soli Deo gloria,
Andy Roby

April Deacons of the Week



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March 29—April 4
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Stuart Hardy

April 5—11
252-229-1261



Beth Harman

April 12—18
252-531-5425



Dale Newton

April 19—25
252-412-0011

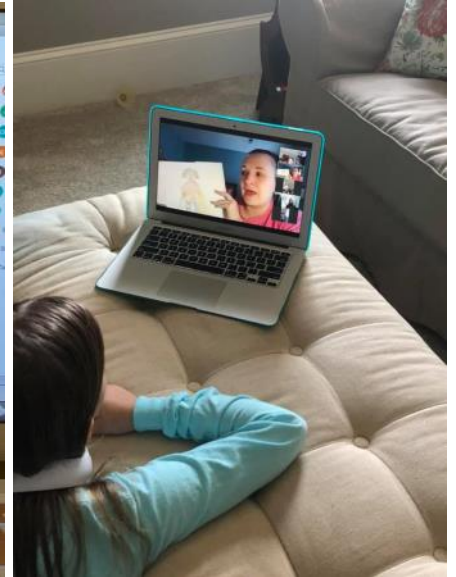


John Gainey

April 26—May 2
252-917-0515

MEMORIAL MATTERS!

Using Technology To Stay Connected



In Our Prayers

A new prayer list begins the first of each month. Call the church office if you would like to add or remove someone from the list.

The world and its response to COVID-19
 Gerstle Dendy (Larry Dendy's mother)
 Tyler Lumley
 Tammy Ivey
 Adell Prescott
 Nat Brackenhoff
 Barbara Hardy
 Verchie Vick
 Harold Dew
 Pat and Joan Whitehurst
 Dale Speight (Bob Speight's sister)
 Jim Laney
 Jo Ann Murphy
 Joyce McCallum

Kris and Sydney Tesh (Pat and Kathryn Tesh's son and daughter-in-law)
 Christian sympathy is expressed to Bonnie Porter and family upon the death of her Uncle Johnny from the COVID-19 virus.

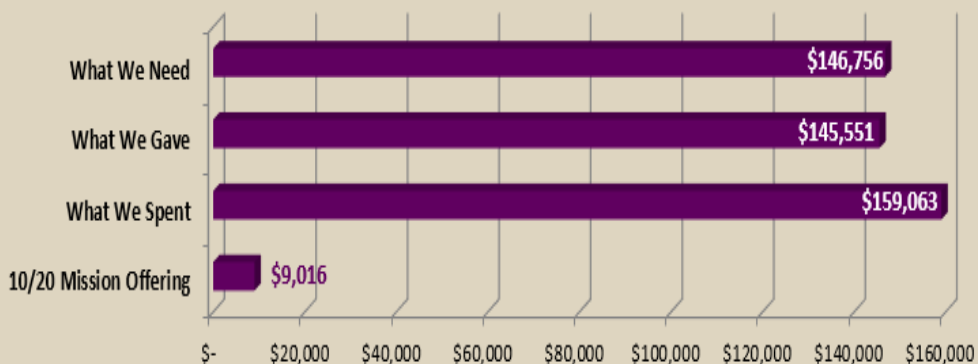
Homebound/Shut-Ins

Beverly Dickens
 Doris Evans
 Norman Little
 Doris Pappendick (Jimmy Bryant's mother-in-law)
 Pauline White



Brad Smith
April 28

Where We Stand as March 29, 2020



March Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
March 1	165	198
March 8	136	154
March 15	Service Online	
March 22	Service Online	
March 29	Service Online	



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**Join us online for
church this Sunday**

**FACEBOOK WATCH
PARTY AT
10:55 A.M.**

 **TMBCGreenvilleNC**



**Where We Stand as of
March 29, 2020**



Hey families, as we look at the weeks ahead, know that my goal in all of this is to show you and your families love and support, but not add any stress to your schedules.

This is the schedule for Family Ministry zoom calls:

Tuesdays

- 11:00 Devotion or story time with Abbi (more geared toward our younger kids)
- 11:30 Lunch time with Abbi (we will all eat lunch together and chat about whatever they want to talk about-all ages welcome)
- 2:30 Youth zoom call/activity

Thursdays

- 11:00 Devotion or story time with Abbi
- 11:30 Lunch time with Abbi
- 2:00 Kids activity on zoom
- 3:00 Youth zoom call

All the zoom links will be posted the morning of the event on the TMBC family ministry page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/813357495741166/?ref=share>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward with time with your kids.
Love, Abbi