



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

March - April 2021

From the Pastor's Study...

One of the first things I do most mornings is let out our dog Max. One day recently I opened the door a little later than usual, so the sun was already doing its thing: it was bright and clear, and warmer, a beautiful day in the making. But what struck me immediately was the sound, the sound of what sounded like dozens of birds singing their morning songs. The sound meant something had changed. It was a symphony announcing that a very welcome new day had come: the sound of spring.

On his last ride into Jerusalem on the colt, or donkey (depending on which account you read), Jesus heard an unfamiliar sound, too, the sound of probably dozens of voices playing an impromptu welcome. They climbed up a fairly steep incline to what was known as the Lions Gate (later also called St. Stephen's Gate) on the east side of the city.

At the same time, on the western side through Jaffa Gate, people heard the sound of trumpets as Pilate entered from his seaside hideaway with a retinue of soldiers to enforce order during the Passover celebration. It would be a clash worthy of a thousand Hollywood big screen productions that would change the world forever.

The events of the following week turned him from a prophet and holy man into a healer and savior of humanity. Even with the money changers' tables, the retreat through Lions Gate again to the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane, the betrayal and arrest, the crucifixion would have marked just another end—just another criminal that got Roman “justice” so their exploitation of the Land of David could continue uninterrupted.

Theologian James Cone called it the most famous lynching in history. He was right. But describing it that way also highlights the fact that black Friday was not that unique. What made these events different wasn't the lynching "on a tree," as the spiritual goes.

What altered our world forever was Sunday morning. The sounds that day heralded something new, too: "*He is not here....he has risen,*" the pounding of running to tell the news to his followers, the excited and even fearful voices sharing news they could not comprehend....

Even now we can scarcely comprehend it. Yet that morning altered your life, and every life, from that day forward and forever.

What a welcome sound.

Mickey

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Mission Project

Ruralove

28th

Palm Sunday

Sunday School - Join by telephone at 10:00 a.m. Dial 701-802-5156 when prompted enter code 6363978 and press #. Please mute your phone unless you talk. Study guides are available on the bench at the front of the church. Questions?

Contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159,
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or

Contact Wayne Frazier, 703-217-3564,
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April

Mission Project

Grace Inside

Donations go to Chaplains who serve in Goochland
Women's Correction Center

01st

Maundy Thursday

02nd

Good Friday Service (TBD)

04th

Easter Sunday

Lakefront Sunrise Service - **8:00 a.m.** - Please note
change in time for this year.

Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service (TBD)

11:00 a.m. - regular service in sanctuary

11th

Deacons Meeting - 12:00 p.m.

18th

Elk Creek Business Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Anyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in purchasing a lily for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of someone can contact Linda Mason at Immason4732@gmail.com. Deadline for purchasing lilies is on March 28th (Palm Sunday). The price is \$13.00.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March

Jeff Liebold	2
Losinski, Coral	6
Evans, Donna (Duerson)	8
Sissie Sharp	8
Chewning, Doug	10
Schultz, Darrell	10
Klingenberg, Bob	10
Hawkins, Joe	11
Canova,Jo	12
Polonsky, Stan	12
Pitcher, Kelly	14
Perks, Eileen	15
Vaughan, Joey & Clorese	16
Troy, Cheryl	20
Shoop, Bruce	23
Ward, Mindy & Doug	26
Robertson, Pam	27
Wendt, Cheryl	29
Wendt, Howie	29

April

Edmonds, Larry	04
Hupp, Janis	05
Ward, Matthew	05
Wood, Rodney	07
Tyler, Kathy	09
Mason, Phillip & Linda	10
Koslow, Lori	11
Stahl, Norman & Lee	13
DiFranco, Michele	13
Bell, Abi	19
Anderson, Sharon	25
Sherred, John	28
Vaughan, J.B.	29
Wilson, Sandra	30
Rita Jones	30

New Members - Lesia and Kevin Norwood as of February 2021



Lakefront gate gifted by Joey and Clorese Vaughan



Lakefront Riprap and trees gifted by Richard and Joyce Myers



Work session at the Lakefront - Getting ready for Easter







Elk Creek volunteers at Rurallove - (Goshen Ministries)





Together in Christ.

Alana Frazier