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To Our Church Family and Friends,

I cannot believe April is already here! Winter has come and soon will relinquish its hold giving way to a newness that brings about so much beauty. The flowers, trees, grass, all have been confused with the off again on again appearances of winter. Spring is here when we look at the calendar with hints reminding us that warmer days are on the horizon soon. May we enjoy each day that God gives to us.

David Livingstone, was a great pioneer missionary to Africa. He once said, "People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege."

May God help us to see how important our presence and our witness can be! May we let our light shine in a very dark and corrupt society because if it was ever needed, it is needed now. Share Jesus! Who is your one? Who is that person/family that God would have you to minister to this year? Have you, will you allow God to show you? Will you hear His voice and call and make every attempt possible to let Jesus be seen in and through your life? May Jesus be glorified and praised in a deeper way than ever before in our lives!

Remember it is a privilege to serve Jesus!

Have a wonderful Easter, never forgetting what it really means to celebrate what Christ did on the Cross for each of us. His Victory is our Victory! Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to be a part of this congregation.

May God Bless You, Leon & Cindy

April 2019 Student and Youth Newsletter

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 ESV

This past week as the cold subsided for a bit and the sun was shining, we took the opportunity to get out into the yard. While out there, one of the first signs of spring appeared. A beautiful blue jay. With almost electric blue feathers, it landed on the porch and sang what I like to think was a song of spring. It was announcing that the winter time is on its way out and spring is here for us to enjoy. This reminded me of the great verse above from Song of Solomon. It represents a renewal of our yards, trees gain leaves, and if you are like me there is a revival of our spirit brought on by the sun and warmer weather.

Believe it or not, there is scientific evidence that humans go through something called the "winter blues." This can include sleeping more, feeling sluggish, and even eating more than usual. The cure for this..... SPRING. The winter is past, the rain is over (well, maybe just decreased a bit), and flowers are starting to bloom. We feel inspiration inside of us to emerge from our winter hibernation and thrive. I believe that there is truly a spiritual component to spring. I don't think it is coincidence that we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ just as spring comes. My prayer for each Christian is that we find a renewal and revival of passion for Jesus. A desire to share the gospel with love and grace to all that we can. As we reflect during this Easter season on what Jesus did for each of us, let it reawaken in each of us the desire to see those that do not know Him as their Lord, to trust and believe in the grace that is given through the cross and resurrection.

Happy Easter! Michael Jordan

Sunday Morning Nursery Workers

- 7th: Josh F. & Sandy P.
14th: Michael & Alicia J.
21st: Craig & Amanda G.
28th: Sandra H. & Beverly N.

Children's Church Workers

- 7th: Debbie J. & Amanda V.
14th: Bill & Carol F.
21st: Roger H. & Janel G.
28th: Carter & Laura D.

Sunday Evening Nursery Workers

- 7th: Beverly Napier
14th: Phyllis Simpson
21st: No Nursery (Easter)
28th: Julia Haigler



Our ministry is founded on Psalms 40.

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord." Psalms 40:1-3 (ESV)

Ground 40 Ministries is a 501c3 Christian Rehab Center for young men dealing with addiction, located in Monroe. They provide practical and spiritual guidance to men as they prepare to transition into their communities, encouraged by the love of Jesus Christ and equipped with the principles and daily application of the Word of God, giving them a firm place to stand.

At Gound 40, they knew that 2019 would be a year of growth and expansion, but they did not know they'd be faced with having to turn people away.

"We sincerely appreciate your prayers for our growth in service, along with your prayerful consideration of financial support." Please their Facebook page or www.Ground40.com to give securely online. More information has been posted on the bulletin board.

Ida Mae James WMU Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 8th
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: In the church



- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Griffin
12 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Knight
13 Mr. & Mrs. Juan Figueroa
26 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jordan
29 Mr. & Mrs. Gil Collins
29 Mr. & Mrs. Eric Lacroix
30 Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Griffin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Scott Kimrey, Amanda Griffin
2 Addison Paige Jordan
4 Jacob Collins, Johnathan Hargette
5 Shelby Beltran, Wendy Phifer
6 Elijah Crowe
7 Charles McRae, Mike Walden, Bill Ward, Gerrie Williams, Phyllis Simpson
8 Emma Griffin, Michael Knight
9 Linda A. Edwards, Melissa A. Smith, Clinton Oster Joyce Overcash
10 Linda G. Edwards, Tanner Griffin, Jay Walker
14 Frances Knight, William McDaniel
15 Reagan Mullis
15 Rev. John Wood
16 Curtis E. Pittman, Jerry Craiglow
17 Danny Phifer
18 Ayla Dermid, Joey Estridge
19 Madalyn Zambarda
20 MacKenzie Newsome
22 Britney Smith, Colton Whitley
23 Steve Crowe, Brandy Nash
24 Jessica Hilton, Maddison Hilton
25 J. Ronald Edwards, Andy Graham, Abby Graham
27 Kelcey Anne Griffin
28 Helen Elizabeth Hilton
29 Carolyn Daniels, Kathy Starnes
30 Miranda Hayes Wilson, Angie Jefferson
30 Josh Nash, Dakota Riggins Norris, Dalton Riggins

April Fellowship Hall Clean-Up: Prophecy Class

Second Harvest Food Distribution

Wednesday, April 3rd at 8:00 AM at Morven UMC

SISTERS IN CHRIST

"ADORNED" BOOK STUDY

DATES: April 1st and April 8th

TIME: 6:30 PM • PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Dr. David Jeremiah Overcomer Tour
Friday, April 5th

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Our Next "Praise in the Park" Meeting will be on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 pm



Be the **VILLAGE 5K & Fun Run**
Saturday, April 13th 2019
Marshville NC Municipal Park
820 Park Drive, Marshville
Sign up 8:00 am; Race Time 9:00 am;
Fun Run at 9:15 am

This is not a timed race event-race pendants for all runners



\$20 Entry Fee for 5K; \$5 Entry fee for Fun Run
All proceeds go to East Union PTO to provide scholarships for the Washington DC 2020 trip.
"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."(Proverbs22:6)
Tammy Skinner 704-221-1347
Beverly Stewart 704-261 5321
Bruce Handy 704-430-8288

Benefit Breakfast for Ashtin Stewart Stutts

Granddaughter of Gene & Debra Stewart

DATE: Saturday, April 13th

TIME: 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM

PLACE: New Home Baptist Church
Fellowship Building, Peachland, NC



SISTERS IN CHRIST MEETING: Tuesday, April 23rd
Alicia Jordan will be leading our meeting.

*Jesus,
Only King Forever*

Adult Easter Cantata

DATE: Sunday, April 14th • TIME: 10:45 AM



Communion Service

DATE:

Thursday, April 18th

TIME:

7:00 PM

(We will not have services on Wednesday, April 17th.)

Easter Services

Sunday, April 21st

6:30 AM: Sunrise Service; 7:00 AM: Breakfast
8:00 AM: Sunday School; 9:00 AM: Worship

UBA Spring Session: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Waxhaw Baptist Church

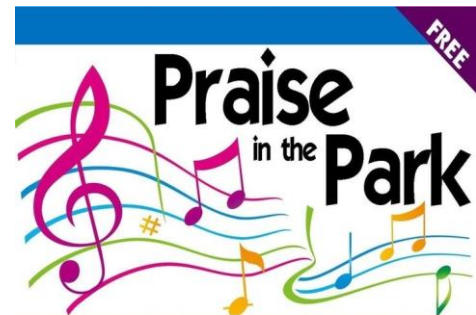
8213 Old Waxhaw-Monroe Road, Waxhaw, NC

Refreshments & Fellowship: 6 PM; Session: 7 PM
Message by Dr. Sam Roach (1st Baptist Weddington)
All messengers are urged to attend.

MAY EVENTS

Churchwide Picnic at Cane Creek Park

Saturday, May 4th



Union County Churches United "Praise In The Park"
DATE: Saturday, May 18th TIME: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
FREE for EVERYONE. Invite your friends and neighbors.

JUNE EVENTS

VBS: June 23rd-27th

We want you to be on **TEAM JESUS** with us! If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up on the bulletin board or see Heather Smith, Alicia Jordan or Amanda Griffin. Thank you!