

# COVENANT NEWS

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3131 Erskine Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054

## OPPORTUNITIES – Week of March 25, 2018

### Sunday, March 25

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Youth–Lunch Together Following Worship  
7:00 pm *The Lenten Sketches*  
Adult Choir Musical

### Tuesday, March 27

8:15 – 12:30 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting

### Wednesday, March 28

6:00 – 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service & Communion

### Friday, March 30

Church Office Closed  
Fellowship Hall Reserved

### Saturday, March 31

12:00 Noon Egg Hunt for Children & Preschoolers

## VOLUNTEERS

|        | BABIES & TODDLERS                | PRESCHOOL                  |
|--------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MAR 25 | Livvie Richard & Linda Pettigrew | Libby & Meredith McCraw    |
| APR 1  | Robin & Leeann Jacobs            | Pam Phillips & Assistant   |
| APR 8  | Renee & Hannah Phillips          | Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan |
| APR 15 | Livvie Richard & Linda Pettigrew | Libby & Meredith McCraw    |
| APR 22 | Robin & Leeann Jacobs            | Pam Phillips & Assistant   |
| APR 29 | Renee & Hannah Phillips          | Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan |

## MARCH

| DEACON     | BUILDING LOCK-UP | USHERS      |
|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Art Morgan | Steve McCraw     | Alpha Class |

## APRIL

| DEACON          | BUILDING LOCK-UP | USHERS         |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Wayne Ballenger | James Hall       | Koinonia Class |

Wednesday meals and activities will resume April 11.

## PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

### Sunday, March 25

7:00 pm *The Lenten Sketches*  
Presented by the Covenant Sanctuary Choir



Rev. Dan Freeman, Intentional Interim Pastor  
Rev. Pamela Phillips, Minister of Preschool and Children  
Rev. Nick Clanton, Minister of Youth  
Gene and Becky Bumgardner, Co-Directors of Music  
Becky Bumgardner, Pianist  
Jerry Fulham, Organist  
Sharon Waters, Church Secretary  
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## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

**“Look to the LORD and His strength;  
Seek his face always.” I Chronicles 16:11 NIV**  
Pam Buckner (Salvation for a Mother)  
(Dennis Clark, Becky Bumgardner’s cousin)  
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess’ sister)  
(Mary Kerley) (Charlain Fitzgerald)  
(Lena Marston – 4 years old – Cancer)  
Betty Ammons, Friend of Family)  
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)  
(Jerry Moss, Gayle Beam’s brother)

## CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

### Thursday, March 29

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service & Communion

### Friday, March 30

Good Friday - Church Office Closed



### Saturday, March 31

12 pm Children’s Egg Hunt

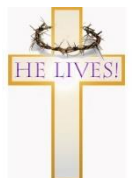
### Sunday, April 1

7 am Sunrise Service  
Breakfast to Follow

11 am Easter Worship Service



Butterfly Release



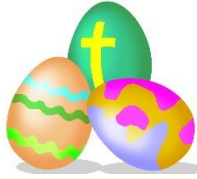
## PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

### Lunch and Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31 at 12 noon

Please join us for lunch, egg hunt, games and fun! Following lunch, the children will find eggs and receive a treat bag filled with goodies. There will also be games and other activities. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

#### Needed Prizes and Candy:

Prizes and candy are needed to fill the treat bags! Children will find eggs and redeem them for a treat bag. Please bring items to the church by Sunday, March 25. Thank you!



## MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS

**Gaston Symphonic Band** with the  
**Forestview HS Band** at Forestview Auditorium  
Friday, March 23 7:30 pm

**Gaston Symphonic Band** with the  
**Cherryville HS Band** at Starnes Auditorium  
Saturday, March 24 7:00 pm

**The Raleigh Ringers**  
Christ Lutheran Church  
4519 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226  
Saturday, April 7 7:00 pm  
Tickets available (group discounts) at  
[www.itickets.com/events/395247](http://www.itickets.com/events/395247)

## BLESSED BE THE KING!

As we think about Palm Sunday, we are reminded of the great celebration when Jesus entered Jerusalem. There were many who threw their cloaks in the path of Jesus and waved palm branches as they cried, "Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38 KJV 2000) The crowds rejoiced in His powers of healing, in the miracles He had performed; His popularity reigned supreme. And some of the Pharisees did not like it. "Teacher, reprove Your disciples!" They sneered, calling Jesus teacher instead "King."

Is it any different today? No. Some celebrate the majesty of our King today, but there are those who would like to silence our voices of praise and exultation. In fact, there are those who would like us to go away. There are those who scoff and see Jesus as no greater than any other religious leader. There are even some who are like those who rejoiced in all the miracles Jesus performed, and later left Him alone to be crucified. Everyone falls into one category or the other.

Those of us who know Him as Savior and Lord cannot be silenced by a few who would "reprove" us. We stand in allegiance to Him as the empty cross is lifted. We do not run away or cower in the face of difficulty and impending doom. We want the world to know that Jesus Christ is King. And He offers a peace that no other can give. He offers a freedom no other can sustain. He offers a Kingdom, no other can create. Let us praise His holy name!

-by Harette Petersen (paraphrased)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday, March 25** Covenant Care Fund for Easter  
"In Memory" and "In Honor" Forms Due



**Sunday, March 25 11 am** Ballots Due  
*The ballot box for the Nominating Committee  
ballots is located in the narthex.*

## MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR MARCH & APRIL

We are collecting hygiene items for patients of the Rosewood Nursing Home. You may place your items in the basket located in the narthex. Items needed are as follows:



Lotion  
Toothpaste  
Razors  
Soap  
Body Wash

Deodorant  
Toothbrushes  
Shaving Cream  
Shampoo

## GGBA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The GGBA Community Ministries serves individuals and families in crisis with food, clothing and household items. This ministry currently needs the following items.

**Men's Shoes (Sizes 9 and Over)**  
**School Supplies**      **Pots & Pans**

