

#### The Grapevine

March 2024

## Message from the Pastor

Happy March! Resurrection season is here. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the most magnificent gift of salvation, my prayer is that you will be amazed anew of the amazing grace and love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. My prayer for our church is that this time of reflection will bring us more in awe and wonder of our Savior. Seek the Lord this season and let Him refresh you in His love and mercy! He IS risen! He IS STILL risen! That changes everything!

A few notes for the season. First, will you join me in inviting our friends and neighbors personally? A personal invitation can make all the difference in the world in someone choosing to come or not to come. Offer to sit with those you invite so they have someone to talk to and feel like they belong. How awkward it is for someone to come to some place new and have to sit alone. Be the hands and feet of Christ!

Second, the crowd at Easter is always larger and as such seating can be tough to find. Please make plans to sit in the middle of the rows in order to provide easy seating. We will be prepared to have overflow on that Sunday in the Connection Center. Pray that we need to use it! It is for this purpose we have the new speakers and video feed in there.

Thirdly, our schedule for the week of Easter. We will have our normal activities during the week. On Good Friday, will you join me as we partake in a Seder meal? This is a chance to see Easter and Passover in a new light and experience what the disciples probably experienced during the last supper. All throughout the Seder, we will emphasize how Jesus fulfills the feast of Passover. It is a wonderful and moving experience that will deepen our knowledge of the Scriptures associated with the feast and see it ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Saturday we will have the Journey to the Cross experience with Easter Egg hunt. We will need all hands on deck to help with this community event so see Belinda and let her know how you can help! Then on Sunday we will have our Son Rise service at 7:00 AM at the football stadium. This will be followed by donuts and coffee in the Connection Center. Sunday School will start at 9AM and worship at 10:15. Look forward to worshipping with you on Resurrection Sunday!

Finally, let us pray for our community and our church to be refreshed and made new in Christ this Easter season. I love you all! Thank you for being the body of Christ and making an impact on our community.

Your Servant in Christ,

Chad



# EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 SEDER MEAL - 6 TO 8 PM

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

EASTER EXPERIENCE:

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, WITH FAMILY

EASTER EGG HUNT & MEAL

11 AM TO 1 PM - COME AND GO

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

SUNRISE SERVICE - GCHS STADIUM - 7 AM

EASTER SERVICE & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

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**Weekly Schedule** 

**Sunday School** - Sunday 9 am

Worship Service - Sunday 10:15 am, Worship Center

Men's Bible Study - Tuesday 6:00 am & 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Ladies Bible Study - Monday 6:00 pm & Tuesday 10:30 am
 Adult Bible Study - Wednesday at 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

Youth & Awana - Wednesday at 5:40 pm





Our Mission emphasis for March will be the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.



The Seder is the traditional Passover meal that includes reading, telling stories, eating special foods and other Passover traditions.





Last Wednesday of the Month

POT LUCK LUNCH

Bible Study & Game Day Groups

Bring Your Favorite Pot Luck Dish or Snacks

Wednesday, March 27





**Thank you note(s)** have been received from the following. See the bulletin board across from the church office.

Marcy & Jacky Willis
Paula Sweeten
Operation Christmas Child
Froggy Barnes



March 13, No Music Rehearsal Spring Break



Youth Ministries of Grape Creek Baptist

#### **YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

March 13 Spring Break No Youth Activities





**March Schedule** 

Wednesdays 5:40-7:30pm

March 13—Spring Break No Awana