

~The Good News ~

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Holy Week Services

March 29 Palm Sunday, 10:00 Worship Morning Worship & Parade of Palms

April 2 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

April 3 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Good Friday – Prayer Vigil

April 5 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service Bonner Point

April 5 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Morning Worship



Pastor's Thoughts For April

When Life Comes Back

April has a way of revealing what was there all along, because nothing in creation suddenly becomes alive in April—it was already alive, just hidden beneath the surface, beneath the cold, beneath what looked still, empty, and finished, and then over me what was unseen begins to show itself, what was covered begins to break through, and what looked sealed begins to move again.

That is not just a change in season, that is a picture of how God works.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ stands at the center of that truth, because it was never a sudden reaction to the cross, it was never God scrambling to fix something that went wrong, it was always the plan, which means life was already there even when everything looked lost, power was already present even when the stone was sealed, and victory was already secured even when silence covered the moment.

That matters more than most people realize, because there are seasons in life where everything on the surface looks still, and a person can keep moving, keep functioning, keep showing up, while something inside has grown quiet—faith is still there but feels distant, peace is still possible but feels out of reach, joy is remembered more than it is experienced, and the heart has

not turned away from God but has grown red from carrying what it was never meant to carry alone.

Scripture says, **“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you”**

(Ephesians 5:14), and that is not a gentle suggestion, it is a direct call, because God does not call His people to remain in what has se led over them, He calls them to rise, to step out of heaviness, out of spiritual dullness, out of pa erns that have slowly drained life from the soul, and into the life that He has already made available.

The resurrection speaks to every place where something has been pushed down, covered over, or assumed to be finished, and it makes it clear that God restores what has been buried, because there are things in a person’s life that do not need to be replaced—they need to be brought back to life, a steady trust in God, a clear sense of His presence, a heart that responds to Him without hesitation, and those things are not gone beyond recovery, they are things God revives. God is still working where conclusions have already been made, because people decide quickly when something is over, but God does not, He is not bound by what is visible, He is not limited by what has already happened, and He continues to move in ways that are often hidden at first but always purposeful, which means what looks inactive is often being prepared, what looks delayed is often being developed, and what looks finished is often still in process.

The resurrection makes that unmistakably clear, because there was a moment when everything looked final, the cross was real, the burial was real, and the silence was real, but none of it had the final word, because God was still working when no one could see it, and He still works that way now, active beneath the surface, active in the waiting, active in the lives of His people even when the evidence has not yet appeared.

The resurrection is not just something to believe, it is something to live from, because Christ is not only risen, He is present, and that changes how a person lives, because hope is no longer dependent on circumstances, strength is no longer dependent on feelings, and direction is no longer dependent on having everything figured out, the life of Christ becomes the source. That means a person does not have to stay where they have been, they are not defined by what they have felt, what they have struggled with, or what has weighed on them, because God calls

April is a reminder to pay attention to what God is bringing up from beneath the surface, to notice what is stirring again, what is becoming clear again, what is gaining strength again, because those things are not accidental, they are evidence of God at work.

So do not treat this month like any other, do not move through it distracted or disconnected, but let it draw your attention back to what matters, and let it pull your focus back to the One who brings life where it looked like there was none, because what God brings to life is not temporary, it is sustained by Him.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Harry & Jennifer





In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us to stop worrying three times. It's a theme. Indeed, "fear not," is not only the way He most frequently greeted friends, "do not worry" is the Bible's most common command. All of which suggests, God is serious when he instructs us to elevate trust and downsize anxiety. But how? The path forward includes prayer, meditation on his character, focusing on his promises (not our problems) and confiding in friends. It's easier said than done, but it is the way to reset our heart. Our fears may be loud, but we cannot let them be Lord.

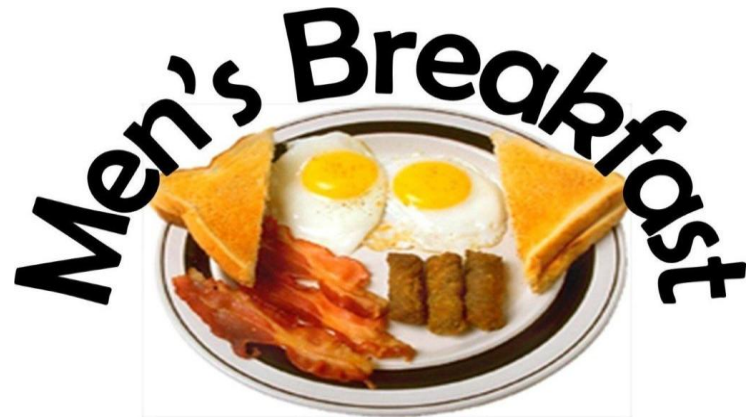
~Mike Woodruff

Christian Women's Fellowship meets
April 22 Wed. 7:00 PM

Scotty's Men's Breakfast
Faith, Food, & Fellowship
Every Thursday 8:00 am



Movie
Tuesday Apr 21
2:00 PM
Bring Eagle's
Wing Item



Bingo
April 6 12 Noon
Lots of prizes, food, fun!



Family Night Wednesday
April 22
Team 4 6:00 PM

Every
Tuesday
6:00 PM
AA Meetings



Christian Men's Fellowship
April 1 6:00 PM

All I need is Coffee and a whole lot of Jesus

Sunday School Message for April

Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

One way to change our lives is to change our thinking. One way to change our thinking is to change our “mental diet”. Jeremiah 15:16, “Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.” If we took the time to analyze what type of “mental food” we consume each day, what would we discover? What portion of our mental food is “junk food”, filled with empty calories and what portion is nourishing, godly, and scriptural?

Everyone is invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall where we get together to worship God by feeding on His infallible Word, our Lord’s “mental food”.

Each week, we examine Scripture to illuminate the majestic truth presented in the Word of God.

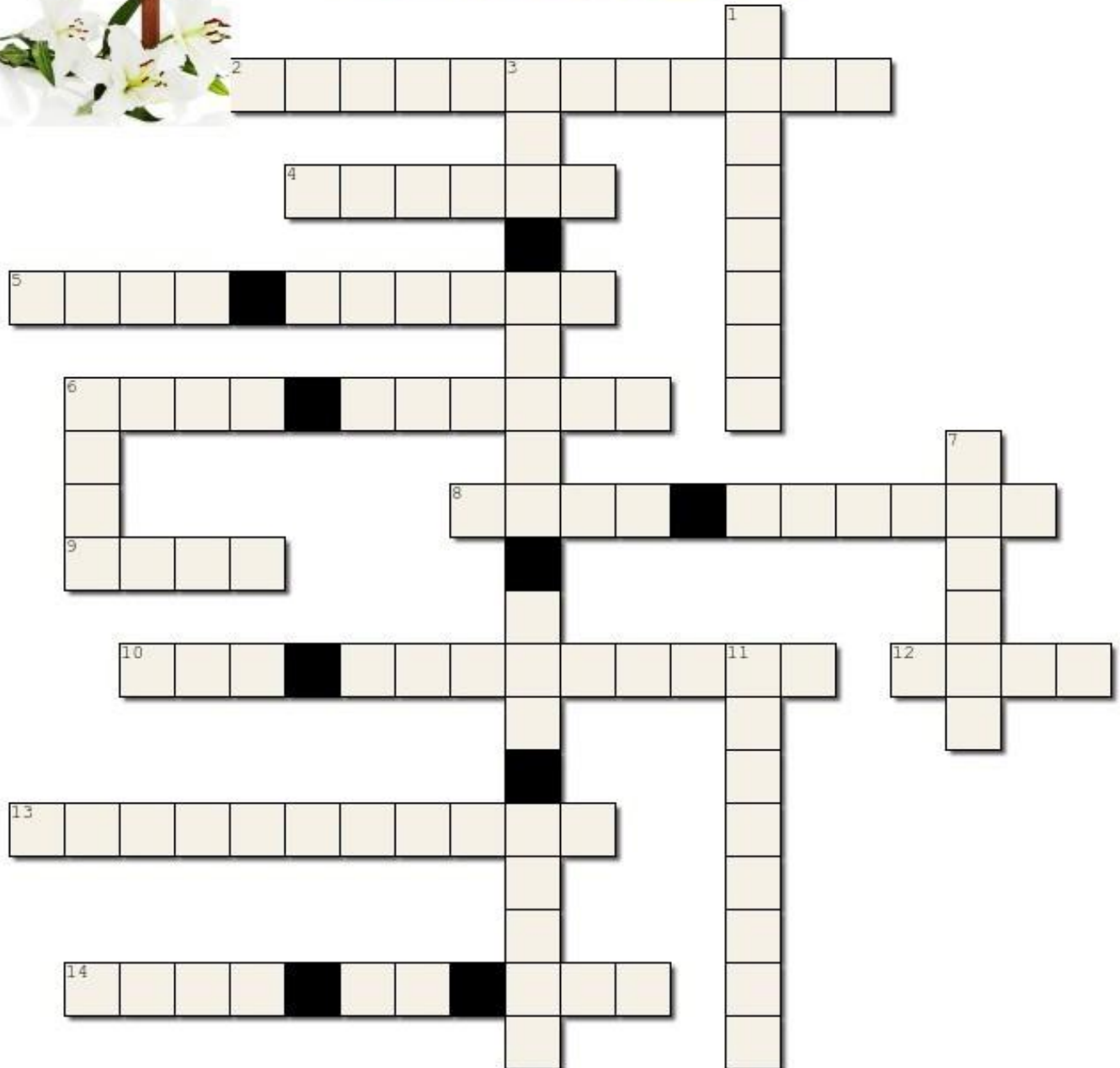
Topics for April:

- April 5: Resurrection: The Future Hope; 1 Corinthians 15:13-20, 51-58.
- April 12: Authority: Belonging to God; Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6-8; 1 Peter 2:13-17.
- April 19: Children: Gi and Model; Mark 9:36-37, 42; Mark 10:13-16.
- April 26: Family: Distinct and Obedient; Deuteronomy 6:3-9; Matthew 19:3-9.

Easter Puzzle

Easter - Religious Themed

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

2. The religion derived from Jesus Christ
4. Good news
5. The Friday before Easter
6. The meal eaten by Jesus and his disciples on the night of his betrayal
8. The Sunday before Easter
9. A house, chamber, or vault for the deceased
10. The first day of Lent
12. Exalted or worthy of complete devotion
13. The act of crucifying
14. A figurative representation of Christ

Down

1. One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another
3. The beginning and ending
6. The 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter
7. One who brings salvation
11. Early followers of Jesus

Bath Christian Church
Christian Men's Fellowship
March 4, 2026

Bath CMF met in regular session with president Starley Stell presiding.

Fifteen members were present: Starley Stell,, Mike Alligood, Phil McRoy, John Picariello, Claude Dupree, Reeves Smith, Hank Flowers, Roger Winstead, Gerald Heath, Gerald Morris, Billy Hill, Larry Schmitt, Leon Wingate, Bill Bertram, and Jon S.

The devotion was given by John Picariello. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Minutes were read and approved, financial report was read and approved. No old business.

New Business

Mrs. Sanderson needs some work on her house. Billy Hill will check to see if we can help or if we need professional help.

Cooks for April are Gerald Heath, Billy Hill and Roger Winstead.

Report on Harry: Home but cannot drive. He is coming along

Report on Pearson : he is out of the hospital but is not well! It will be a long recovery.

Prayer of dismissal by Gerald Morris

**Faith &
Fellowship**

CWF Meeting

March 25, 2026

Bath Christian Church CWF met March 25, 2026 with the following ladies present:

Claudia Alligood, Yvonne Waters, Patty Selby, Alice Wingate, Darlene Ormond, Debbie Smith, Gale Walton, Jane Alligood, Mary Lynn Edwards, Sarah Stone, Becky Tuten, Polly Gurganus, June Wallace, Cynthia Stell, Rachel Jordan, Barbara Morris, and Nancy Hill. Claudia called the meeting to order and Debbie gave the opening prayer.

Jane shared a devotion about what we eat at Easter, specifically focusing on the meal prepared for Jesus' last supper with the disciples. Jesus used different elements of the meal to symbolize his sacrifice. Before eating he washed their feet, symbolizing servanthood. She listed each food eaten at the meal and the meaning of each one. She also shared that they were probably sitting on the floor, leaning on their right side toward a low table. In discussion it was shared that a former minister, Don Steffa, had prepared this type of meal for our church's first Maundy Thursday service. Claudia has also done this in the past for Sunday School.

Prayer concerns were shared and Sarah prayed for them. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Gale gave the treasurer's report, noting that the biannual donations in the budget had been delivered to those organizations. Follow up discussion from February meeting to add another organization to our annual budget of giving. Alice made the motion to give the same amount as is being given to others in our budget and Mary Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Items of business.

Business:

1. Patty requested that a food collection basket for Purpose of God be placed in the fellowship hall with the Eagles' Wings baskets. It was noted that the food donations for Eagles' Wings have significantly dropped off from the past. Everyone is encouraged to donate to both organizations as there are many people in need in Beaufort County.

2. Claudia asked for volunteers for a committee to meet and plan Celebration of Women banquet. Members of the committee are Darlene, Patty, Yvonne, Nancy H, Gale, Debbie, and Jane.

3. Everyone was reminded to have the pews and fellowship hall windows cleaned before Easter Sunday. A list is posted outside the fellowship hall in entryway to the church of the pew and window assignments.

Claudia's question of the night was a follow-up to Barbara's devotion for family night prior to our meeting. She asked everyone "how can we let our light shine?" Cards, compliments, being friendly, volunteering, checking on people, and seeing the positives in everyone were some of the shared responses. We should strive to make sure our light is shining every day.

We adjourned with the CWF benediction.

Nancy Hill, reporter

Please Pray for Our Church

Church Family Prayer Concerns:

Jamie Barnhill, Dana Brooks, Pearson Chrismon, Trevor Crawford's Daughter, Peggy Davis, Nelda Ormond, Eunice Robbins & unspoken requests.

Friends & Family Prayer Concerns

Dempsey Ange	Carol Jones	Ruth Sexton
	Poncho Martinez	Kathy Siemon
Sharon Askew	Eddie Moss	
Jean Bisette		Kristen Skalak
Halston Boyd	Elva Ramirez & Family	Mike Slade
	Lynn Roper	Heidi Smith
Sandra Brown	Baby Roderick Selby	Jenny Stevens Jennifer Smith's
	Jane Stokes	
Mary Ann Bunch	Family	Lois Tetterton
Walt Davis	Baby Roderick Selby	US Military & Government Maverick Granger Heidi Smith

Norm Hines

Brenda Jarman

The Families of:

Cameron Ballard, Stephen Carpenter, Tom Cutler, Judy Futrell, Carol McRoy, Sylvia Miltenberger, Alan Neal, Craig Respass, John Rose, Donna Smith, Peggy Woolard

Military:

Chase Brooks, Will Cutler, Hunter Williams

In Nursing Homes:

Glenda Boyd (Ridgewood) Sister-in-law of Sandra Dupree , John Evere , Carolyn Fisher (Mother of Lesley Woolard), Bobbie Jean Hobgood (Sister of Linda Heath),

Carol Richardson (Sunrise of Cary) 1206 W. Chatham Street, Room 105, Cary, NC 27513