

# THE HERALD

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## A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN *Brian Stephens, Lead Pastor*

Four years ago, we did not have the privilege of worshipping together on Resurrection Sunday. What a blessing it was to gather with our church family and celebrate the new life we have in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and that you may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Jesus also said, "Because I live you shall live also." (John 14:19) I am so very grateful that our heavenly Father wanted to give us this gift called life. I am also so amazed that Jesus would leave heaven and come to earth to die a sinners death so that we could have a relationship with Him forevermore. I am also so blessed to have received the gift of the Holy Spirit to come and live within me, to lead me, guide me, and be my strength and Waymaker while I walk through this path called life. I am also so grateful to be part of such a loving and caring church that seeks to honor the Lord with all that we do. What a privilege it is to be called a Christian and serve the risen Savior. May the Lord Jesus in the days ahead bring glory and honor to the Father, and may others come to know the blessing of knowing our Savior and His everlasting love. May this next season bring us great joy as we serve our Lord and celebrate His blessings.

God Bless, **Pastor Brian**



**We invite you to worship with us!**

**Welcome**  
New Members

**Gregory Hale  
Meagan Patrick  
Reagan Patrick**

## A MESSAGE FROM MARK *R. Mark Russell, Associate Pastor*

Two months ago at the time of our last newsletter, I stated, "What an amazing time of worship we're having each week. The HOLY SPIRIT is moving in our midst in ways we've not seen in quite some time. People are joining, guests are present, and attendance is starting to rise..." And, this is all true and still happening. However, nothing could have prepared me for what happened on Palm Sunday. Others have mentioned similar thoughts. We witnessed a live demonstration of washing feet as Jesus did with the disciples in the upper room. This was a humbling experience for all who were in attendance as it was a true visual account of what Jesus did prior at the Lord's Supper. I am grateful to Brian for doing this. I don't believe I'll ever forget it.

Resurrection Sunday will be a great day of worship and at this writing (Wednesday prior), we're having our final rehearsal of the music this evening. Don't forget to invite your friends and family and remind them of our 10:00 a.m. start time!

Youth group is finally starting to get traction again with plans being made now for Summer! If you have a grandchild, niece, nephew, cousin, or other branch-kin, bring them to TeenChurch on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Best place to start? Your family! We're looking for those who finished 5th grade through 12th grade! Join the fun!

In Christ, **Mark**



*Thank you!*

Thank you to Debbie Davis, Debbie Little, Beverly Williams and all their helpers who made the first "Girls of Grace & Beauty" event a big success!

**Girls of Grace & Beauty**

### A MESSAGE FROM RICK Rick Taylor, Ministry Pastor

March has almost passed, and April is now just around the corner. Spring is finally here. Spring is without a doubt my favorite season of the year. It is always amazing to me to watch the grass, plants and trees that have been dormant all winter come to life. All of these things have new life in the spring of the year. As I think about new life, it is no coincidence that Resurrection Sunday is always in the spring of the year. Jesus went through a season experiencing death but was raised from the dead in newness of life. All of us have experienced death, spiritual death that is. Each of us, when we came to salvation in Christ, were brought out of the darkness and into the marvelous light. We were dead in our trespasses and sin, and because of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, we were given new life in the springtime of our lives just as nature is given new life in the spring. We are all grateful for what Jesus has done for us. All our hope is in Him. Because of Jesus, all the old things have passed away and we now have new life. I am so looking forward to this Resurrection Sunday. I am praying God is going to show up and do something extra special.

March was a good month for our Bible studies as we continued our discussion on the rapture. As we had our discussions, there were several hard questions that came up. Many questions found us searching the Bible for answers and others we found no answers. All in all there has been a lot of participation.

I received a call from a gentleman requesting people from NHBC to come and minister to the folks at the Lakes of Gainesville on Limestone Parkway through preaching and singing. I'm trying to put a package together for them. If you like to sing or preach, let me know and I'll do my best to get you plugged in.

April lunch for the Senior Adults is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cupboard in Dillard, Ga. Have a Blessed Resurrection day

Love in Christ, *Rick*

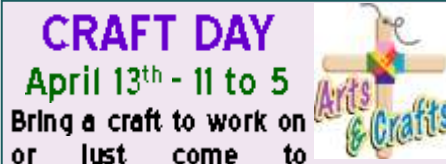
**Church  
Directory**

Be on the lookout for sign-up times and dates for a church directory picture. You may see someone taking pictures during services for the directory in the next few weeks.



### APRIL SHOEBOX ITEMS

We are taking up donations throughout the year for Operation Christmas Child. For April, please bring **bracelets, hairbows and necklaces**. There are boxes around the church that say "Christmas Shoebox Donations" where you can place these items. Thank you!



**Bring a craft to work on or just come to fellowship. For more info see Laura Willson. Meet in Bq Brothers Room.**



If you know of a high school or college graduate this year, please let the church office know. So far we have Kyleigh Elder, Gregory Hale, Trevor Smith and Carla Swearengin.

**Thank you to everyone who donated to our special offerings:**  
**Annie Armstrong - \$1,975**  
**The Gideon's - \$2,713**



**DEACONS MEETING  
APRIL 7 AT 3:00 PM**



Brian & Lynne Stephens..... April 16

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/2 Linda Chandler
- 4/3 Broadus Duncan
- 4/4 Lynn Chandler, Morgan Lomax, Cale Wright
- 4/5 Kayla Haney, Howard Page, Jane Ray, Josh Wright
- 4/6 Barbara Wood
- 4/9 Sheila Lomax
- 4/12 Kaleigh Peterman, Janice Thomas
- 4/15 Modane Stover
- 4/16 Trevor Smith
- 4/19 Mary Lynn Baehr
- 4/20 Lee Price
- 4/22 Cheryl Wigley
- 4/23 Jimmy Hudson
- 4/29 Lindsey Wright

### A MESSAGE FROM LANCE Children's Ministry

Authentic Repentance: A Path to Restoration

Repentance, in its essence, is a profound turning away from sin and a turning towards God. The right way to repent involves genuine remorse for one's actions, a sincere desire to change, and a commitment to follow God's path. This process includes acknowledging wrongdoing, seeking forgiveness, and actively striving to live according to God's will. It's about a heart transformation that leads to a life of obedience and righteousness.

Conversely, the wrong way to repent is superficial and insincere. It may involve merely going through the motions without genuine remorse or intention to change. This could include making empty promises, minimizing the seriousness of one's actions, or trying to shift blame onto others. It lacks true contrition and fails to address the root causes of sin.

In the Bible, we see examples of both types of repentance. King David, after his affair with Bathsheba, demonstrated genuine repentance in Psalm 51, acknowledging his sin and pleading for God's mercy. On the other hand, Judas Iscariot's remorse after betraying Jesus was not genuine repentance; instead of seeking forgiveness and reconciliation he succumbed to despair and ultimately took his own life (Matthew 27:3-5).

True repentance leads to restoration and reconciliation with God, while false repentance only leads to further separation and spiritual death.

*Lance*

### March Offerings & Info.

**March 03.....\$10,756.32**  
**March 10.....\$9,944.84**  
**March 17.....\$5,255.97**  
**March 24.....\$6,515.75**  
**Dream Fund.....\$407,789.69**  
**Generosity Fund.....\$6,091.20**  
**Average Attendance in Mar. ....114**

**Heroes of New Holland  
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**