

# April News

## Sunday Mornings

9:45 am : Sunday School

11:00 am : Morning Worship

## Pastor's Note

### Jesus Died For You

Jesus died for you. Let that statement sink in for a moment.

In fact, personalize it "Jesus died for me."

Charles Spurgeon was a Baptist preacher in England who has been characterized as the "prince of preachers." He had many quotable sayings, one of which was his focus on faith during hardship: "When you can't trace His hand, trust His heart." He died at the age of 57. He battled depression, emotional stress, and eventually succumbed to gout. But the last words that he spoke, he spoke to his wife, he said, "Jesus died for me."

Resurrection Sunday – Easter Sunday – is a reminder that Jesus died for me, Jesus died for you, Jesus died for every person. To recap some of what I have shared in this series on Jesus, meditate on the truth that Jesus died for you and determine what that means on a personal level.

The sin that the Lamb of God takes away is the sin of the world (John 1:29). Here the word "world" refers to all people without distinction, not all people without exception.

That is, Jesus did not take away the sin of every person who has ever lived but only those who trust in Him (vv. 11–13).

He made no distinction regarding the kinds of people for whom He died. Jesus, as the Lamb of God, atoned for the sins of rich people, poor people, Africans, Asians, Americans, Europeans, rulers, servants, men, women—all kinds of people.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

11 – Keith & Tammie Crowgey

16 – Gary & Angie Smith

20 – LaRae Cummings

21 – Micah Thompson

26 – Beverly Warner

27 – Trudy Johnston

29 – Angie Rivers



## *Pastor's Note, Continued*

- You may look at your life and see a long history of mistakes.
- You may resent and hate yourself for the wrongs that you have done.
- You may look in the mirror and be ashamed of what you see. For when you look at yourself all you see is your mistakes, your sins, your failures.
- You may look and think that what you see is ugly. But that is not what God sees.

Look how God sees you! God sees you through Jesus.

When God looks at you, He sees NONE OF THAT. He sees a pure, spotless child washed clean by the blood of His son. God no longer sees your sins; He sees the blood that was offered on your behalf.

All of the things in your life that hold you back, that keep you from moving forward, the guilt, the shame, these are not from God.

When God sees you, He sees the beauty of a child without sin, without blemish or fault.

When God looks at you, He loves what He sees.

- So do not allow the wrongs of your past to hold you down.
- Do not let the sins and the transgressions of your life keep you from moving on. You are not who you were.
- It is time you learned to forgive, not just others, but yourself.

Love is not always pretty; in fact it rarely is. Love is built on sacrifice and service. It requires getting your hands dirty, so maybe it's time you rolled up your sleeves.

- When Jesus died on the cross, every sin you ever committed, past present and future
- Every ugly thing you did and every decent thing you avoided doing - and hateful word you said and nasty thing you thought
- Every heart you broke and every spirit you crushed. Every person you took advantage of and every time you turned your back on someone in need and every time you exploited a situation to your own advantage . . .
- Every time you cut someone down to size and every time you tried to puff yourself up. Every time you lied, every time you stole.
- Every time you looked at God and said you knew better .
- Every sin in your past, present and future was placed upon Jesus, as He hung on a cruel Roman cross located in a dump on the outskirts of town.

And while He hung up on the cross, the restitution that you should have to pay to your Heavenly Father for the things you have done, He paid. He was like a spotless lamb paying the price for a sinful world.

So as we celebrate the Resurrection, remember that Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus defeated sin and death, and Jesus lives now and evermore. But also remember this sobering truth: "Jesus died for me."

# *A Word From Our Music Ministry*

## PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

At the conclusion of a recent sermon, I encouraged the people of our congregation to pray for the health of our church. I would challenge you to continue to do so. But what does that look like? I decided to review how Paul prayed for the churches he wrote letters to. Much of the New Testament consists of his letters addressed to various first century churches. He gives us multiple examples of how he prayed for those churches. Perhaps his letters can serve as a model for how we might pray for our church.

Let me highlight some of the things he prayed for. As an example, he prayed that they would get to know God better, and that they might comprehend the depth of Christ's love. Paul prayed for unity and that their love for one another would abound. He prayed that Jesus might be glorified through them and that they might bear fruit in every good work and that the message of the Lord would spread rapidly.

So many things have changed in the last 2,000 years, but aren't these still legitimate things to pray for? Let me encourage you to take a few minutes to pray for Cambria Baptist Church right now. You can use some of the things Paul prayed for as a launching pad to pray for our church.

Gary Allen, Minister of Music and Worship

### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

*<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

### **2 Thessalonians 1:11–12**

*<sup>11</sup> To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, <sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

# Announcements

## **Holy Week**

The first week of April we get to spend time remembering the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus together. Please pick up flyers in the welcome center to invite friends and neighbors!

<b>Thursday, April 2</b>	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	6:45am	Easter Sunrise Service at Sunset Cemetery (Sunrise at 7:01am)
	10:30am	First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast
	11:00am	Easter Worship Service

## **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Join us in the Annie Armstrong Easter offering campaign for North American missions. So far we have raised \$2,234 toward our goal of \$2,500.

## **First Sunday Fellowship**

Bring a friend to join us for our First Sunday breakfast before service Sunday, April 5! This month's breakfast will be organized by the Kitchen Committee. As a reminder, this group will also be making coffee and setting out the welcome flags on Sunday mornings this month.

## **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

Please join us for a time of fellowship and food at First Watch on Wednesday, April 1 at 11:30am. All ladies are welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions, please contact Lois Banyai at 540-998-3376.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast meets the second Wednesday of every month at Country Kitchen in Christiansburg. This month they will be meeting Wednesday, April 8 at 8:30 am. All men are welcome!

## **VT Big Event**

April 11, 10am-2pm we will have a group of Virginia Tech students helping with various tasks around the building. If able, drop by during that time to greet and interact with the students and thank them for their work!

## **John Stevens Memorial**

Friday, April 17th, 1pm at the Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

## **PRC Walk for Life**

The Pregnancy Resource Center of the NRV has invited us to Walk For Life at Huckleberry Park in Christiansburg on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Check-in is 5:30-6:30pm and the walk will begin at 6:30pm. We can gather a team and register anytime at [www.prcsupport.com/walkforlife](http://www.prcsupport.com/walkforlife).

## **WBRBN Mission Project**

We are working together with the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network in mission projects with Bland Ministry Center (BMC), who provide breakfast to Appalachian Trail hikers, and the Pregnancy Resource Center of the NRV. Here are a couple ways you can participate: Bring snacks to donate to the BMC (the full list of items needed and box for drop-off are in the welcome center) or make an offering for the purchase of a baby car seat for the PRC, indicating that your donation is for this purpose. All donations will be collected by April 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## **Mission Fair**

The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Mission Fair is April 25, from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Dublin Baptist Family Life Center. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## **Mission Conference**

We look forward to hearing from these missionaries on Sunday April 26th!

11:00am—Don & Pam Lynch, missionaries in Europe

6:00pm—D. H. Still, missionaries in North Africa and the Middle East

## **Church Leadership Council**

There will be a CLC meeting on Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm.

## *Missions Mosaic*

### ***Our Generous God*** by Selah Ulmer Luke 12:22-34; Matthew 6:1-4

*Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or about your body, what you will wear.*

—*Luke 12:22*

When I was 11, I got glasses. I vividly remember that first ride home after getting my glasses. The street signs had crisp letters, the houses and buildings had definition, and the grass was no longer a blurry mass. Putting on my glasses felt like accepting an invitation to see all the goodness I had been missing. When my vision was corrected, my experience of the world became more than I could have imagined.

Seeking the kingdom of God is like putting on glasses. It changes our entire perspective. It gives us purpose in the call to share the gospel and make disciples. It gives us freedom to focus on God's assignments for us instead of worrying about earthly things. As we seek the kingdom, His care for us becomes clear, His faithfulness becomes evident, and life becomes so much greater than we could have imagined.

In Luke 12:22-34, we discover that seeking the kingdom of God gives us a new perspective on material resources. While the world sees resources as something to gain and keep at all costs, God's vision for money and material things is so much better.

#### **WHO BY WORRYING CAN ADD A SINGLE HOUR TO THEIR LIFE?**

In these verses, where Christ reminds His disciples how He provides for birds and flowers, He concludes by telling them to give what they have to the poor and to let God provide for their needs. This instruction may make many of us uncomfortable, but look at the passage again. Jesus spends the majority of it focusing on a different, foundational command: "Do not worry" (v. 22). In fact, most of the passage is focused on these three words.

And isn't worry often at the root of our lack of generosity? We worry we will not have what we need, so we tighten our hold on our resources in an effort to guarantee we will be OK. What do we gain by doing this? As Jesus' words bluntly remind us, no matter how much time and energy we put into stressing, strategizing, and fretting over the things of life, we do not have control.

We can't add time to our lives by worrying (v. 25). All it does is prove how powerless we are. But the God we serve is the opposite. He is the One who ordained our days that were written in His book "before one of them came to be" (Psalm 139:16). He is the One who holds power over all. Everything in heaven and earth belongs to Him (1Chron. 29:11), and He knows and cares about what we need (Phil. 4:19).

#### **MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN THE BIRDS**

God offers us a kingdom mindset rooted in trust and peace, not worry. Jesus said the responsibility of ensuring and we will have what we need is not, in fact, placed on us but on God. Everything on earth belongs to God. He made it and holds it all together. Nothing we own is really ours, rather, it is a gift from the Lord. Jesus' words remind us our God is generous and pays attention to details. He clothes the wildflowers (Luke 12:27-28) and feeds the birds (v. 24). We are so much more valuable to God than the flowers and birds. If He can take care of them, He will absolutely take care of us.

God is our Father. He loves us intimately and deeply and knows what we need (v. 30). We do not have to worry about having enough, because we trust God will take care of us as He has promised to do.

## *Missions Mosaic: Our Generous God continued*

### **TREASURE IN HEAVEN**

At the end of this passage, after establishing a kingdom mindset and reminding believers to place our trust in the Father, Jesus demonstrated how we should handle material resources. He instructed His followers to share what they have with the poor and to focus on storing up treasure in heaven, not on earth.

This treasure will never wear out and can never be taken from us. While riches here on earth are temporary and can be taken away or lost in an instant, this heavenly treasure is forever. We store up treasures in heaven when we live with a generous attitude, looking for ways to share what God has given us and prioritizing loving others and caring for their needs. Matthew 6:1-4 gives us more insight into storing up this treasure. In this passage, Jesus said that when we give to those in need, we should do it in secret. Giving is not something we should do to fuel out pride or build ourselves up. Instead, we should do it quietly with the purpose of honoring God by loving other people.

I have been blessed to experience this firsthand. I grew up in a pastor's family that was part of a generous church. We had meals provided for us when we were sick, vacations paid for by anonymous church members, and cars given to us through the years. We truly experienced the generosity of God through His people when we were in need. At the same time, I saw my parents go out of their way to care for others when they were also in need. I got to see Luke 12:22-34 in reciprocal action, and it was beautiful.

We can share our resources with others because God has shared His resources with us. He will never run out of what we need. When we share our resources, we get to put on spiritual "glasses" and see the world from God's view. Seeing from His perspective offers us an invitation to imitate our generous God. When

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### **Prayer Guide for April**

Thank God for Praises and Blessings!

Pray for the Lost / Unspoken:  
Phillip Caulder – Gary Smith's cousin

Prayer for Revival! Ministries of the Church  
Pray for our Pastors / SS teachers / Attendees  
Hearts to receive God's Word / God be glorified.  
Children's Activity Coordinator Position  
All About Jesus Boy's Ministry  
Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network ministries  
Agape Center Ministry

Pending /recovering surgeries / Treatments  
Stephanie Boyd (Connie Moore) Breast Cancer. Double mastectomy and chemo treatments  
Candy Woolwine, Oligodendroglioma (Brain cancer) Radiation and Chemo Treatment  
Jim Legg. Eye surgery, UVA in April

Prayer for the Brokenhearted / Down in Spirit  
Pray for spiritual warfare against evil spirits.  
Andrew Phillips – to return to his first love in Jesus, communication with Timothy and Debbie.

John Stevens Memorial 4/17 1pm, Veterans Cemetery in Dublin

Prayer for Shut-ins / Widows / Widowers  
Bob Pohner  
Aubry Conner - Commonwealth Senior Living  
Olen Gardner – English Meadows

Prayer for Local / State / Nation  
Peace for Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Iran and the innocent citizens affected by the war.  
First Responders, Police, EMS, Fire  
Medical Staff, Doctors, Nurses, Technicians

Prayer for the sick and afflicted  
Robert Morris, Nancy Miller's friend. Brain cancer has grown. More tumors. No more treatment.  
Wayne Bishop (E. Baker) Small vessel rupture brain  
Mike West, pending pacemaker at UVA

Prayer for Missionaries:  
Brandon Brooks – Student ministry.  
Graham Rogers – Europe, unreached people  
Jeff and Becky Hrubik (Lois' brother) Brazil.  
Hrubik Family – Missionaries to Tokyo, Japan.

Needing Employment: Jenna McKendrick (G. Smith)  
Brady Baker (Eddie/Judy); Kirk Powell