

Wildwood Church of Christ

114 Cleveland Ave. Wildwood, FL. 34785

church website: www.hischurch.faith wifi password: John3:16

Sunday: Bible Class – 9:30a.m. Worship – 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30p.m.

2023 Theme: Be What Matters!

April 9, 2023

Please silence all electronics for worship – thank you.

Welcome & Announcements

Song #305 He Lives

Contribution

Song #847 An Empty Mansion

Song #382 Living By Faith

Opening Prayer – Bob Grove

Sermon: The Good News: Keeps Us Connected!

Pass Communion

Song # 875 Out Of My Bondage

Song #594 We Shall Assemble

Song #957 I'll Be Listening

Lord's Supper – Darrel Ponsford

Closing Prayer – Mike Whisenant

David Myers Brad Green

Brian Burkert Jimmy Glenn

RESURRECTION In The Kingdom

On the first day of the week, following the 33rd Passover in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, the tomb where His dead body had been placed was found empty. The Roman guards posted there, agreed it was empty. The Jews agreed it was empty. The disciples could not have removed the body without being discovered by the Roman guards. The Jews never produced the body of Jesus, nor offered any evidence whatsoever that the disciples had taken it, or that Jesus merely "swooned" on the cross. The historical fact is that JESUS ROSE FROM THE GRAVE!! The spiritual fact is that He was the "first fruits" from the grave (1Corinthians 15:20).

All believers of the facts of Jesus' life, death, burial and resurrection (1Corinthians 15:3-8) have been given the "power unto salvation" (Romans 1:16), that is "power to become children of God" (John 1:12). The "righteousness of God" is imputed (Romans 3:22-26) to those whose faith and understanding mixes in humble obedience, leading to the watery grave of baptism (Romans 6:1-12). PLEASE READ THESE PASSAGES CAREFULLY WITH AN OPEN MIND AND HEART . . . especially if you have never been immersed for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:39, Mark 16:16).

All who are of the age of accountability sin, and are dead in sin (Romans 3:23, 6:6). Because of the death and resurrection of Christ, we have the opportunity to die (the price of sin) and be raised from the grave IN CHRIST. Not by my righteousness, but by the righteousness of God displayed in the sinless life of Jesus. Not by my physical death, but by the physical death of Jesus on the cross. Not by my physical resurrection from a physical grave (yet – see below), but by the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Baptism (immersion) is not a work of people, it is the eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus to save obedient souls (Romans 6:17).

But it does not end with baptism. Christians are "freed from sin and become servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:3,7,18) and must "live to God" (Romans 6:10-12). From the watery grave of baptism, we are "raised to walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4), serving God "unto holiness" (Romans 6:22) and looking forward to the eternal reward (Romans 6:23). Christ rose from the grave first, and those who die IN CHRIST or who are "found in Him" (Philippians 3:9) when He comes again "at the last trumpet" (1Corinthians 15:52-58), will be "raised" again to receive the resurrection unto eternal life (1Corinthians 15:20-28). As we remember His resurrection today, are you CERTAIN of yours?

PRAYER LIST

- ~ Continue to keep **Ken & Sherry Scott** in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from Covid. They are doing some better.
- ~ **Jamie McCartney's** surgery went well last Thursday to remove his skin cancer.
- ~ **Bryan Noland** is home after his many surgeries! He still has a long road of recovery ahead but we praise God for his recovery so far.
- ~ Charlotte Martin asks for prayers for her son-in-law, **Tim Sigler** (Angie's husband). He is in a heart specialty hospital with chest pain and pressure that has progressively gotten worse.

Remember: Linda Grove, Pat Ponsford, Lois Hutsepiller, Joan Strickland, Peggy Murphy, Howard Alls, Lynzi Jones, Patricia Webber, Larry & Janet Hyder, Sam Costa, Martha Pope, Lana Vernon and family of Ricky Baker, family of Tara Strickland, Keith Jones, Lottie Colton, Charlotte Martin, Ron & Carol Rollins, Greg Pope, Shirley Threet, John & Leigh Workman, Edra Nell Courtney, Jeanette Harris, Joyce Prather, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Jim & Sue Allison, Clay Pelland, Teresa Broyles, Mollie Holley, Bill Cefaloni, Peggy Baird, David Alls, Glenda Mount, Gary Ault, Kellie Ward, Fred & Glynda Casteel, Linda Terry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Congratulations** to David and Sarah Myers for the birth of their 8th grandchild, Daniel Lawson, born April 6th – 8lbs.11.5oz. Mom (Rachel) and baby are doing great.
- * **Our monthly pot-luck fellowship** for April is next Sunday, **April 16th**. Make your plans now to be with us. We will have a guest speaker that day who will also share lunch with us.
- * Please note the change of date: the **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children ages 5th grade and down will be Sunday, April 23rd right after morning service. Time will be from lunch, which will be provided, until 3:00.
- * There is a sign-up list in the foyer for the Easter Egg Hunt and we also need everyone to **bring candy** to help out.
- * Mike needs empty **1 gallon plastic milk or water jugs** for a craft. Please bring them as soon as you can. There is a box in the foyer where you can put them.
- * Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for area church events: **April 29** – Ladies' Day at Central Florida Bible Camp put on by Orange Avenue Church of Christ.
- * **Just a heads up** . . . next week we will put out our **Change for Children** cans to help raise money for the Mount Dora Children's Home. More details next week.
- * **Thank you so much** for the contributions for our pantry. You always come through!

PANTRY

MAC-N-CHEESE

CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER GRAPE JELLY

April Birthdays: Sarah Glisson-5, Sarah Myers-5, Joyce Yarborough-5, Mary Wise-8, Charity Stambaugh-8, Gary Gage-8, Loraine DeSilva-9, Scott Watts-10, Chole Stokes-10, Kaydee Blankenship-11, Kody Whited-11, Wyatt McKay-14, Wilma Williams-14, Bailee Vernon-14, Barbara Howlett-18, Dwain Locke-18, Lynzi Jones-22, Tracy Jones-27

April Anniversaries: Scott & Erica Watts-3, Bob & Tammy Farmer-4, Sam & Mary Costa-12, Joe & Gina Marshall-28

Greeters: **April 9**-Jim & Linda Routzahn **April 16**-Martha Rushmore & Reida Glenn **April 23**-Cheryl Botts & Libbie Summers

Nursery Class: **April 9**-Lexy McKay **April 16**-Kelley Whited **April 23**-Lana Vernon

Communion Preparation: **April** – Judy Glenn **May** – Carol McCartney **June** – Reese Meskil

