

**April 4, 2010 ~ Easter Sunday**

**pastor's pen** 

Welcome to Resurrection Sunday! We are so glad you are here! We don't think we are overstating matters when we suggest that we are celebrating the single most important event in human history.

Mankind was in a sorry state before Jesus came along. God had provided a perfect place for us to hang out and he gave us charge over it. We were to subdue it and tend it with love, but that was not enough. We chose our own way. We put our own desires over the desires of the God who made us. So God left us to our devices. Our sole hope was in the work of our hands, in our ability to please a God whose demands were impossible to satisfy. But because he loved us, he had a plan.

Jesus.

When Jesus chose to walk among us, he set in motion a chain of events that would change everything. His birth was humble, and his life was both an example of holy living and a picture of God among men.

Jesus' death was a necessary evil – the end of one story and the beginning of another. This is why Jesus said, "It is finished," as he breathed his last.

Jesus' resurrection was the key to new life and the door to our future hope. Today we celebrate the fact that we can partake in that new life as Jesus' co-laborers. We are his agents in the world, and he left his spirit behind to help us.

But the best part of this crazy plan, the hope in our struggle, the light at the

end of the tunnel, is that today we walk The Way of Christ to condition ourselves to be the priests and rulers of God's promised new heaven and new earth.

*"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." ~ Revelation 5:10*

Join us as we follow The Way!

Blessings!



**connection** 

Each Wednesday @ 5:30 pm. Be sure to sign up in the F.H. today! (\$3 for single, \$5 for couples, \$7 for families) followed by an Adult study and youth activities for grades K-5.

 **heart-house**

**Heart House Race with Your Heart 2 Mile Walk:** April 17 @ Lower Park Nature Trail, Eureka Lake. Registration starts at 8 am at the Pavilion, Walk starts at 9:30 am. Cost: \$15 before 4/1. (5 and older); \$20 after 4/1. Afterwards a light lunch is served. It's free to family members and friends who come to support their walkers. See poster and registration forms in the F.H.

**Spaghetti Supper & Bake Sale:** April 8<sup>th</sup>; 4-7 pm in the Community Room. Cost: \$6 per adult; \$4 per child 12 and under. We need volunteers for different jobs starting around 2 pm. We also need donated baked goods.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quilt & Textile Show – September 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>.**

 **washington christian village**

**WCV Birthday Theme Party:** On April 14 from 1-3 @ WCV, we will be providing the monthly birthday theme party for the residents. We have ice cream and cake, play bingo and give out prizes. We need 10-15 people to help. We will pass out cake & ice cream, deliver it to those who don't come to the dining room, and help with the games. If able to help, see Anamarie Morris. We also need at least 5 cakes, one of which need to be Angel food.

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**Little Galilee Christian Assembly Camp News:** Yes, it's that time of year when we start thinking about camp for the kids. Camp schedules are posted in the F.H. so pick up a registrations form, fill it out and get it sent in today. And as always, the church will pay for half of your child's camp tuition for regular attenders. See Jon or call the church office for details.

**Times are hard, the road is long; let us help . . . Jars of Clay Non-Food Pantry:** Washington Christian Church is starting a non-food pantry for the families of the church. If you know someone who could use it . . . tell them. If you are interested in helping stock it . . . tell Bernie or Rose Bankes. If you need to use it see Bernie or Rose on any Sunday after 1<sup>st</sup> service or before 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**Getting the itch for baseball? Then why not play some softball?** We are looking to gauge the interest in a co-ed team in the Washington Park District. Men & women are welcome! We need to do it quick though! Sign ups need to be done because the season starts in April. If you think you might want to, just let us know ASAP by emailing Greg Smith [gdsmith99@gmail.com](mailto:gdsmith99@gmail.com), or signing up in the foyer. There would be a small fee. We could play 12-15 people a game and it would be once a week. **PLAY BALL!!!!**

The **Tazewell County Retired Teachers** luncheon will be held in the church F.H. on Mon, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the meal will be donated to the church for our F.H. Acoustic Fund, so they are looking for a few volunteers from the church to help serve the meal/clean up. If interested in helping please see Judy Vaughn or Jan Geisz.

**The 2009 Annual Reports are done.** You may pick one up in the foyer or get a copy from our website (archives page): [www.washingtonchristian.net](http://www.washingtonchristian.net).



## calendar

**Church Office Closed Monday.**

**April's Council Meeting is postponed to Mon, April 12 @ 7 pm.**

**Believing God – Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study:** Starts this Tuesdays, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15 (also) this Saturdays, April 10 @ 9:45am. *Isaiah 43:10 "you are my witnesses," declares the Lord "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Come take up the challenge "Nothing could be more useful, practical and thrilling than learning how to believe God in daily living." B. Moore. You can still sign up. See Nancy Groff or Marilyn MacDonald for workbooks. Books are \$20. Make checks out to WCC and footnote it "Beth Moore Bible Study." (Scholarships are available.)*

**Speak/Pray With the Elders:** On Wednesday, April 21st, during the Connection Bible Study, the elders will be in the Christian Sisters room to meet with anyone in need of prayer or who would just like to speak with the elders.

**Walk thru the Bible Old Testament Seminar:** Held at LGCA - Sat, April 24<sup>th</sup>. 9am-3pm - Three Oaks Lodge. Cost: \$25 See details on F.H. bulletin board.



The Prime Timer's will meet on Sat, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. We will be visiting Shut-In's that day. Mark you calendar.



Offering, 3/28:.....\$7,232.00  
 YTD offering: .....\$103,646.63  
 Gen. Fund exp YTD: .....\$105,686.34  
 Sunday School offering: .....\$50.80  
 Attendance, 1<sup>st</sup> service: .....144  
 Attendance, 2<sup>nd</sup> service: .....133  
 Sunday School attendance: .....127

Workers Today (4-4)	
SS Nursery	B. Howley, D Froebel
Wor. Nursery	LAdams, J Geisz, E Hobbs/ Getz's
Kings Kids	Thurman's / B Howley
Wee Worship	T Zotz, A Sanders, A Morris
CARE Ministry	J Bochart, G Browning / Getz's
Greeters	Brown's / Schupp's
Deaconess for April: Tammi Hagan, Patra Robertson	
Communion Med: Bert Nordhielm	
Offering Med: Terry McQuillen / Wally Born	

Workers Next Week (4-11)	
SS Nursery	C Getz, S Gerth
Wor. Nurs.	CPowers/ENeal,FKeehma,PRobertson
Kings Kids	Groffs / A. Sanders
Wee Wor.	S Fraizer, K Bishoff / P & J Robertson
CARE Min.	M Bochart, R Nelson / Getz's
Greeters	Howard's / Zotz's
Deaconess for April: Tammi Hagan, Patra Robertson	
Communion Med: Dick Sinn	
Offering Med: Andy Farraher / Mark Jarrett	



**HOSPITAL:** Mike Smithee – Tony's brother; Vera Miner – Marlene Robison's sister; friend of Sinn's – stroke & coma; Andrea Deien – kidney transplant – 3/19 – Joe Huelsmann's niece; Jerry Ross – Sheri

Frazier's uncle; Devon Kepfner – Brooke Wagner's friend;

**AT HOME:** All of Our Missionaries; Our Leaders and our Men & Women in the Armed Forces; Mike Spain/family - Judy Spain's son; Al Dunham; Christian Harr - MacDonald's nephew; Myra Snyder - sister-in-law of Tony Snyder; Edna Gold - Norma Sinn's mother; De Hamilton; Janelle Ely - Eleanor Tripp's granddaughter; Alyssa Brucks - Jane Youngs granddaughter; Mary Geisz – Stan's ex-sister-in-law; Erma Kemper; Tony Smithee; Andrea Scott - Gloria Berlett's niece; Bryan Beebe; Jere - Leona Stiltz's nephew; Sally Stout - Taylors' friend; Mary Snyder; Tara Beenev - Caleb Henley's friend; John Tucker - Bill Groff's brother-in-law; Carl Johnson; Eugene & Margret Shurts - mission trip - Ruth Belmont's parents; Archdale/ Patterson family; Susan – Rick Mason's sister-in-law; Tommy Wagner's grandfather; Edith Buttrum - Amanda Sander's grandma; Dale Kumpf - Debbie Schertz's aunt; Jacqueline Landreth - Bambi's daughter; John & Sally Schaffer - Shanna Gerth's parents; Bev Haselhorst - Kara McClintock's friend; Jane Young; Ron Boone & Robyn Eaton – Clang's friend; Doug Meeks dad; Lexi Helfrich – Milestone's friend; Kim Wade – Christy Archdale's friend; Randy Cates - heart attack – Betty Hoyt's nephew; Charles West & Melvin West – Betty Hoyt's brothers; Dale Wise - hospice; Mignonette Wise – knees/back; Ernie - cancer – Sinn's friend; Brian Brubaker – Jane Young's friend; Eleanor Tripp; Bob & Liz Chaney; Katie Peters – Amanda Sander's friend; Brandon Hill;

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathies to Patra Robertson and family on the death of her dad, Wallace Westhoff, last week. Also, Marsha Bishoff's grandmother, Lilly McIntire, passed away, and Joe Felmev died last week. Sympathies and prayers to all the families.

**SHUT-INS:** Margie Bess - Assist. Living - Snyder Village; Virginia Alig - Snyder Village - Mary Snyder's Mom; Gwen Kubley; Sara Siever - WCSupported Living - Rm#1230; Lucile Post; Juanita McCollum; Gloria Berlett; Louise Thurman - Bob Thurman's mom - WCSupported Living;

**(To add to or update this Prayer Concern list please contact the office. Thank you.)**

