



THE WORD

Newsletter for the Ministry & Fellowship of Manly Memorial Baptist Church

April 2021

OUT OF MY MIND

It's an unfortunate truth that we live in a bad news world. Every day we are bombarded with more bad news. It may be another report of a surge in COVID19, another report of a mass shooting, terrorist bombing, or other form of violence or abuse, another incident of injustice, discrimination or prejudice, another report of sex trafficking, another report of political partisan division; or another report on the growing consequences of climate change. There seems to be no end to all of the bad news.

And that doesn't even begin to add up all the bad news we encounter on a more personal level concerning health, finances, jobs, families, relationships and other problems.

If you're like me, at times the bad news can seem overwhelming. All the wrong and wickedness in this world can leave you feeling discouraged, distressed and disillusioned.

That's when we need to remember that in the midst of all the bad news we have the very best of news. The Lord is Risen! Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death and is alive! Because of Easter there is hope, hope for you, hope for me, and hope for this world. For if God can resurrect Jesus from the dead it means that he can do anything. Hearts and minds and lives can be changed in amazing ways.

The resurrection means that all the bad news will not have the last word. Evil will not win. As the Apostle Paul wrote: "Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV)

Even in the midst of these unexpected, uncertain, unprecedented and unwanted times that we find ourselves living in, filled as they are with so much bad news, may the good news of Easter fill you with great joy and unshakeable hope.

Never forget that we are Easter people, and hallelujah is our song.

Your Pastor,

Mike



We will resume in-person services **Easter Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 am!** Please use the side ramp door to enter the sanctuary.

(CDC protocols will be in place such as wearing a mask, social distancing and etc.)

Please check our website (www.manlybaptist.com) for the most up-to-date guidance and protocols for attendance.



We are in desperate need for at least 3 volunteers to help with our sound and visual ministry on Sunday mornings. These volunteers would be trained by Don Heckman and would rotate on a schedule.

If you are interested in serving with this ministry please contact the church office (540-463-4181 or office@manlybaptist.com) or Don Heckman (540-462-7124 or don@manlybaptist.com) for more information.



Item of the month for April is personal hygiene items or household cleaning supplies.

Please drop all donations off at RARA (350 Spotswood Dr. Lexington). Thank you!

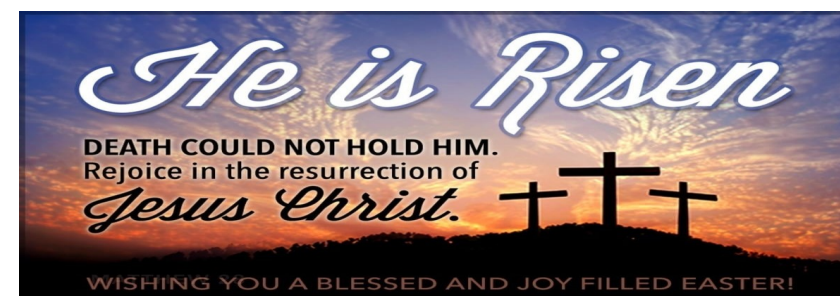
Manly Memorial Baptist Church
202 South Main Street
Lexington, VA 24450
www.manlybaptist.com
(540) 463-4181



- 6 Judy Dunning
- 7 Alysan Raymond
- 13 Gordie Valentine
- John Wranek
- 16 Phyllis Puckett
- Anderson Huger
- 17 Robyn Sherman
- 19 Chase Turman
- 22 Rick Lollis
- 23 Scott Hartbarger
- 30 Dr. Charles O'Roark

Daily BIBLE READING

April 1	Matthew 26:20-30	April 19	Colossians 1:15-23
April 2	Matthew 27:45-56	April 20	Philippians 2:1-11
		April 21	Psalms 143
April 5	Luke 24:1-12	April 22	Psalms 144
April 6	John 20:10-18	April 23	Psalms 145
April 7	Luke 24:13-35		
April 8	John 20:19-23	April 26	Psalms 146
April 9	John 20:24-30	April 27	Psalms 147
		April 28	Psalms 148
April 12	John 21:1-14	April 29	Psalms 149
April 13	John 21:15-25	April 30	Psalms 150
April 14	Matthew 28:16-20		
April 15	1 Corinthians 15:1-8		
April 16	1 Corinthians 15:12-20; 55-58		



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!



Pastor Mike reminds us, we are "Easter People". Easter is not a holiday that we celebrate once a year. We should live the Easter message every day of the year. Consider the Poem:

Hang It On The Cross

If you have a secret sorrow,
a burden or a loss,
An aching need for healing . . .
Hang it on the Cross.
If worry steals your sleep
and makes you turn and toss,
If your heart is feeling heavy . . .
Hang it on the Cross.
Every obstacle to faith
or doubt you come across,
Every prayer unanswered . . .
Hang it on the Cross.
For Christ has borne
our brokenness
and dearly paid the cost
to turn our trials to triumph . . .
Hanging on the Cross.
by Lisa O, Engelhardt

He is Risen!
Dale Raymond, Chair of Deacons



As the church begins to return to the building, those of us involved in the music ministry will continue to share our musical gifts through recorded efforts. Until the majority of the population is vaccinated, the choir will not be able to return to the choir loft or the Praise Band to live performances. Congregational singing, even with masks, will be limited. One bright spot is the Meador-Steele Handbell Choir which will be able to ring in smaller groups.

That being said, don't let the pandemic keep you from praising God with your heart as you listen and hum along. I would like to thank Don Heckman, Deb Pruitt, Lee Higgins, Wally Hawkins, Brian Kave, Jennifer Fuller-Spears and Alysyan Raymond for taking the time to learn and record the music you will hear on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Lee has also served as an accompanist as well as a singer and she is leading the handbells as always. I am also grateful to Curtis Caylor for handling the audio-visual material for Easter Sunday and to Beth Lollis, Steve Higgins, and Deborah and Curtis Caylor for ringing the handbell pieces.

Happy Easter to you! The Lord is Risen!
Lucy Wilkins



On **Sunday April 25 at 12:00 pm**, children are invited to SeaQuest in Lynchburg! A hands on aquarium for kids! If you and your child would like to attend **please RSVP with Katlyn Smals (children@manlybaptist.com) before Sunday, April 18 to reserve your spot!**

As always I encourage you to keep up to date with things as well as fun and exciting activities for your children on our new Facebook page!

Stay well and safe,
Katlyn Smals



Thanks go to Don Heckman for all of his hard work in seeing that the Sunday sermons and music are recorded and made ready for posting. Thanks also for all of his efforts in making sure the Sound and Video is ready for Sunday morning.

Thanks go to Barbara Heckman for all of her work on the church website. Thanks go to Eric Turman for all that she has done to keep us connected via Instagram, Facebook and our YouTube channel.

Thanks go to Molly Kay Moore for keeping the office running, preparing the newsletter, sending out emails, and posting to Facebook.

Thanks go to Dale Raymond for coordinating, and working on, the upgrades to the restrooms.

Thanks go to Curtis Caylor for volunteering to help Don out with the AV needs during our times of worship.

Thanks go to Rick Lollis and his team for making sure the sanctuary is ready for our return on Easter Sunday and for helping us meet the necessary pandemic protocols.



"Afterlife" Bible Study

It can be easy to forget who God really is sometimes. And it can be even easier for your students to forget who they really are, too! But every year at Easter, we get the chance to point them back to what God did thousands of years ago to remind us not only who He really is, but who we really are because of Him. Loved, important, forgiven—Jesus' death and resurrection shows us we're all that and more to Him. In this series, we'll remind students what they can know to be true about themselves because of the gift we celebrate at Easter—Jesus' resurrection and after life!

Week One - 1 John 4:9-10 & 1 John 4:16
Because of the resurrection, John knew God is love!

Week Two - John 20:11-19
Because of the resurrection,
Mary knew she mattered!

Week Three - John 21:15-17
Because of the resurrection,
Peter knew he was forgiven!



Join us on **Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 pm** for our laundry mat outreach! We will tag and deliver laundry detergent, dryer sheets and baggies of quarters to the two local laundry mats. Then we will enjoy dinner and Bible study!

Youth are invited to join us on **Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 pm** for dinner, a craft and fellowship at Mulberry's DIY Workshop (223 S Main Street, Lexington, VA 24450). **Please RSVP by Monday, April 12 if you plan on attending.**