



By the Cross We Care
One Person at a Time

Barcelona Banner

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APRIL MEMORY VERSE

"But now is Christ risen
from the dead, and be-
come the firstfruits of
them that slept."

I Corinthians 15:20, KJV

EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

From my heart to yours:



Archaeologists have discovered a drawing and inscription in what was evidently a room beneath the imperial palace in ancient Rome. Apparently, the drawing was intended as a caricature of the crucifixion of Jesus. It depicts a man's body hanging on a cross, but the head is that of a donkey. To the left of the cross is the figure of a young man with hand raised as if he is worshipping the figure on the cross. The inscription below this drawing reads, "Alexamenos worships his god."

The room where the drawing was found very likely was a prison. With a little imagination we can reconstruct the situation. A young man named Alexamenos was a Christian. Perhaps he was a servant in the imperial palace, or even a prisoner. This much is clear: Alexamenos was being mocked and ridiculed by those not in sympathy with his worship of Jesus Christ.

This drawing is a vivid illustration of Paul's comment concerning the cross, "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). Paul added that the cross was a "stumbling block" to the Jews who expected a military messiah, not a Suffering Savior. To the enlightened Greeks, it was utter "foolishness." However, as Paul observed, wherever the word of the cross is declared, God's life-changing power is loosed.

What is the meaning of the cross? What difference does the death of Jesus mean for today?

First, the cross is an expression of God's love. Throughout the ages the question has been asked, "What is God like?" The answer is revealed in the cross. "God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Second, the cross is God's solution for the sin problem. Paul concluded, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Without exception, we all fail to measure up to God's standard for our lives. We miss the mark. The result is guilt, emptiness, and a sense of futility. Forgiveness of our sins and redemption were made possible by Jesus' death on the cross.

Third, the cross points to victory over death. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, death has been defeated. For a Christian, death is not a dead-end street but a thoroughfare to a larger and fuller life. "Because I live, you too shall live" (John 14:19). This is the wonderful message of Easter!

Finally, the cross challenges us to a new way of life. Jesus taught in word and deed that the only life worth living is one dedicated to selfless service to others. He set the example: "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for the many" (Mark 10:45).

After a long and difficult year facing the COVID pandemic, we look forward to Easter. May we celebrate with thanksgiving and joy.

Your Pastor,

Jon Stubblefield

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGINNING

Benjie Harlan, Minister of Music, has announced that choir rehearsals will begin in early April on Wednesday evenings at 6:50 pm. We will use the seating in the sanctuary rather than the choir loft in order to maintain social distancing.

Choir members are enriched musically, spiritually and deepen friendships. So, what are you waiting for? "Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!" Psalm 66:2

Attendance & Finances

	Sun.	Wed.
2/07/21	83	17
2/14/21	44	SNOW
2/21/21	SNOW	34
2/28/21	89	—

FEBRUARY BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$34,848.02



1—Kaye Leeper
 4—James Williams
 5—Christie Borne
 8—Dottie Gray
 8—Leta Chavis
 8—Grady Waggoner
 8—Kayla Wiley
 9—D. J. Bratton
 11—Rose Mary Dauber
 13—Judy Roberson
 14—Bill Butcher
 14—Catherine Corbin
 15—Barbara Smith
 17—Jonnie Christopher
 18—Jean Eskew
 20—Nancy Emmons
 20—Tracy Gross
 20—Rosa Caprio
 21—Harley Burke
 21—Doris Lenox
 27—Otis Brumfield
 27—Danny Walter
 28—Eirene Ang
 28—Linda Waggoner
 30—Marshall Ware



6—Don and Elaine Patterson
 22—George and Lita Shrader
 24—Roland and Merry Garrett
 27—Bob and Elinor Hartsell



**Operation
Christmas Child**
 A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



2019 SHOEBOX DEDICATION

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Pandemic, snowstorm, flood or famine! The need is always great both here and abroad.

The emphasis for April is soft toys such as stuffed animals and small dolls.



TUESDAY, APRIL 6
6:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM



APRIL 2021

Happy April, everyone! As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's resurrection, please consider the following books which are new to the library.

The Chosen: I Have Called You by Name - by Jerry B. Jenkins. Based on the acclaimed video series, the life of Jesus gets a fresh, new telling. What was it like to encounter Jesus face-to-face? How would he have made you feel, changed your way of thinking about God? Would he have turned your world upside down? See the difference he made in the lives of those he called to follow him and how they were forever transformed. Experience the life and power of the perfect Son of God as never before—through the eyes of everyday people just like you.

Come With Me: Discovering the Beauty of Following Where He Leads - by Suzanne Eller. Two thousand years ago, 12 men answered the call to follow a man they hardly knew—and they were changed in ways they never imagined. Today that same invitation echoes across history, beckoning you to an adventure that will spill into every aspect of your faith and life. *Come with Me*. Will you say **yes**?

Waves of Mercy and Legacy of Mercy - by Lynn Austin. A dual time story, set in 1897 but also recalling the events starting fifty years earlier when Geesje, one of the original immigrants to Holland, Michigan, and her family left religious persecution in the Netherlands to seek a new life in America. *Legacy of Mercy* continues the story begun in Waves of Mercy.

Unscripted - by Davis Bunn. This contemporary novel takes us into the world of filmmaking: the legal background to film making, and the conflicts involved, as well as the process of film making itself. There is love, intrigue, and a running theme of learning to love through sorrow.

A word to those of you who have been kind enough to donate books to the Library: While I appreciate the thoughtfulness every time books are donated, please be sure to donate only books or videos that are somewhat recent and appropriate for a church library. If you are in doubt, please feel free to call me at 512-847-2810 before bringing your books to the library.



Kay Dierks, Librarian

FEEDING THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Becky Bettis, Rose Mary Dauber and Susan Wade work and have fun serving food on Wednesdays.



B. J. and Damian LaFargue, Youth Director, having pizza with some of the youth.

The children and youth go to the park after school and then return to the church for a meal and Bible study with their classes.

Contact the church office, Ann Webb or Damian LaFargue if you know of someone who would be interested in attending. Transportation is provided.

UPGRADING OUR CAPABILITIES

This past month Lamco Communications installed an ethernet cable which runs from our Administration Building to the balcony in the sanctuary. This allows our Sunday services to be livestreamed on YouTube in a more reliable manner and should correct the problem of losing internet connection during our services.

We will continue to post our services on YouTube even after the restrictions of the pandemic are lifted. This will allow those who are unable to attend in person to be a part of our worship and help reach a wider audience who might be interested in the ministry of our church.

Thank you to our "balcony team" who so faithfully works to provide this service to BRBC. Their dedication is appreciated.





SAVE DOLLARS ON YOUR TAXES WITH A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution made directly by the trustee of your individual retirement arrangement (IRA), other than SEP or SIMPLE IRA, to an organization eligible to receive tax-deduction contributions (such as churches).

At a certain age, you are required to take minimum distributions from your IRA and this distribution can be counted toward that.

You must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.

The maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000. If you file a joint return, your spouse also can have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000.

A QCD will count towards your required minimum distribution.

If all the requirements are met, a QCD is non-taxable, but you can't claim a charitable contribution deduction for a QCD.

The donations can be annually or monthly and for the Budget or a Designated Account.

For more information contact your accountant or Betty at the church office.

(The advantage to doing this is the money you save on the amount of income tax you owe in the coming year.)



TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO BEGIN CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON APRIL 11 AT 10:30 AM (THE SAME TIME AS WORSHIP SERVICE).

OUR TEACHERS ARE EAGER TO SEE ALL OUR CHILDREN REJOIN US.

NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES ARE INVITED TO COME BE A PART OF THE FUN AND LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD.



Camp Renu 2021 is scheduled for June 28-July 1. This year's camp theme is **Do The Next Right Thing**. Kids often hear they should "do GOD's will," but what does that really mean for a 4th grader? Or even for us as adults? For some, it can mean trying to come up with GOD's ten-year plan for their lives. But more often than not, finding GOD's will comes down to one simple idea: **Do The Next Right Thing**. So that's what 2021 Campers will be looking at! Characters in the Bible who were faced with a choice and chose to "Do The Next Right Thing".

Camp Pastor is Russ Bingham, Minister of Athletics at Grace Evangelical Church in Germantown, TN. Russ has led camps, including World Changers, and often leads chapel and various schools around Memphis, TN.

Worship Pastor is Derek Miller, kids worship pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in West Little Rock. Each Sunday Derek leads kids pre-K through pre-teen in worship. Also, Derek was the worship leader for the 2019 Camp Renu.

We will be departing from BRBC at approximately 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 28. Campers packets were distributed to children in attendance Wednesday night, March 17. Others can pick up a packet at the church office or by calling Ann Webb, Children Director (501.802.1346).

The church must preregister each camper and send a \$25.00 deposit to reserve a camp spot. We need children's completed Medical Information Sheet with parent/guardian's signature by Thursday, April 16.

April 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 GOOD FRIDAY Church offices closed	3
4 EASTER 10:30 Worship Service 4:30 New Horizons SS	5 4:00 Handbell practice	6 6:00 Deacon Council	7 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 5:00 Finance Com. 6:00 Prayer Service 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 10:30 Worship Service/ Children's Sunday School 4:30 New Horizons SS	12 4:00 Handbell practice	13	14 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service/ Business Meeting 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 10:30 Worship Service/ Children's Sunday School 4:30 New Horizons SS	19 4:00 Handbell practice	20	21 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
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The Barcelona Banner is published monthly to keep members informed about programs of the church and to report news about its members.

**Deadline for articles is the
fifteenth of each month.**

You may e-mail your articles to
brbc3office@att.net or bring to the
church office.

**THE SCHEDULE GIVEN BELOW IS PRE-COVID 19 AND NOT THE CURRENT ONE.
PLEASE PRAY THAT WE CAN RETURN TO THIS SCHEDULE SOON.**

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

Schedule of Services:

PRE-COVID 19

Sunday Services:

Sunday School - 9:30 AM
Sanctuary Worship Service - 10:30 AM
Celebration Worship Service - 10:30 AM
Youth - 5:15 PM

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening:

All Stars/Youth - 3:30 PM
(During school year)
Prayer Service - 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal - 6:50 PM

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am—2:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am—11:30 am