


Wednesday Menus for the Month of April:
 Dinner begins at 5:50 pm.
 All meals include tea and coffee.
 \$7—11 & Up, \$4—Children, 5-10, \$7—Take Out
 \$25 max. for immediate family.

*To-Go” Plates will be prepared by the Kitchen
 Personnel after the serving line closes. We cannot
 guarantee “to-go” orders until all of our dine-in family
 members are served. As available, additional take out
 plates may be purchased at the regular price.
 Meal dates are to be determined!

4/5 No Fellowship Meal	4/12 Baked/ Fried chicken, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Roll, & Dessert
4/19 Baked/Regular Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert	4/26 Breakfast Pancakes, Eggs, Biscuits, Gravy, Bacon/Sausage
	

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$34,571.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$7,978.00
General Offering Received as of 3/26/2023	\$32,122.10
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$241,997.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$234,763.03
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	126
Average S.S. attendance as of 3/26/2023	105



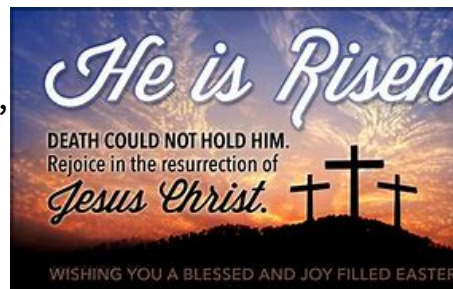
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- ## FYI
- MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: April 2nd 7:30am
 - NO ACTIVITIES: Wednesday, April 5th
 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Friday, April 7, at 7pm
 - EASTER EGG HUNT: April 8, at 10:30am at HBC
 - EASTER CAKE EGG-STRAVAGANZA: Easter Sunday, April 9, after 10:30am service.
 - YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON: Monday, April 10, at Noon.
 - DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER: Tuesday, April 18, at 9am.
 - POP TABS ON CANS: Please turn in all pop tabs to Jessica Horne on April 28th. This is the very last day of collection for 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for Everyone who helped support 4H.
 - SPRING CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Sunday, April 30th following the worship service.

TEAM MEETINGS IN APRIL:

- Stewardship & Finance—Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00pm
- Mission Team—Wednesday, April 19, at 6:00pm
- Deacons’ Meeting — Wednesday, April 26, at 6:00pm.

Please Note: All events, dates, and times are subject to change.



Church Staff

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Time to Believe

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’” John 20:27



There are plenty of reasons to doubt. People let us down all the time. Why would it be so hard to imagine that God wouldn’t let us down? We’ve made so many mistakes, why would God do something extraordinary for us? I’ve never seen anyone rise from the dead, what would make me believe Jesus did? Thomas had plenty of reason to doubt also, but to his credit, when he saw Jesus, when he touched the wound in Jesus’ side and the nail scars in His hands, he believed. Not only did he believe, he exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus’ resurrection proves that it is time to believe. Jesus rose again. He conquered death. The event was witnessed by hundreds, some of whom gave their lives for that testimony. He truly is our Lord and God. This Easter season, it is time to believe, to discard excuses and doubt and trust Jesus. And it is time to come alongside someone you know who might be doubting Bring them to church. Bring them to Jesus this Easter. I’m looking forward to celebrating with you.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren

Spring Churchwide Fellowship Meal: Sunday, April 30th following the service.

Please bring a covered dish, enough to feed your family and another family. The church will provide the beverages and some chicken. There is no cost and reservations are not needed. We are looking forward to a great time of worship and connecting with one another.

EASTER EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
 Friday, April 7th at 7pm

EASTER EGG HUNT
 Saturday, April 8th at 10:30am

EASTER SERVICES
 Sunday April 9th at 10:30am

EASTER CAKE EGG-STRAVAGANZA
 Sunday, April 9th



Annie
 Armstrong
 2023 Easter
 Offering
 HBC goal is
 \$4000

COMING IN MAY

Mother's Day
 Sunday, May 14

Spring Recital Children/Youth
 Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm

Children's Ministries



Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt behind the church building on Saturday, April 8, at 10:30 am. The Egg Hunt is for babies through children in 5th grade. We will have crafts, play games, hear the Good News of Jesus, and, of course, hunt for eggs!

We are currently collecting wrapped candy for the Egg Hunt and have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers needed that morning. We hope to see you there!

EASTER CAKE EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

Sunday, April 9th

PLEASE BRING A CAKE OR OTHER BAKED GOOD TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BY 10:30AM ON EASTER SUNDAY. THE MORE CAKES WE HAVE, THE BETTER! PLEASE HAVE THE CAKE COVERED AND BRING IT ON A PLATE OR IN A PAN/BOX THAT YOU DO NOT NEED RETURNED.

DOORS WILL OPEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE. THERE WILL NOT BE "PRE-SALES."

ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP COSTS.



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CentriKid Camp is June 5-9, 2023 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC.



VBS will take place
June 26-30, 2023
9:00am-12noon

Student Ministries



Activities on Wednesday nights from 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM for Middle School and High School students at the Youth House. We start with organized games & activities. We then spend some time on our Bible lessons, and finish up our night with a time of worship and prayer.

Our focus for student ministry are on the following areas:

1. **Fellowship Focus:** Organized games, fun activities, or just hanging out.
2. **Bible Study Focus:** Short studies that will aid students in knowing the books of the Bible, memorizing Scripture, and learning biblical concepts.
3. **Worship & Prayer Focus:** Sing songs of worship and praise, prayer requests, devotional.



ReCharge is a monthly gathering for High School students that meets after the worship service on the 2nd Sunday of each month. However, we will not be meeting during the month of April because of Easter Sunday.

FUGE CAMPS

CentriFuge Camp is scheduled for June 5-10, 2023 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC.

Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, join us on Thursday morning at 10 am in the room 102. You will be blessed by this wonderful time of digging into God's Word led by Teri Adkins.

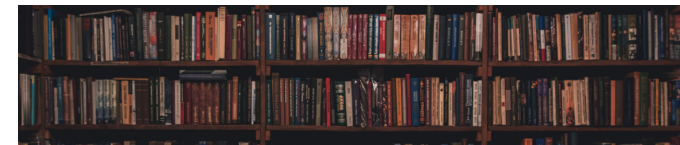


WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Women's Bible study group is continuing "Lessons from the Lives of Shells." We meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm each Wednesday night in room 102.

Discipleship Ministry

CHURCH LIBRARY



The library has a new section dedicated to Discipleship. This section contains materials for Personal Discipleship, Doctrine, and Evangelism. Donations of books and study guides in this category are welcomed. They will be reviewed for their useability. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cross at (706)836-9226 or email at crossdaniel4@concast.net.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 2nd at 7:30 AM

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Monday, April 10th at Noon.
Bring a covered dish and enjoy our speaker, Jim Brady, executive director of Bath Gardens Foundation.



Missions Ministry

Get involved with filling boxes to send the gospel today!



The OCC ministry will be starting a new shoebox activity in April. Sunday School classes will be given a shoebox with instructions on how class members can fill the box with specific items. Let's encourage each other as we seek to fill these boxes and spread the Good News of Jesus to children around the world.

Thank you,
OCC Project Leader & Church Missions Team

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Joe Buck is a corporate chaplain for The Dollywood Company in Pigeon Forge, TN. We will soon post a new job position for a chaplain intern. This job role, in this unique environment, has never been offered. Please pray for those who apply. Pray also for me as I conduct interviews. We want to find a person who can effectively expand our company's care toward employees, and we also hope to create a growth platform for the intern's own faith journey.

Music Ministry

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: APRIL 7, AT 7 PM



Through music and Scripture we will remember the events that took place as Jesus surrendered His life, was crucified, and buried in the tomb.

This will be a meaningful time of worship that is sure to prepare our hearts to celebrate His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.



The children's choir be will singing during our Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, April 30th. Please have the children meet in Sanctuary at 9:30am to practice before Sunday School.