

APRIL RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>3rd</u>	<u>10th</u>
Infant Nursery SS D. Dougherty Worship N. Lemons Children's Worship Preschool T. & M. Butler K-2 E. Mooneyham & T. Hughes Children's Time Bells Flowers Open	L. Allred C. Culler & L. Jee T. & M. Butler E. Mooneyham & C. Kleinfeld Pastor Sid G. Hill
<u>17th</u>	<u>24th</u>
Infant Nursery SS R. Walker Worship A. Stewart & E. Beeson Children's Worship Preschool M. & S. Moorefield K-2 K. Middleton Children's Time Children Sing Flowers T. & M. Butler	C. & S. Garrison J. & T. Cox J. Hunter J. Hunter Youth Open

Acolytes: Meredith Beeson, Allison Denny, Matthew Love, Tanner Moore, William Swink

Safe Sanctuary Monitoring: Carolyn Cooke, Maxine Kiger, Mike Stone, Pat Stone and Davis Thompson

Wild Cards: Kim Middleton

Luke's Group: Wayne & Hilda Shelton

Ushers: Pat Stone & Lori Redmond co-captains, Trudy Cox, Sharry Davis, Susan Denny, Jeannie Holcomb, and Lisa Williamson

Bereavement: Jo Hunter chair, April Beeson, Sarah Butler, Eva Hale, Diann Holland, Mildred Ingram, Robin Walker and Dora Lee Shouse

Crisis Control Gift for April
 Applesauce
Samaritan Ministries Gift for April
 Canned Fruit (Large cans); Foot Powder & Socks
Please place items on the table downstairs.

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The Messenger

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NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN

Many thanks to the children who participated in the Lenten Fair and the adults who helped make this a very special event. A big thanks to Miss Erin for the planning, and to Miss Susan for preparing lunch!

From now through the summer, we will have a combined K-5th grade Sunday School class. The literature is excellent, and we encourage all families to make sure your child has the benefit of this learning time.

Parents: Be sure to ask the usher for a children's bulletin as you go into the worship service. We have versions for younger and older children.

Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 we'll have our Children's Easter Event. Bring a dozen plastic, candy-filled eggs and an Easter basket for the egg hunt. There will be crafts, activities and a special story time with Pastor Sid. Each year, our children donate some of their candy to create baskets for shut-ins. Invite friends, and let's have a great turnout!

Sunday, April 17 is Palm Sunday and our children will lead a processional into the sanctuary. We'll gather in the Parlor to line up and get our palm branches.

Sunday, April 17 is also the date for the special DASH event for families. Watch for details in the bulletin..

Sunday, April 24 is Easter Sunday. We have a special time planned for the children when they leave the sanctuary.

Parents: As you are planning vacations, remember that **VBS will be June 27-30.**

Goodbye to Miss Erin! Erin Mooneyham, who has served as our children's program intern since last fall, will be completing her internship Sunday, April 10. A freshman at Wake Forest, Erin is from Raleigh and will be heading home for the summer after exams, which begin the week after Easter. Erin has been a huge help with our children's program, bringing lots of love and energy and ideas. We will miss her, but know she will continue to spread God's love in special ways. Please take a moment to let her know how much we appreciate her!

EASTER EGGS NEEDED, PLEASE!



Members are asked to donate plastic, candy-filled eggs for our Children's Easter Event on Sunday, April 10. There is a collection station in the narthex. We also need volunteers to help with some simple crafts and activities that afternoon. Watch for the signup sheet or call Miss Jo.

Thank you all ever so much for the meal you provided for family and friends following Daddy's funeral. The word "funeral" seems woefully inadequate, as I feel we actually celebrated all that was his life. The church meant so very much to Daddy and the kindness and grace you have shown is exactly the reason.

Again, we thank you!

*Jerri & Greg
(Children of Max Baker)*

Dear Kingswood,

Words will never be able to adequately express our gratitude for the manner in which Pastor Sid and the congregation pulled together to sustain our family with spiritual and emotional support. Someone from Kingswood was always there to make sure that mom and dad received the care, support and hope that they needed.

Please accept our gratitude and know that our family is blessed and very proud to be associated with such an outstanding collection of people.

*God Bless,
Glen Whitaker & Family*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Karen Burick – Diane Tuttle’s sister
Doug Butler
Preston Erway – Sally Carpenter’s uncle
Phillip Hale – Ross & Eva Hale’s son
Diane Jessup – Julia Edgeworth’s daughter
Eva Kiger
Helen Lanier – Pastor Sid’s mother
Tina Leehr – Redmond family friend
Valerie Minturn – Kim Beardsley’s sister
Nancy Plunkett
Vicky Saunders – Lib Kiser’s daughter
Judy Wall



We Pray For All Our Military

Sgt. Alfonza Harris, Afghanistan
Friend of Janet Andrews
Senior Airman Taylor Marion, Iraq
Grandson of Bob & Peggy Marion



Easter Events

Palm Sunday - April 17

Youth and children will participate in Procession of the Palms at morning worship.

Holy Thursday - April 21

Tenebrae Service 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday - April 24

Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Crestview Cemetery

Sunday School 9:45

Worship 11:00

Please bring a fresh, cut flower for the Flowering of the Cross

Third Thursday

We will have this program during April due to the Holy Week schedule.



April Birthdays

1 Cindy Scheuerman
1 Carol Holland
1 William Swink
2 Ted Hunter
4 Jordan Rogers
5 Ruth Gentry
6 Sylvia Neal
8 Rheannon Hunter
11 Claudine Payne

11 Josh Estep
11 Isabella Butler
12 Cynthia Stanberry
12 Lori Kiser
13 Dora Lee Shouse
15 Mackenzie Hunter
17 Wesley Purcell
19 Ivah Harris
22 LaRee Hansel

24 Jennifer Schlotfeldt
25 Stephanie Garrison
26 Leigh Knudson
26 Katherine Thomas
26 Sarah Thomas
27 Betty Kapp
28 Logan Best
28 Molly Southern

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Easter is a Comin”



We are in the Easter Holiday season of April. On Holy Thursday we will have a special Service of Tenebrae in which the choir is planning a lot of music. We will also have a time of Holy Communion. On Easter Sunday we begin our services at the cemetery next door to the church with Easter Sunrise service. The pastor from Faith UMC will be preaching on that Sunday. Easter is April the 24th. It is all about what God can do, will do and has already done.

The crucifixion was the culmination of Jesus' time in Jerusalem. He had been put to death. The religious faction of the Pharisees and the Sanhedrin had won. They had plotted long and hard to seek to trap Jesus and it was done and over. Jesus was in the tomb.

The followers of Jesus had begun to scatter. Some went back to fishing, others were on the road to Emmaus. It had been a difficult week. The week had begun with the entry into Jerusalem with everyone waving palm branches and singing. It had ended badly for the followers of Jesus and to top it off the stone at the tomb had been sealed and was guarded by Roman soldiers.

The women went to the tomb to seek to finish the burial rights and ritual, which had not been completed due to Jesus' death coming so late in the day. We know the story. They arrived at the tomb to find the stone rolled away.

The Lord could have magically removed Jesus from the tomb and left the stone in place. The Lord did not do that, it says the stone had been rolled away. The open tomb gave credence to the fact that Jesus had said he would rise on the third day.

I know we often think if we had been there we would have been waiting at the tomb to see what God was going to do. We were not there. And the empty tomb is a sign of how far God will go to get his message across. You see the tomb was sealed. The women could not have moved the stone. The guards were afraid and maybe even had run off by that time. The stone was rolled away for us.

Sometimes there are things that get between us and God. It can be our attitude, it can be our hardness of heart that gets between us and God. It can be things we put before God and faith. We do this not meaning to do it. There are so many distractions. So many things to do especially since the weather is getting warmer. Sometimes we need God to act in a special way.

God did just that on the first Easter Sunday. He rolled the stone away and Jesus got up and walked out of the tomb. Did you hear that; He rolled the stone away for you. God is not going to let anything stand between us and Him and His love. The stone was rolled away because we need the stones taken away in our lives. We need those things which hold us down, hold us back from loving God removed. The stone being rolled away and Jesus walking out is the proof of how far God will go to bring us back, to make us His. Easter is about what God has done for you. Are there stones you need to have removed? Let Him remove the stone once again for you. See you at the place each Sunday where God is in the stone removal business.

His Servant,

Pastor Sid

WINSTON-SALEM DASH GAME



Kingswood Day at the Winston-Salem Dash Baseball Game

Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 pm

Tickets \$9.00 (includes Dash hat and admission)

If you are interested in attending the game with us please contact the church office (969-5437) or fill out a reservation form found in Sunday bulletins. Checks must be made out to Winston-Salem Dash. Deadline for ordering tickets is Sunday, April 3.

PlaySchool Corner

Our year is flying by! We have accomplished so much, yet we have so much left to do.

We will be taking spring portraits on April 7 & 8 with evening appointments available for April 7. If you are interested please give me a call, 969-2458.

We will be honoring our Dads on April 14 & 15 with Doughnuts With Dad.

Registration continues and we are filling up some of our classes for next year. If you are interested please let us know. Spread the word to your friends and family.

Kingswood looks forward to celebrating their 35th anniversary.

Until next time,

LuAnn

Youth News

We had a wonderful time at “Acquire the Fire.” It was such a faith moving weekend. We had 20 people that attended. A special thank you to Kingswood for making our attendance possible.

Our 2011 calendar is now complete and we have many great opportunities for our youth. Just a few highlights are:

- ◆ Helping with the Samaritan Kitchen
- ◆ Planning the Mother’s Day Service
- ◆ Attending the Dash game
- ◆ Helping with the Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ Continuing our weekly devotions

We will be taking orders for Easter lilies. Please fill out a form in Sunday’s bulletin or see one of the youth.

We welcome new leader, Brian Hansel to our youth program. We are looking forward to having Brian work with us.

Thank you for all of your support with our Sunday lunches.

In Christ,

LuAnn & Brian



Spotlight on Safe Sanctuary

Did you know . . .

. . . we have first aid kits located in the acolyte closet and in the fellowship hall supply closet? There is also a portable fist aid kit that can be taken on trips away from the church campus.

. . . we have rolling cribs in the infant/toddler nursery? In case of an emergency, our infants can be loaded up and rolled to safety.