



Graham, North Carolina

April 2018 *E-NEWS*



Has spring finally sprung? I sure hope so. While we need the cold wintery months and snow is pretty coming down, I am ready for the warmth of spring and summer. I am tired of coats but thankful that I have them to wear when need. I am so thankful that I am not responsible for the weather and that God knows just what we need.

This month is going to be filled with activity and I hope you will take advantage of all the events we have coming us that pertain to you. Mt. Zion Baptist Church in our association is having Alex McFarland on April 9-10 (those are the days that we do not have services) and you will be blessed by his messages. He is a much sought after speaker and author of a number of books on Christian apologetics (giving a defense of our faith). He was raised in North Carolina and attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. You will not regret having attended one of his services. The sessions begin at 7:00 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

On Sunday, April 15 we will have Jeremy Smith and his middle son, Daniel, with us. Jeremy is no stranger to Riverside having been here on several occasions and, is always very well received. We will be receiving a love offering for him while he is with us so be praying about your part in that offering. Jeremy will be speaking to a combined Adult Sunday School (Life Study Group) in the Sanctuary at 9:00 and then during our morning worship time at 10:00. Let's fill our sanctuary for this event.

New Salem Gospel Ministry will be with us on Sunday evening, April 29 for our fifth Sunday night singing. I first heard this group in November of last year and was very impressed with them. They are a family group with a unique range of instruments and music. I think you will enjoy them, but only if you are present in our sanctuary. How about bringing some of your friends with you and let's fill this place for God's glory.

Before you know it VBS will be on us and to help us get prepared the Association is offering a special VBS Expo at First Baptist Alamance beginning at 6:30 with Gail Ledbetter. Gail is a longtime personal friend and a VERY qualified leader. You will learn much from her and have a better handle on VBS if you attend this special meeting. Last year we had the most participants from any single church with 8 people present. Let's triple that amount this year. You will not regret it.

As I close let me wish you a great Resurrection Sunday and hope that you will celebrate the true meaning of the day- not the eggs and rabbits that are associated with the pagan goddess of fertility, *Astar*. Have a great day and a wonderful beginning to spring.

Pastor Bob

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Willie Shockley who went home to be with the Lord on Resurrection Sunday, April 1 shortly before noon.

Mark's Article

It's hard to believe that April is already here. This year is flying by. April is a busy month and birthday month for the Stephenson household all three of us will lord willing turn another year older. It seems Ethan is the only one really excited about this proposition. April also brings many opportunities for ministry. We start the month by celebrating Easter and our risen Lord and Savior. We are having a special Sunrise Service and worship service on April 1st. I hope that you were able to join us for these special times of worship.

Our **Vacation Bible School** this year will be **June 24th -28th**. The sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the information table behind the sanctuary. We need each one of you to help make this the best year to date. There will be an **Associational Training** for VBS workers **April 26th** at First Baptist Alamance. This is a great time to learn new tips and become familiar with this year's theme. In addition, on June 2nd we are having a VBS Kickoff event from 2-4PM. This will be a great time for the kids to get a sneak peek of Bible School and get pre-registered. We will have fun games and activities. Be on the lookout for more information.



Youth we have a special opportunity this month to attend **Youth Night** at Mount Zion Baptist Church **April 8th 6:00pm**. This will be a tremendous time. The guest speaker will be Alex McFarland. I had the opportunity to hear Alex before and he is a great speaker. He shares the Word of God in an easy to understand way and helps explain how the Bible relates to the current culture in which we live. We will be **leaving the church at 5:30pm** and will make sure to have everyone home hopefully by 9:00pm.

Operation Christmas Child's theme is a simple gift, if we do a little each month just think of



how many boys and girls, we will be able to reach with the Gospel message and tell them that they are loved by us, and that God loves them. Each month we will have an item of the month. At any point during the year, you may drop off items to be donated. Remember again this year no toothpaste or candy of any kind because of customs and no war or Camouflage toys, liquids, or glass. Be in prayer for this ministry and what God would have you do. **For this month, we will again be collecting soap, soap travel dishes, and washcloths.** We really need more travel soap dishes. Last month we collected **small toys (cars, balls jewelry, etc.)**. The collection box will be behind the stairwell outside the sanctuary.

AWANA workers we are having a celebration to thank you for all your hard work and dedication. On **April 28th at 5:30pm** in the fellowship hall, we are having a meal in your honor. Be on the lookout for more information.

Don't forget to get your True-Life cards to pass out and invite your friends and neighbors. You will be amazed at what a simple invitation can mean. Also, check the worship guide for information on the **Associational Church Revitalization Conference April 19th 6:00pm** at Grove Park. Contact the Associational office to sign up or let the pastor or me know. This will be a great time of learning how we as a church can continue the mission of sharing Christ to our community.

BIBLE READING FOR THE MONTH



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April 1: 1 Sam 18-20
April 2: 1 Sam 21-24
April 3: 1 Sam 25-27
April 4: 1 Sam 28-31
April 5: 2 Sam 1-3
April 6: 2 Sam 4-7
April 7: 2 Sam 8-12
April 8: 2 Sam 13-15
April 9: 2 Sam 16-18
April 10: 2 Sam 19-21

April 11: 2 Sam 22-24
April 12: 1 King 1-2
April 13: 1 King 3-5
April 14: 1 King 6-7
April 15: 1 King 8-9
April 16: 1 King 10-11
April 17: 1 King 12-14
April 18: 1 King 15-17
April 19: 1 King 18-20
April 20: 1 King 21-22

April 21: 2 King 1-3
April 22: 2 King 4-5
April 23: 2 King 6-8
April 24: 2 King 9-11
April 25: 2 King 12-14
April 26: 2 King 15-17
April 27: 2 King 18-19
April 28: 2 King 20-22
April 29: 2 King 23-25
April 30: 1 Chron 1-2

April Birthdays

2nd Bobby Mitchell

6th Dave Holderfield

7th Vena Khamvanthong

8th Stephanie Stephenson

12th Don Johnson

13th Josie Smith
Ethan Stephenson

15th Dorcas Gilland

16th Gordon Dix
Lynn Eberlin



17th Phyllis Grigg
Liz Workman
Faye Yarborough

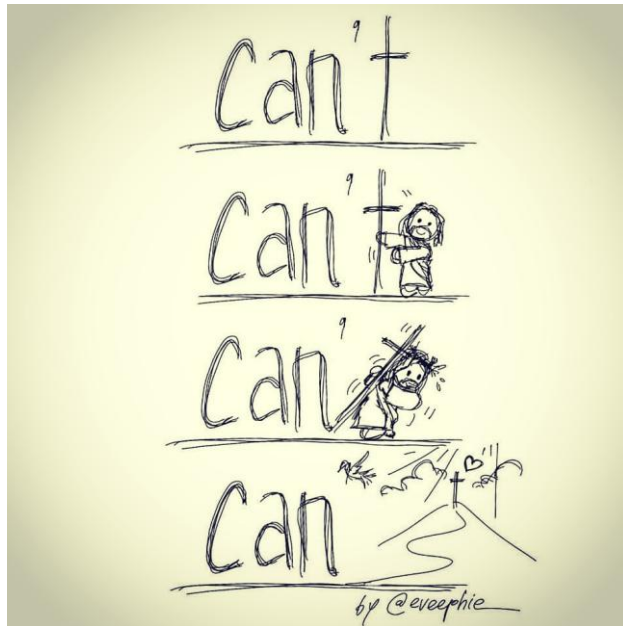
18th Carol Brown
L. D. Slaughter

20th Dina Bryant

21st Mark Stephenson

29th Carlton Parham

30th Michael O'Dell



EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV

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Please take a few moments and think about what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it, THE BIBLE, around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it, THE BIBLE, several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it, THE BIBLE, if we forgot it or left it somewhere?

What if we used it, THE BIBLE, to receive messages from its text?

What if we treated it, THE BIBLE, like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it, THE BIBLE, to our children as gifts?

What if we used it, THE BIBLE, when we traveled?

What if we used it, THE BIBLE, in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus has already paid the bill.

April

1st 7:30 AM Sunrise Service
Resurrection Sunday
NO EVENING SERVICE

2nd OFFICE CLOSED

3rd 7:00 PM Riverside Brotherhood
7:00 PM Prayer Ministry



4th 6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs

8th 4:30 PM Deacon's Meeting

9th 10:00 AM Valda Cates Circle
6:30 PM Genesis Circle

10th 6:00 PM Josie Brewer Circle
6:45 PM Lydia Circle
7:00 PM Prayer Ministry

11th 6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs

17th 9:30 AM Home Visitation
7:00 PM Prayer Ministry



18th 11:30 AM Widows & Friends Luncheon
6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs

19th 6:00 PM Revitalization Conference@ Grove Park Baptist

22nd 3:00 PM Church Council Meeting

24th 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry

25th 6:30 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Programs

26th 6:30 PM Associational VBS Expo

28th 5:30 PM AWANA Workers Celebration

29th 6:00 PM Singspiration





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