

New Life

As green begins to fill our North Georgia mountains once again, I am so thankful for new life. With the exception of some sinus irritation, I love everything about the spring; even on a rainy day like today, everything painted in hues of fresh green is much more beautiful than the skin of boring brown that our world is now shedding.



As we celebrate new life, however, we must remember that there would be no joy in the green without the bore of the brown—no joy in life without the pain of death. In reality, there is no possibility of avoiding death; whether in mother-nature or in mankind, all under the curse of sin must die.

But the Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 2:10:

“That I may know him (Jesus) and the power of his resurrection, and may share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

The key to experiencing resurrection or new life is that we must first die with Christ. Jesus made this plain in his own life when he said, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it cannot bring forth fruit.” The Apostle Paul echoes this for Jesus’ followers when he writes to the Corinthians, “Flesh and blood shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven.” As Paul continues, we must all be changed to enter heaven, and for most of us, this change will come by death.

But if we have died spiritually to sin with Christ, then we will live with Him also. He has robbed death of its sting. Rather than keeping its boring brown color, death for the Christian adopts a lovely greenish cover, for through the “stingless” door of death is new life. I pray that, by faith, we would know Him and the power of His resurrection.

— Pastor Rusty

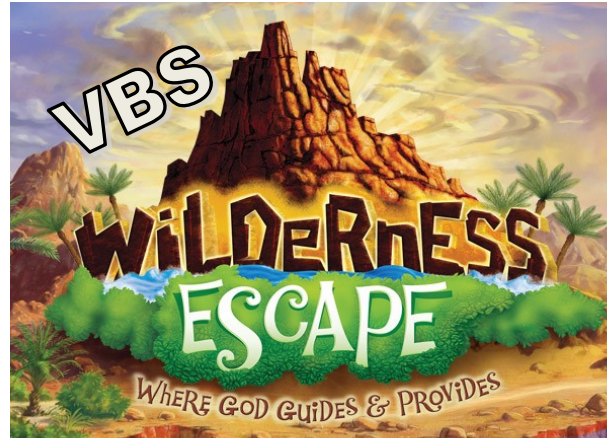


Painting with a Purpose
The ART of loving God

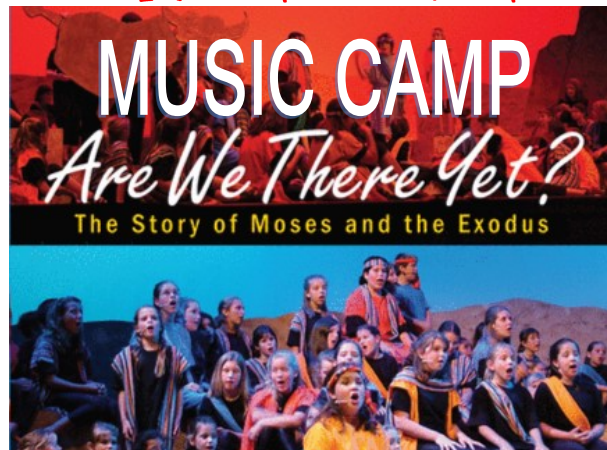
Painting With a Purpose
and Children’s Choir
will make a
Special Presentation

Sunday, April 25, 10:45 AM

Volunteers Needed June 21–25
VBS/Music Camp



VBS/MUSIC CAMP TRAINING
TUESDAY—MAY 11—6:00 PM



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It was a morning like no other in human history. Over 2000 years ago the sun would rise and a new day would dawn that would forever change the course of history. A dead body lay in a borrowed tomb, because he could not afford his own. A generous man, who had his life changed by the one now dead, gladly gave up some space in the family tomb. Until this morning dawned, hope had been crushed and fears had gripped the hearts of this man’s followers. Their Savior is dead. The unseen forces of hell were having a celebration. They thought that Jesus was down for good. But Jesus lay in a borrowed tomb, because He only needed it for the weekend!

As the sun rose that morning hope would rise. The silence of the borrowed tomb was broken by the sound of a beating heart and breathing. The darkness of the tomb was now filled with light and the sound of an immovable stone began to rumble and roll away. There must have been shouting throughout the heavens and there must have been agonizing moans coming from Hell. THE SON OF GOD WAS NOW ALIVE! Jesus, who was carried into the tomb as a dead man and walked out of the tomb by Himself!

For if the wage of our sin is death according to Romans 6:23, Jesus just paid the wage! He is the gift of God and the one who gives eternal life. He has paid our sin Debt. He has conquered Death and the Devil and secured our Destiny! We have eternal life with Him. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone, because I know He holds my future, life is worth the living,
JUST BECAUSE HE LIVES!

—Pastor Bob

APRIL 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
 <p>ANNUAL FRUIT & JUICE DRIVE Morganton Baptist Association is collecting canned fruit, fruit juices, gift cards, or donations for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. Collection runs through April 30th.</p> <p>We encourage everyone to get involved and help the children. REMEMBER: Children don't like grapefruit juice!</p> 				<p>1 Maundy Thursday Communion 7pm Church Sanctuary</p>	 <p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT NOON CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3 S.A.L.T. 9 am</p>
<p><i>He Is Risen!</i></p> <p>AM Worship Services 9:00 & 10:45</p> <p>NO PM Worship Service</p>	<p>5 Spring Break</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p> <p>Deacons' Meeting 6 pm</p>	<p>6 Spring Break</p> <p>Quilting B's 9 am</p> <p>College Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>7 Spring Break</p> <p>NO REGULAR ACTIVITIES TODAY</p>	<p>8 Spring Break</p> <p>Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Spring Break</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Sunday Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:45</p> <p>Evening Worship 6:00</p>	<p>12 Aerobics 5:30 pm</p> <p>Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13 WMU Heart to Hands Fellowship Hall 10 am</p> <p>College Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>14 Homeschool 8:30—3:30</p> <p>Spring Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>15 Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
MEN'S OVERNIGHT HIKE						
<p>18 Sunday Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:45</p> <p>Handbell Choir 4:15</p> <p>Evening Worship 6:00</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p> <p>Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 Men's Prayer Time 6:30 am</p> <p>Quilting B's 9 am</p> <p>College Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>21 Homeschool 8:30—3:30</p> <p>Spring Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>22 Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Art Connection 6:30 - 9:00 pm</p> <p>S.O.S. Class to help you fix or finish a painting with help at no charge! Please make a reservation so we will know to expect you.</p>	<p>24 S.A.L.T. 10 am - Noon</p>
<p>25 <i>Compassion Sunday</i> Special Presentation by Painting with a Purpose & Children's Choir—10:45</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p> <p>Prophecy Class Rm. 211 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>College Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>28 Homeschool 8:30—3:30</p> <p>Spring Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>29 Precept 9-Noon A/Y Center</p> <p>Aerobics 5:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>  <p><i>May 1st</i></p>	

SPRING WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	9:30 am	Sunday Bible Study All ages will meet
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	4:15 pm	Handbell Choir
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
Mon.	5:30 pm	Aerobics
	6:30 pm	Prophecy Class Room 211
Tues.	7:00 pm	College Bible Study- <i>Life of Christ</i>
Wed.	3:30 pm	Painting with a Purpose (1st grade & up)
	5:00 pm	Dinner is served
	5:45 pm	Grades 1-6 Fight the Good Fight (Bible)
		Children's Choir
		Age 3—Kindergarten
		Art/Preschool Choir
		Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center
		Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study
	5:45-7 pm	ESL Class
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	9:00 am	Precepts - A/Y Center

DEACON OF THE WEEK

04	BRIAN HINMAN	912-547-1256
11	HOLLIS HOPE	706-374-3733
18	WILLIAM STONE	706-897-5314
25	TONY NELSON	229-402-5543

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2	Leon Cripe	
3	Barbara Snodgrass	
4	Jerry Gordon	
6	David Morgan	Jean Moody Jedidiah Thomas
9	Hal Medlin	
12	Brittany (Place) Mashburn	
13	Benjamin Lane Thigpen	
14	Justus James Thomas	
19	Layne Prather	
21	Shan Culpepper	
22	April Ford	
23	Bob Gumaer	
26	Lesley Alvarado	
27	Cortney Stuart	Jennifer Taylor
29	Sibbie Couch	
30	Gene George	

Blessings
on Your Special Day!