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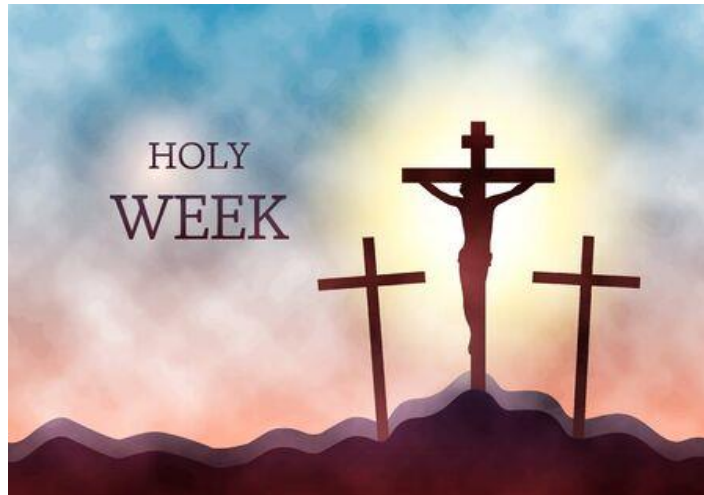
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 24th at 11AM- Palm Sunday

March 28th at 6PM- Maundy Thursday

March 29th at 7PM- Good Friday

March 31st at 11AM- Easter Sunday

*"But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." **Matthew 28:5-7***

February Church News



February 14th was Valentines Day.

February 14th was Ash Wednesday.



On February 17th, **Free Clothes and More** was held to serve families in our community. We served 14 people at February's outreach. Please continue to pray for those who come that we may be a representative and a mirror of God's supreme love and provision.



February 18th, **Soup, Sandwich, and Dessert** was held after church. A lovely time of fellowship was had by all who attended.



February 24th, **Arches in Sound, 7:30PM** , St. Patrick's Church, there was a concert given and our very own Jessica Carl was a part of the program.

February 28th, **Our Annual Meeting** was held. Please be in prayer for our church in this start of a new year.

Our sympathy is expressed to the Reed family for the loss of Stephen Reed who passed away on February 3rd, 2024. Please be in prayer for Tom, Tabatha, Tom Jr, Tim, and the whole family at this time of deep sorrow.

March Events



BIRTHDAYS



March	
2	Abigail Farr
5	DLouisa Ford
7	Ronald Beere
10	Margaret Kotylo
16	Peggy Bennett
22	Timothy Reed
22	Marty Carl
25	Roger Marsh
25	Natalie Hessler
26	Anna James
27	Thomas Reed Jr.



March 16th, Free Clothes and More- please see Diane Runion if you can offer a helping hand to this outreach program!



March 17th, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, following the church service. There will be music, games, and food. No cost to attend. Sign ups begin March 3rd for this event. Do not forget your green attire for this event!



March 19th, First Day of Spring!



March 24th , Palm Sunday.



March 28th, Maundy Thursday Service, 6PM.



March 29th, Good Friday Service, 7PM, please remember to exit the service quietly in remembrance for what Jesus did for all of us.



March 31st, Easter Sunday.

BOOK REVIEW

For you who enjoy books about real people linking them with the historical background, there is an interesting one in our church library turntable. It's entitled, "C.S. Lewis & Mere Christianity" by Paul McCusker. During World War II, the people of Great Britain were experiencing death and destruction on their own turf and the subject of God and suffering was on many minds. The BBC tried to make sense of their listeners' pain and loss by encouraging C.S. Lewis to articulate God's truth in a series of talks on the radio station that spoke to the average man and woman. Through the series, Lewis consolidated many of his writings and talks into the book, "Mere Christianity" that many have found enlightening to

his or her own faith. Good read! (review by Diane Runion)

PRAYER CHAIN GROUP

There are 10 prayer chain members who dedicate themselves to pray for the needs of the church family and for others outside of our church who have concerns that are brought to our attention. I am thankful for their consistent participation and thankful to God who hears and answers. We recently got a card thanking the participants for praying for her Mom and the rest of the family who have been ill. It is a witness to God's faithfulness and His care and protection. He knows what we need even though we don't always know how to pray. Prayer does change things. What a gift He has given.

MARCH BREADBOX – LIFE CHOICES CENTER

Life Choices Center has been an influence for many years in the lives of those who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. The office is on Oak Street across from Binghamton High School and it does many things: First it provides an opportunity to see the couples' baby with ultrasound technology, then provides counseling, pregnancy checkups, and help with material needs. Life Choices Center also has opportunities to speak in assemblies in the schools, talking about abstinence as the primary and best prevention of unwanted pregnancies. They also counsel those who have had abortions telling of God's forgiveness, love, and restoration. During the month of March we will tell of a new program for expectant fathers called, Doctor Dad. During the last couple of years, the organization has had financial stresses and opposition by many who support Planned Parenthood and other abortion centers.

If you are interested in giving, please write a check made out to Main Street Baptist Church and annotated for March breadbox offering, or place cash in the small envelope available in the pew rack and place it in any offering plate.

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

The Israeli Support Staff of Chosen People Ministries has been serving their military by giving out hundreds of supplies to those in cold-weather zones that includes socks, thermal underwear, water packs, sleeping bags and lights to wear on the helmets to see at night. One of the most

meaningful aids was providing fresh, home-cooked food. They are also helping with Israelis forced to evacuate their homes on the northern and southern borders by partnering with faithful, Bible-believing organizations, one of which covered the cost of the enterprise. Children are especially affected by having had to flee their homes, as they have lost a couple of months of schooling, and many only have one parent in attendance on them. Many young parents have been mobilized to the reserve force. Chosen People has provided many of the children with tablet devices to use for their education. Holocaust survivors, too afraid to leave their houses, have been given food to sustain them. Hearts are shattered and the workers' generosity has stimulated many conversations about the Lord. Pray for peace in Jerusalem and for the peace that passes understanding through Christ.



"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? John 11: 25-26



Happy Easter

Let's all gather to celebrate our Lord and Savior! He has won the victory over sin and death! Christ has risen! Christ is risen indeed!

"He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." Luke 24:6-7