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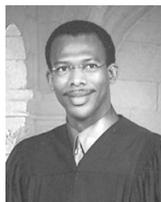
A timeless message from the archives...

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Linzie B. Atkins, III

Jesus is Alive

On April 4th we will observe Easter Sunday throughout the Christian community. Although various denominations and individual



churches put a different label on this Sunday - the essence remains. The 40 days of Lent will end and the last 7 sayings of Christ will have been

said countless times.

I wonder - how does one keep this sacred Sunday and all of its meaning centermost and uppermost in heart? Churches will no doubt enjoy a better -than-normal attendance; new suits and dresses will adorn both saints and non-saints alike on this special day. But, will we get it?

Do we remember why we hide Easter eggs (forget about the pagan association - eggs symbolize new life

- in Christ we find new life)? Are we willing to come out to the early Son-Rise service at 6 AM (we say He rose early for us)? Or, will we treat this day as any and every other?

Will we return to our pre-Lent ways and habits? Will we forget the betrayal, the denial, the scourging, and the crucifixion of our Christ? Will we think little of the hands and feet that were nailed, the side that was pierced, and the blood that came running down? Will we remember that He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities?

Let us remember that Jesus died for the sins of the world. During Easter we celebrate His resurrection - He is Alive. And, because He lives we have the victory.

This Easter - let us focus all of our energies and the spotlight on Christ - who was dead but is now alive forevermore.

Happy Easter!

Congratulations Bria!



Sis. Bria Davenport was recently recognized by the Durham Public Schools Board of Education for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, presented on behalf of President Barack Obama, recognizes Americans who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country. **Congratulations to Sis. Davenport!!**

HE LIVES!

Jerusalem OBITUARIES 33 AD



Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Saluting Women in the Bible

Bible Women Trivia

- submitted by Sis. Retella Jones

Can you identify these women?

- ✚ This orphaned Jewess married a famous king of Persia after a year-long “beauty” treatment. A book in the Bible was named after her recounting her experience.
- ✚ This long-barren woman prayed to Jehovah to “look upon the affliction of your slave girl and actually remember me” and vowed that if she had a son, she would give him to Jehovah. She eventually became the mother of the prophet Samuel.
- ✚ This Ethiopian queen is known by her title-name. Her unnamed treasurer became a baptized Christian through the preaching efforts of Philip, who had been lead by Jehovah’s spirit to meet her court official as he was traveling in a chariot along the road to Gaza.
- ✚ This Canaanite prostitute from the city of Jericho became a believer in Jehovah. She was the mother of Boaz (who married Ruth), the great-great-grandmother of King David, and an ancestress of the Messiah.
- ✚ The Bible says Jesus loved this woman and her sister and brother. Once when Jesus was visiting their home, he told her that it would have been better for her not to provide an elaborate meal for him because a simple meal would have been sufficient. Then she would have had time to “sit at his feet and listen” as her sister had done.
- ✚ Shortly after Pentecost, this woman and her husband sold a field and falsely claimed to be giving the full price of the field to the apostles in Jerusalem as a donation to help with an emergency. Because they each lied, first her husband and later this woman dropped dead.
- ✚ This woman had a strong love for silver, and in order to get her hands on it bargained with the Philistines to wheedle a little secret out of one of the world’s strongest men.
- ✚ A Christian woman who had faith “without any hypocrisy” and passed her faith to her daughter and well-known grandson who traveled with the apostle Paul.
- ✚ This widowed mother-in-law was accompanied by one of her widowed Moabite daughter-in-laws when she left Moab to return to Israel after the famine was over.
- ✚ This Christian woman who lived in Joppa “abounded in good deeds and gifts of Mercy”. After she fell sick and died, she was miraculously resurrected by Peter. Many who heard about it became believers.
- ✚ This 84 year old prophetess who was in regular attendance at the temple in Jerusalem was privileged to see the baby Jesus when he was presented for purification according to the Law of Moses.
- ✚ On two occasions this beautiful woman who was married to a patriarch was taken into the household of a foreign king, but both times her presence resulted in plagues being brought by Jehovah upon the king’s household so that she was released.
- ✚ This prophetess in Israel who dwelt under a palm tree, was used by Jehovah to call up judge Barak to fight against the Canaanite King, Jabin and his army chief Sisera.
- ✚ This woman, who “sat down at the feet of Jesus and kept listening to his word” also anointed Jesus’ head and feet with costly perfumed oil worth about one year’s wages shortly before his death.
- ✚ The angel Gabriel promised this righteous but barren wife of the priest Zechariah she would bear a child who was to be called John.
- ✚ She was one of King David’s wives and became the mother of Solomon, David’s successor to the throne.
- ✚ Just after arriving to visit a relative, this newly pregnant woman said “My soul magnifies Jehovah, and my spirit cannot keep from being overjoyed at my God my Savior; because he has looked upon the low position of his slave girl. For, look! from now on all generations will pronounce me happy; because the powerful One has done great deeds for me, and holy is his name”.
- ✚ Although her name means “Living One”, this woman induced her husband to become involved with her in a rebellious act that brought a sentence of death upon themselves and their yet-to-be-born descendants.
- ✚ She is famous for saying “but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their mater’s table”. Jesus said, “Woman, you have great faith”!
- ✚ Jesus asked this woman for a drink and told her all about herself. He said he would give her “living water”. Because of her testimony, a whole town came to believe.

Use these names to complete the trivia statements. Have fun!!

Anna, Mary Magdalene, Bathsheba, Mary, mother of Jesus, Deborah, Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, Delilah, Naomi, Dorcas, Queen of Sheba, Elisabeth, Rahab, Ruth, Eunice, Sapphira, Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Esther, Syro-Phoenician Woman, Lois, Tabitha, Martha, Woman of Samaria

Celebrating Black History

Thanks to everyone who participated in and supported our Black History Month activities and Soul Food Pot Luck Fellowship.



photos by Bro. Reginald Davis

Save These Dates!!

Senior Adult Appreciation Day
Sunday, May 2nd

LMBC Church Anniversary
Sunday, May 16th

More details to come in our weekly church bulletins.

Happy Birthday

to our

April Birthday Celebrities

Vera Hodge • Flora Faison • Apryl Jernigan • Eric Melvin • Barbara Leathers • Justin Bell • Stacy Shaw • Robert Talley • Tonia Slaughter • Betty Cotton • Rosa Bass • Reginald Johnson • Katie Williams • Shaun Harrell • Camille Prescott • Charles Bailey • Zariya Thomas

Best Wishes for Many More!!

Food For Thought...

Opening The Rose

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact...It wasn't long before he realized how impossible it was to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

*It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.*

*The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.*

*If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?*

*So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.*

*The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.*

April 2010

“Transition To Win In 2010”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><i>To add an event to the church calendar, please contact Sis. Janice Campbell by calling the church at 688-1886, option 1. You may also email her at churchcalendar@mylmbc.org.</i></p> <p><i>Please send articles, photos or information for The Testament to newsletter@mylmbc.org by the 3rd Sunday of each month.</i></p>						<p>10:00am Trustee Ministry Meeting</p> <p>11:00am Nurse's Aide</p> <p>12:00pm Women of Faith</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		<p>6:30pm Pastor's Aide Committee</p>	<p>12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer</p> <p>6:00pm Sounds of Joy</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6:00pm Christian Board of Education</p>	<p>6:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>10:00am Deaconess Ministry Meeting</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>3:00pm Youth Missionary Meeting</p>	<p>7:00pm Voices of Praise</p>		<p>12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study</p>		<p>6:00pm Praise Team</p> <p>7:00pm Voices of Praise</p>	<p>9:00am Laymen's League</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>4:00pm Pastor's Aide Fundraiser</p>			<p>12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6:00pm Neighborhood PAC</p>	<p>6:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>10:00am Durham County Missionary Dept.</p> <p>12:00Noon Usher Board</p> <p>2:00pm Missionary Dept.</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	<p>7:00pm Voices of Praise</p>	<p>6:00pm Computing & Technology Committee</p>	<p>12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer</p> <p>6:00pm Sounds of Joy</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study</p>			