

THE BRIDGE

MARCH 2024

OUR CORE VALUES AND DEFINITION

1. Follow Jesus

To follow Jesus is to accept the gifts of salvation and grace and to demonstrate the love of God through service to our community and the world by witnessing to the abundant life shared by the children of God. (Reference scripture: Mark 12: 29-31)

2. Grow Spiritually

To grow spiritually is to be receptive to the Holy Spirit working in us and transforming the Body of Christ through the renewing gifts of prayer, study, and Christian fellowship (Reference scripture: Romans 12: 1-2)

OUR VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers welcoming all to worship, pray, grow spiritually and to passionately pursue God's work.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Spreading God's way of life through spiritual growth and passionate service.

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"The Paper Pulpit"



This month we finish our journey through the dark days and themes of Lent. But we also rejoice in the Resurrection at Easter. Easter in March is not rare, but it isn't typical. But then Easter isn't typical. In fact, it has only happened 30 percent of the time since the year 1600. But it still seems odd.

But the date it shows up on a calendar, isn't the important part. What is important is that Easter comes around EVERY year. That means we can either say, "no big deal" or it is "the biggest deal."

It is 'no big deal' because we know it's coming. In other words, we get 'use to it' and that can diminish its value. "Yeah, just like last year, so what?" It risks being reduced to just another holiday on the calendar rather than the 'HOLYday' that it should be.

It is also 'the biggest deal' because we are able to remember and new our highest Holy day shows us just how much God loved us that he send his son Jesus to die and be raised for us, thus conquering death once and for all for those who believe in Him. Every year we get to hear that story of just how much Jesus loved us that he went through all that he did, on our behalf. In a nutshell it shows us just how Loved we are.

If we understand that, then it is the biggest deal because it shows us just how great our God is and how we are called and claimed by Him. It is the biggest deal because at Easter we have another chance to renew our faith and commitment to responding to God's grace in kind. We are given Easter as more than just a date on the calendar. It is a giant Post-it note on our lives.

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. - John 10:10
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"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11:25-26

Easter gives us the chance to know who offers us salvation and a new life in God. If we were ever to hear this question for ourselves, may we be able to answer as Martha did...

"Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ." - John 11:27

So, when it comes to Easter, mark your calendars for Sunday March 31st. But mark your hearts every day as, blessed "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—" - Ephesians 2:8

Hallelujah!!! Happy Easter!

Steve



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"in honor of" or "in memory of" a
loved one or to remember a special
occasion, you may reserve a Sunday
by emailing

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If you have a prayer request or would like to
be added to the DBPC prayer chain, please con-
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Our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Eric Massey.

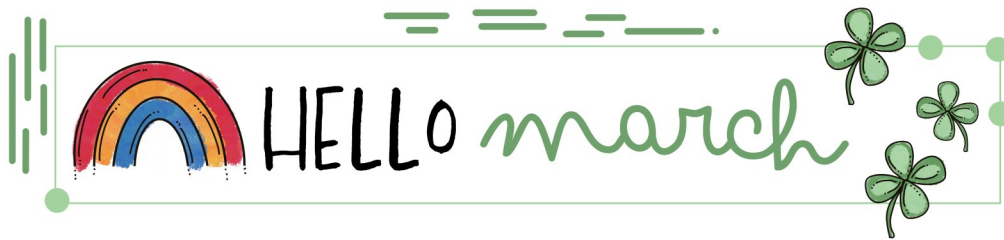


1	SOPHIA HAMMOND
2	PAT WHITLEY
3	RAYE FELDER
4	CHRIS STEGALL
14	BOB FORD
14	JAMES KERBER
14	JAKE WILLIAMS
15	JENNY (MERRITT) CAVENY
17	CARSON SILVERS
18	LINDA LANUM
19	PETE STEGALL
20	ALLISON ADKINS
20	ROBERT KERBER
21	WENDY MONTGOMERY
22	ANDREW BLONDO
26	JAMES MCGILL
26	BRYCE STEGALL
26	KELLY STEGALL
29	NATHAN MERRITT
29	RICHARD WILLIAMSON
30	CYNTHIA LUTHER

11	BRAD & JULIE MERRITT
16	KEN & CATHEY KERBER

Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 1, 2024*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 10, 2024*
- First day of spring, *March 19, 2024*
- Holy Week, *March 24-31, 2024*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 24, 2024*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 28, 2024*
- Good Friday, *March 29, 2024*
- **Easter Sunday, *March 31, 2024***



2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Women's Sunday	4 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	5 6:30pm Pack 157	6 8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts	7	8 10am Myra Bryant Circle	9 Pack 157 Pinewood Derby DBPC Fellowship Hal
10 2nd Sunday Potluck 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship	11 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	12 6:30pm Pack 157	13 8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Lenten study	14	15	16
Pastor Steve Vacation						
17 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Dimes for Hunger	18 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	19 6:30pm Pack 157	20 8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Lenten study	21	22	23
24 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Worship Palm Sunday	25 6:00pm Session Meeting 6:30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm BSA Troop 157 7:45 Handbell Practice	26 6:30pm Pack 157	27 8am-3pm HS Group Classical Conversations 5pm-6pm Girl Scouts	28 7pm Maundy Thursday Communion	29 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Candle Service of last words of Christ	30 11am Church Egg Hunt 1pm Special Needs Egg Hunt
31 Easter 7am Sunrise Service 11am Morning Worship Communion	Elder of the Month Jennie Stuart					
	Acolyte 3/3-Josie Chavis 3/10-Wesley Combs 3/17-Andrew Blondo 3/24-Wesley Combs 3/31-Andrew Blondo			Reader/ Usher 3/3-Bella Jackson/ Sis Silvers 3/10-Heather Ford 3/17-Marcie Bayne 3/24- Dan Cockerill 3/31-Bob Ford		



Everyone knows that Holy week is in March this year. But you may not know all of the events of that week. So here they are...

March 24th, 11am	Palm Sunday
March 28th 7pm	Maundy-Thursday Communion
March 29th, 7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Candle Service of last words of Christ
March 30th, 11am	Annual Church Egg Hunt
March 30th, 1pm	Children with Special Needs Egg Hunt
March 31st, 7am	EASTER SUNRISE Worship
March 31st, 11am	Regular Easter Worship

TENEBRAE means '**Darkness**' in Latin and is the worship where we reflect on the 'Last Words' of Christ at his death. Each reading is followed by the extinguishing of a candle until the only light left is the Christ candle. It is a very meaningful service where we deal with the darkness of the hours endured by our Lord as he gave his life for ours.

The **Easter SUNRISE** service will be held at our amphitheater and is open to everyone so we hope you will invite family and friends to celebrate New Life with us. In the event of bad weather we will hold the service indoors.

Please plan to attend these Holy Week events as we acknowledge who made them Holy and Why.



The Myra Bryant Women's Circle will meet Friday, March 8 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study from the book, Bad Girls of the Bible Chapter 8, "Friends in Low Places". If you would like please bring a snack to share. All ladies are invited to attend.

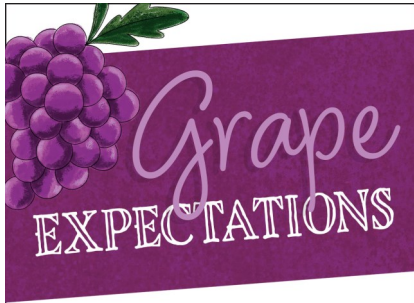
2024 Lenten Study Series 7pm each Wednesday through 3/20

We will be looking at the "Small Items of a Big Story" We will study the simple elements that were a part of the story, without which its meaning may not be as powerful. From palms to nails and wood we will look at how Jesus went through so much for us.



So, come and join us as we examine more closely just how much the little things matter.

FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY



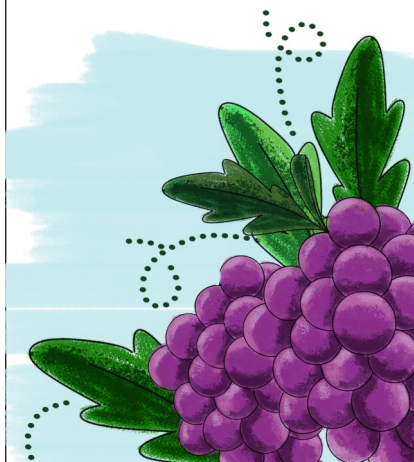
Try this chilly new
take on a healthy snack.

What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

What you do:

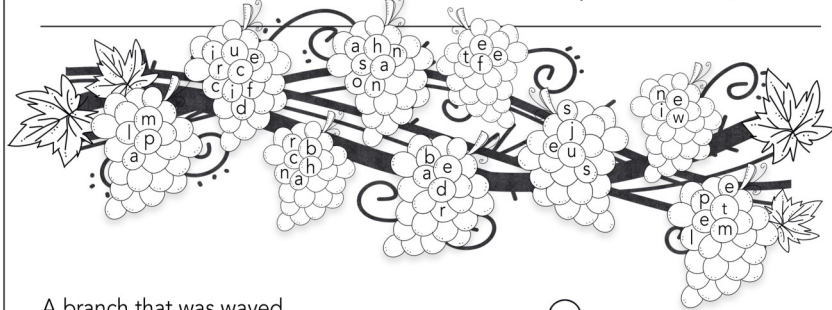
1. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!





A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.

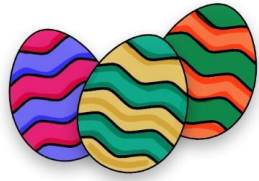


- A branch that was waved _____○
- How Jesus was put to death _____○_____
- A stick attached to the vine _____○_____
- People shouted this to Jesus _____○_____
- Jesus washed these _____○_____ 
- This was broken and eaten _____○_____
- The Messiah _____○_____ 
- A drink from grapes _____○_____
- Jesus drove the money changers from here _____○_____

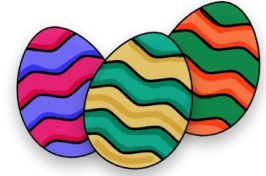
"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear _____; apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5, NIV*

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple, much fruit



EGG HUNT



Where: Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church
2500 S. Doby's Bridge Road
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When: Saturday March 30th
11am-12pm - Church Egg Hunt
1pm-2pm- Special Needs Egg Hunt

RSVP: (803) 547-5240

**We are needing donations of individually wrapped candy and small prizes to put inside the eggs. If you would like to donate these items please drop off at DBPC by 3-24-24.*



Christian Symbol




BUTTERFLY

The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.

Bible Quiz

The "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

- A. knee; tongue
- B. hands; feet
- C. arms; lips
- D. heart; mouth



Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11.)





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