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April 2021

Reflections

I apologize that over the past year the newsletter articles have not been all that newsy. There has not been much to report on behalf of the church as of late. Sometimes no news is good news and in many ways the saying has been true of the church of this year. As a result of the pandemic we did not have a significant decrease in funding or increase in funerals. We have managed to worship effectively, if not ideally, for some time now. But I must admit that I look forward to a time when there will be lots of exciting new happenings going on in the life of the church, if for no other reason than that it makes these newsletter articles a little easier to write.

The good news is that it looks like those days are getting closer and closer. To share some personal good news, I was able to get my first vaccine shot a couple of days ago. Never have I been more excited to get a needle stuck in my arm. In talking to many of you, it seems that a lot of you have had the same experience. There is good news out there and more is on the way.

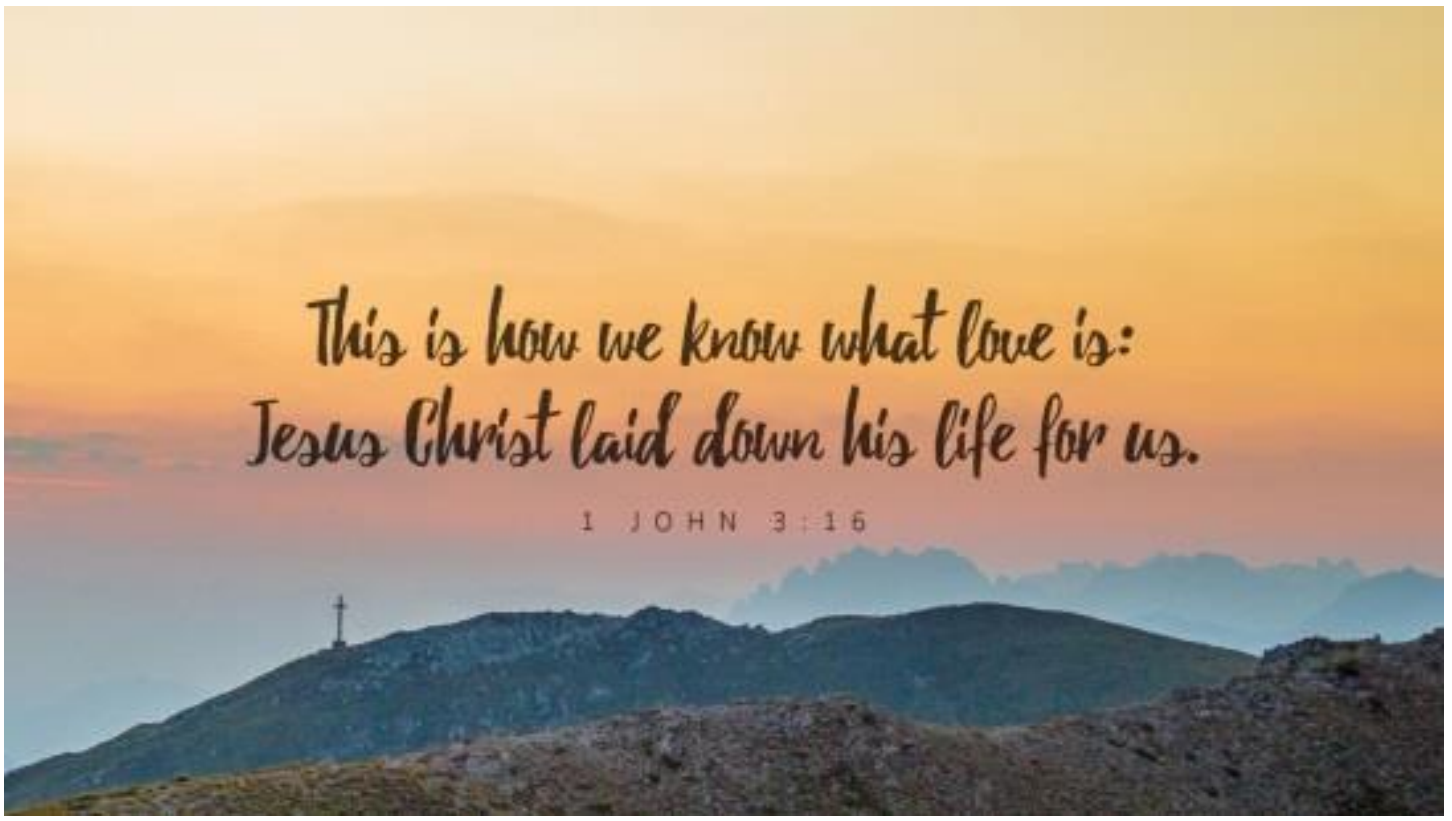
But there is bad news as well. Not everyone has been as fortunate as I have to be able to receive a vaccine and it will be some time before that becomes possible. After dropping steeply over the past month, the number of coronavirus cases, both in our area and nationwide, has slowly started to tick back upwards. People in both Franklin County and Martinsville continued

to die just this past week from the disease. Good news rarely comes without a dose of reality.

Over the course of the next few months, we will have to wrestle with both this good news and stubborn reality. I am hopeful that vaccines will become available to all by the end of this month and that as the weather begins to turn hot we may be able to look forward to some big news in regards to our worship situation. This too will be a reality check though as there is a lot of work to be done to someday get back in the sanctuary for worship and a lot of tough questions that will need to be addressed. When will we make this transition? What adjustments will need to be made to the worship service?

As we look forward to warmer spring temperatures at the drive-in service, I think we have time to think about these questions, but the time will be here sooner rather than later when we need to sit down and discuss them. Be thinking about them and as always feedback is appreciated. In the meantime, though there is April and that brings with it the real Good News. In a few days we will celebrate Christ's resurrection. Christ rose so that we could see that death's power is no match for God's. Whatever news comes our way the rest of the month, this news brings with it hope, now and forevermore.

God be with you, Scott.



April Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

April 4 (Resurrection of the Lord)

- Acts 10:34-43 OR Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 OR Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18 OR *Mark 16:1-8*

April 18 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 3:12-19
- Psalm 4
- 1 John 3:1-7
- *Luke 24:36b-48*

April 11 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

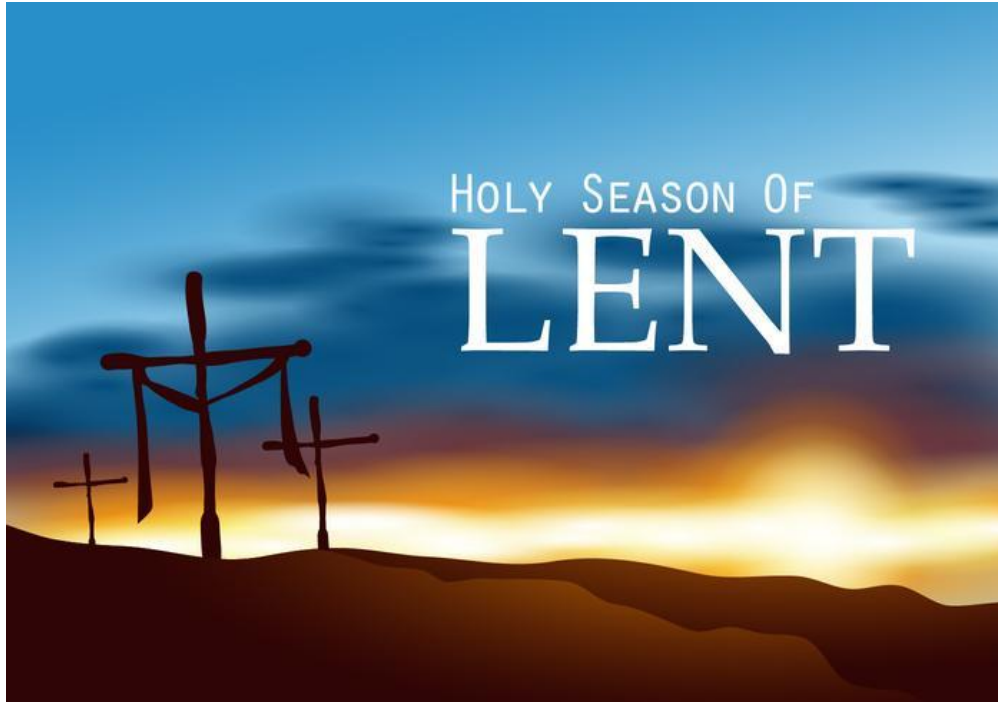
- *Acts 4:32-35*
- Psalm 133
- 1 John 1:1-2:2
- John 20:19-31

April 25 (4th Sunday of Easter)

- *Acts 4:5-12*
- Psalm 23
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18

EASTER SERVICES

DRIVE IN EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE ON APRIL 4



Minster Scott began emailing daily Lenten devotionals on February 17.

He will continue with this process until Easter on April 4.

Easter Special Offering

On Palm Sunday (3/28) and Easter Sunday (4/4) the church will take up its annual offering to support the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The general ministries involve pretty much any initiative that the Disciples of Christ denomination takes on at a national level. This includes everything from administrative functions to outreach to coordinating mission opportunities to publishing worship and study resources to supporting new churches and much, much more. It is a once-a-year contribution that the church makes to try and do our part to make sure that the denomination as a whole is able to continue to thrive. To contribute please make checks out to Snow Creek Christian Church *and be sure to designate them as **Easter Offering***. If you would like to mail a check, you can do so to 4970 Snow Creek Road, Martinsville, VA 24112. Thank you all so much for your generous support to the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Minister Scott delivered an inspiring message on Palm Sunday. The Youth and Kids

Entered with the palms and assisted Scott by reading scripture. Thanks to everyone

Involved in the service





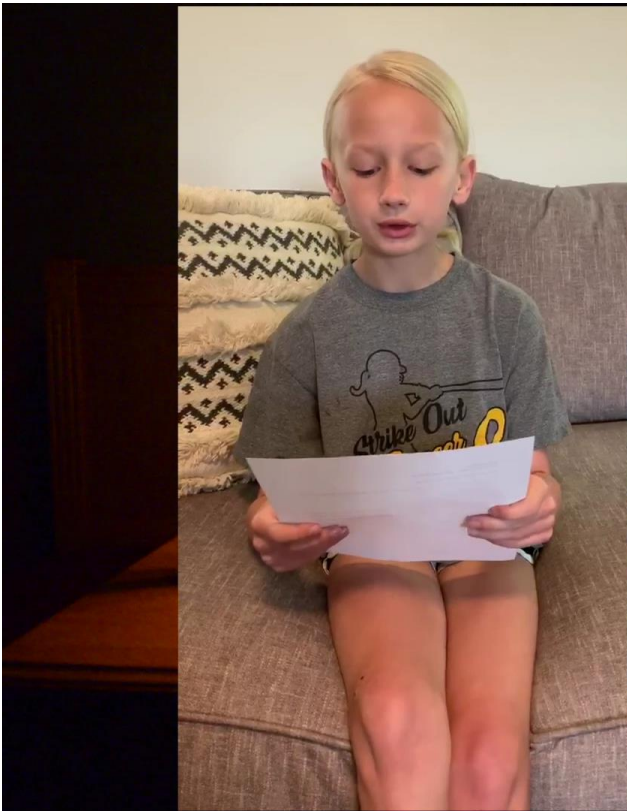


Minister Scott with the assistance of the Youth and Kids provided another inspiring message.

Thanks to all that assisted with this creative service.



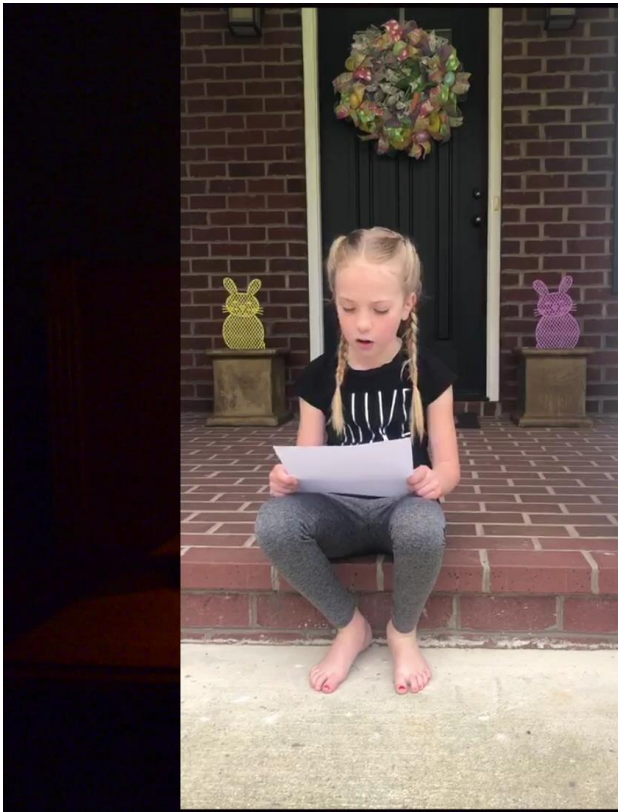








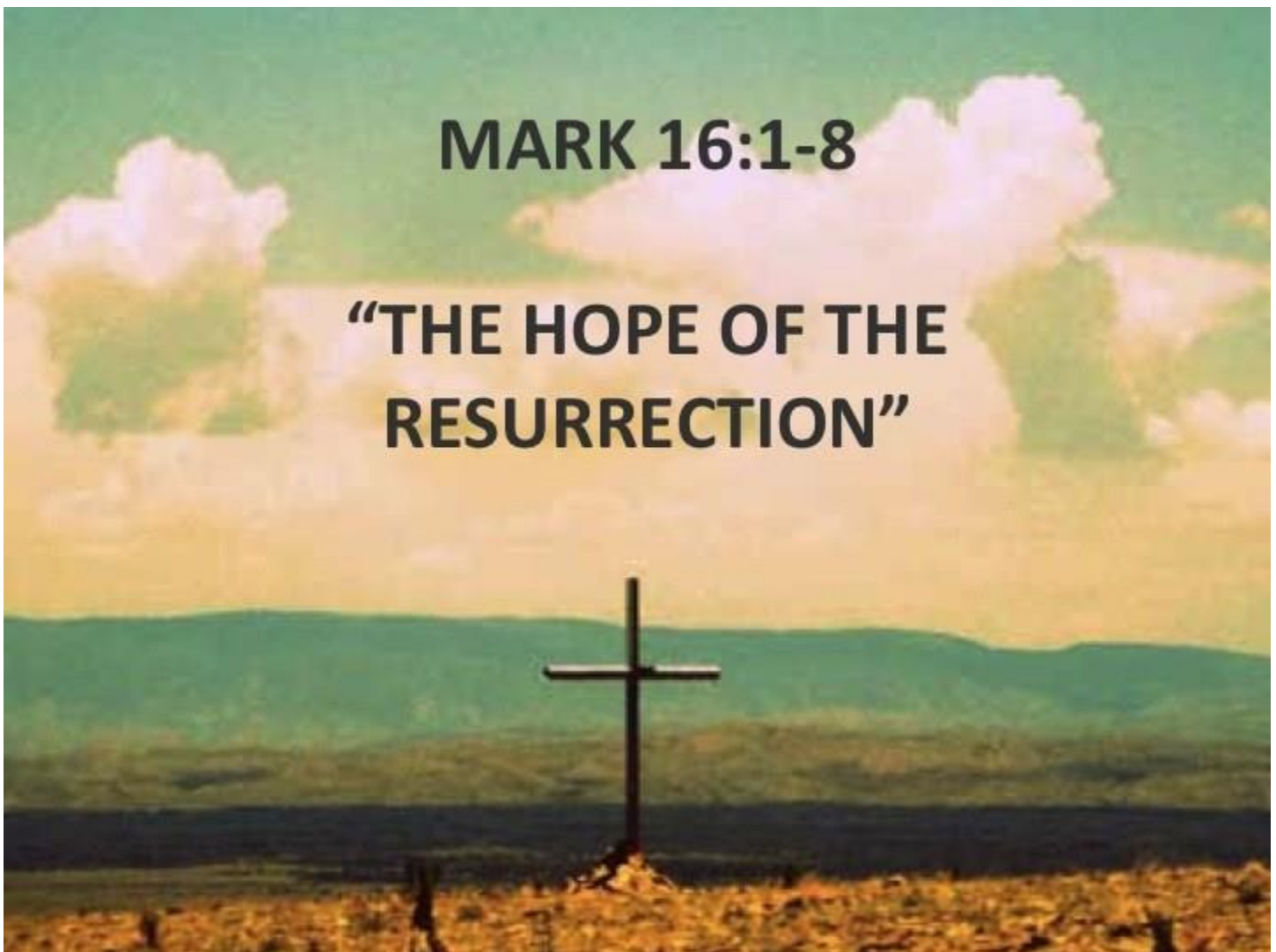
Mark 15:16-20



GRADUATES

Please email me names, photos, honors, and future information plans on our Church Family Graduates. Include Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, Trade School, etc.

This is an unusual year for the Kids and Youth that are graduating but we definitely want to show them how proud the Church Family is of their achievements. Please email to barbsmith@b2xonline.com by April 27 for The May Newsletter and May 25 for the June Newsletter. THANKS



PAST SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE KIDS AND YOUTH



Molly Michell, Whitney Eanes, and Kay Boyd

Mike Doyle, Cynthia Jordan, Tambia Washburn, and Barbara Smith



LET'S CELEBRATE



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eddie Brown
- 3 Joyce Ingram
- 7 Isaiah Jordan
- 10 Tressi Mitchell
- 22 Whitney Eanes
- 22 Pam Gabriel
- 23 Betty Lou Cooper
- 25 Walker Pruett
- 30 Josh Washburn

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Todd & Melody Martin
- 15 Jarrett & Patti Amos
- 21 Josh and Morgan Washburn

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**"Neither is there salvation in any other:
for there is none other name under heaven
given among men, whereby we
must be saved."**

Acts 4:12 (KJV)

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