



JESUS – SAVIOR FOR ALL

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24 44-49

During the month of April, we will spend each day reading from the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a methodical writer and seems to make details a priority. We believe Luke to be very educated and some believe he was a physician a.k.a. medical doctor. Some scholars even suppose Luke to be a Gentile physician. Some even think that Luke might have been a Roman official. We should not have a hard time imagining this since we have completed the gospel of Matthew, where we believe Matthew to first be a Jew and then became a Roman tax collector.

The underlying theme of Luke is that “Jesus is the Savior of ALL people – Gentile and Jew.” Luke’s account of Jesus’ life is captured in the book of Luke – but – the story continues with the response of Jesus’ life onto the disciples (ours too) into the book of Acts. Luke/Acts is a two-volume accounting of Luke’s understanding and reporting of Jesus and the disciple’s acts following Jesus’ death.

Only Matthew and Luke have an account of Jesus’ birth. Luke is the only gospel to write of the Good Samaritan, the prodigal son, and rich man/Lazarus story.¹ Possibly this is to continue Luke’s argument of ALL meaning ALL.

So many times we learn concepts, and yet, we fail to live into the concepts we have learned. It’s pretty easy to learn the concept of money (dollars and coins) when those dollars and coins are ours. We learn quickly to count to make sure that no one “short changes” us. Maybe we should take that same concept into living into what Luke writes about. We should be so in-tune with what Jesus is showing, teaching, demonstrating to us that we want to implement the concept: Live, Love, Care for ALL.

Following the empty tomb, we understand Jesus came for ALL. Jesus died for ALL. God raised Jesus from the dead for ALL. We are to ALL be the hands and feet of Jesus.... ALL the time. May we live into this concept and continue His work in us.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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¹ Know Your Bible, Barbour, page 64

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Reading through the New Testament in one year:

	4/1	Luke 8:1-25		5/1	Luke 23:26-56		6/1	John 16: 16-33
	4/2	Luke 8:26-56		5/2	Luke 24:1-35		6/2	John 17
	4/3	Luke 9:1-27		5/3	Luke 24:36-53		6/3	John 18: 1-18
	4/4	Luke 9:28-62		5/4	John 1:1-28		6/4	John 18:19-40
	4/5	Luke 10:1-24		5/5	John 1:29-51		6/5	John 19:1-16
	4/6	Luke 10:25-42		5/6	John 2		6/6	John 19:16-42
	4/7	Luke 11:1-28		5/7	John 3:1-21		6/7	John 20
	4/8	Luke 11:29-54		5/8	John 3:22-36		6/8	John 21
	4/9	Luke 12:1-24		5/9	John 4:1-38		6/9	Acts 1
	4/10	Luke 12:35-59		5/10	John 4:39-54		6/10	Acts 2:1-28
	4/11	Luke 13:1-17		5/11	John 5:1-15		6/11	Acts 2:29-47
	4/12	Luke 13:18-35		5/12	John 5:16-47		6/12	Acts 3
	4/13	Luke 14:1-14		5/13	John 6:1-24		6/13	Acts 4: 1-22
	4/14	Luke 14:15-35		5/14	John 6:25-71		6/14	Acts 4:23-37
	4/15	Luke 15:1-10		5/15	John 7:1-24		6/15	Acts 5:1-16
	4/16	Luke 15:11-32		5/16	John 7:25-52		6/16	Acts 5:17-42
	4/17	Luke 16		5/17	John 7:53-8:11		6/17	Acts 6
	4/18	Luke 17:1-19		5/18	John 8:12-59		6/18	Acts 7:1-29
	4/19	Luke 17:20-37		5/19	John 9:1-17		6/19	Act 7:30-8:1
	4/20	Luke 18:1-17		5/20	John 9:18-41		6/20	Acts 8:1-25
	4/21	Luke 18:18-43		5/21	John 10:1-21		6/21	Acts 8:26-40
	4/22	Luke 19:1-27		5/22	John 10:22-42		6/22	Acts 9:1-22
	4/23	Luke 19:28-48		5/23	John 11:1-44		6/23	Acts 9:23-43
	4/24	Luke 20:1-19		5/24	John 11:45-57		6/24	Acts 10:1-33
	4/25	Luke 20:20-47		5/25	John 12:1-19		6/25	Acts 10:34-48
	4/26	Luke 21:1-19		5/26	John 12:20-50		6/26	Acts 11
	4/27	Luke 21:20-38		5/27	John 13:1-17		6/27	Acts 12
	4/28	Luke 22:1-38		5/28	John 13:18-38		6/28	Acts 13:1-25
	4/29	Luke 22:39-71		5/29	John 14		6/29	Acts 13:26-52
	4/30	Luke 23:1-25		5/30	John 15		6/30	Acts 14

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5/31 John 16:1-15

CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Motion from the March Council meeting

1. The Support Team recommends a modification to the existing irrigation/sprinkler system to include two (2) new electronic valves and three (3) new sprinkler heads. The funds are to come from the remaining money left in the Landscaping earmarked funds and the rest to come from the Building Improvement fund with the total cost of the project not to exceed \$500. **PASSED unanimously.**
2. Church Council recommends that a letter be sent to Mr. Al Kiser for the purpose of informing him of his obligation to install grave markers for the graves of his parents, Virginia Roof Kiser and Alvin Gennar Kiser, Sr., per the Mt. Hermon Cemetery policy. **PASSED unanimously.**
3. Personnel – Our church secretary, Denise Wolfe, has resigned effective February 29, 2024. Joel Price, Sr. recommends that a committee be formed to complete exit interviews of past employees since 2019. The individuals to be on the committee are Fran Bouknight, Danny Scott, Frankie Jackson, and Frank Bouknight. Exit interviews are to be completed in person and in confidence and a report be given to Church Council in Executive Session. **DID NOT PASS.**
4. Church Council recommends that Breanna Metze temporarily fill in as church secretary to complete bulletins and other essential tasks and she will be financially compensated based on the rate of \$15 an hour. **PASSED unanimously.**

Congregational Council Minutes February 2024

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Mary Koon and Jeff Price

CARES AND CONCERNS:

MEMBER CARE:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Minutes for January 2024 were accepted as presented.

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Report for February 2024 was submitted.
- Treasurer: No reports submitted. Frank Bouknight, Treasurer, is working on a different format for the reports and they were not ready in time for this meeting.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for January 2024 was submitted.
- Executive Committee: None

Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry: Written report submitted.

Care: Written report submitted.

Outreach: Written report submitted.

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Support: No report submitted. A suggestion was sent back to Support to check the window casing above the entrance to the Education Building.

Finance: No report submitted.

Teach: No report submitted.

Worship: No report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Member Care Groups Follow Up – Care Team – Team for Ministry will assist with writing up a quarterly update for Council members to send to their Member Care groups. Council members may also add personal notes before the information is sent out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next Meeting: March 10, 2024, at 11:30am
2. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Mary Koon
Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
February 25	105	97	202
February 28 evening	61		
March 03	118	117	235
March 06 evening	60		
March 10	92	108	200
March 13 evening	66		
March 17	91	112	203
March 20 evening	56		
March 24 Palm Sunday	131	118	249

TREASURER REPORT

YTD February 2024	Income	Expense	Over (Short)
Current Mission Plan	\$45,013.42	\$38,558.79	\$6,454.63
Building Fund	12,929.00	9,908.00	3,021.00
Bldg Improvement	5,960.00	1,993.35	3,966.65

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CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

The Care Team meets on the **1st Monday of every month at 5:30 pm** in the **conference room**. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Allison Swygert**, or **any team member** and attend the next meeting!

Grief Support Group

We are planning another grief support group for anyone that wants to share stories, vent, ask questions and grieve in a safe and supportive environment. If you are interested in joining us, please email Sheila Starkey at Starkey.sheila@gmail.com or call or text at 803-315-2990.

HeBrews Dinners will be held every-other month. The next Hebrews dinner will be May 18th. If you have not participated in a dinner yet, you are missing out! Sign up either by calling the office, on the paper in the breezeway, or by using the online button. If you would like to coordinate the group, please indicate that when you sign up. Those who sign up will be placed in groups and the group can decide where and what time you are meeting. It is a wonderful time to get to know your fellow disciples in a different space than at 3011 Leaphart Road.



Welcome to Mt. Hermon:

Elaine and Rich Clawson



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OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Outreach Team meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Bonnie Bouknight, Melanie Jackson, or any team member** and attend the next meeting.*

We distributed 50 bags with Easter Meals to people who use the Food Pantry. We have also sent children's clothes for the Clothes Closets at both Cayce Elementary and Springdale Elementary. We couldn't have provided these ministries without YOUR support Thank you!

We have set the date for "Make a Difference Day" **June 1, 2024.** More information will follow.

On April 24th , we will provide a pregame meal for BC Baseball Team.



Pineview Ruritan Club collected and donated over 300 canned goods for our Food Pantry. We are very thankful for their generous donation. If you are interested in serving on the Outreach Team, we meet the 3rd Monday of each month. We would love to have you join us. Contact Bonnie Bouknight, Melanie Jackson, or any of the team members.

SUPPORT TEAM

*The Support Team meets on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Ronnie Fulmer**, chairperson, and attend the next meeting.*

Dedication of Landscaping on Palm Sunday



We joined to dedicate the landscaping and its completion around our home here at 3011 Leaphart Road. The project was completed by a generous donation to honor the ministry and remember the lives of Bethea & Margie Hook and Paul & Idaleen Leaphart. These plants, grasses, and bulbs will continue to give glory to God for many years. Only

God can make a flower bloom. Only God can make a shrub grow. Only God can make a bulb sprout and bloom. We give thanks to God.

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TEACH TEAM

The Teach Team meets on the **third Sunday** at **11:30 pm** in the **conference room**. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Mary Koon** or **Cyndi Leaphart** and attend the next meeting!



Little Lutherans:

Thank you to everyone who donated and assisted with the Easter Eggstaviganza. It was a huge success, and we are thankful for the many visitors and their children who reached to the event!

Youth:

April 7th at 5pm the Youth will host Jade Watford as a speaker. Jade is the sister of Taylor Watford who died from a fentanyl OD. She is coming to speak to the youth on drugs, prom, etc.

April 21st the youth will meet at the church and then we will head out for a night out! We are going to go to an Escape Room and dinner!! Super excited for this evening.



Save the date

June 23rd – 27th

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team meets on the **4th Sunday** at **11:30 pm** in the **conference room**. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Wynne Price** and attend the next meeting!



Honoring Our Brave Heroes!

Memorial Day

May 27, 2024 6:30 pm
Mt Hermon
3011 Leaphart Rd
West Columbia, SC



Join us for a community memorial service as we remember those who gave their lives for our country. Let us honor their sacrifice and celebrate their legacy together.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

April 2024

	4/7/2024	4/14/2024	4/21/2024	4/28/2024
Ushers:	Cindy Price	Blake/Jack Allen	Frank Bouknight	Teddy Koon
	Joel Price, Jr.	Jeff Price	Kirby Johnson	Joe Koon
Crucifer:	Jake Dugan	Hayden Eargle	Braydon Rutherford	Mackenzie Burns
Acolyte:	Hayden Eargle	Cameron Bucknam	Chandler Coppens	Brayden Morris
Lector:	Angie Hydrick	Alyson Price	Kirby Johnson	Emily Morris
Communion Assts:	Cindy Price	Hayden Eargle	Frank Bouknight	Joe Koon
	Joel Price, Jr.	Cameron Bucknam	Kirby Johnson	Mary Koon
	Jake Dugan	Connor Eargle	Braydon Rutherford	Brayden Morris
	Hayden Eargle	Marie Gardner	Chandler Coppens	Emily Morris
	Angie Hydrick	Sherwood Garrett	Daryl Leigh Anthony	Mackenzie Burns
Nursery:	Noah Swygert	Alyson Price	Katie Donaldson	Leah Rawl
	Cassie Swygert	Brittany Allen	Melanie Jackson	Brittany Allen Brayden Morris
Flowers:	Stevens	Teddy Koon	Addisons	Danny Scott

SERVING IN APRIL

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Cyndi Leaphart

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Marie Gardner, Brandon Donaldson

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to serve in your absence.
Please also notify the church office of the change.*

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Apr 02	Joanne Eargle
Apr 03	Gunner Donaldson, Bryson Johnson
	♥ Apr 03 Jonathan & Rebekah Boatwright
	♥ Apr 03 Dan & Shirley Cooper
Apr 04	Jake Dugan, Tom Stahl
	♥ Apr 04 Bryan & Missy Addy
Apr 06	Virginia Ellisor
	♥ Apr 06 Al & Laura Stevens
Apr 07	Easton Kaylor
Apr 09	Becky Wise
Apr 10	Jamie Addison, Jane Sexton, Mandy Smith
Apr 11	Samantha Bucknam, Brandon Donaldson
	♥ Apr 11 Kirby & Becky Johnson
Apr 12	Blake Donaldson
	♥ Apr 14 Blake & Brittany Allen
Apr 14	Robert Haygood, Kirby Johnson, Curtis Plummer
Apr 16	Katie Donaldson
Apr 17	Alyson Price
	♥ Apr 18 Sam & Kathy Cooper
Apr 19	Becky Ellisor, Marvin Mathias
Apr 21	Paisley Donaldson
Apr 22	Linda Waters-Hamilton
	♥ Apr 22 Jamie & Nancy Addison
Apr 23	Jo Leach
Apr 24	Hudson Allen
Apr 25	Laura Stevens
	♥ Apr 25 Jerry & Becky Ellisor
Apr 27	DJ Plummer
Apr 29	Jennifer Miller
Apr 30	Susan Busby

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MT HERMON PRAYS

**family of Gene Schofield*

**family of Gale Garrett*

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms

Dot Mathias, home

Alberta Berry, home

Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place

Bobby & Doris Carver, Presby Home

Georgianna Gray, home

James Hallman, Lakeside Place

Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care

Gene & Jane Sexton, Phoenix Asst Living

Gloria Mathias, home

Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place

Tom Roof, home

Cyndi Thurman, home

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Missy Addy

Bonnie Bouknight

Chris Carroll

Easton Donaldson

Kelli Mills

Jim Whitaker

Sharon Keefe

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Josh Jackson, friend of Joel Price, Jr.

Brannon Yonce, friend of Michelle Gantt

Katy Madigan, friend of Marie Carroll

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott

Jamie Spell, friend of David Marsh

Logan Wittwer, friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely

Louise Cooper, Kelli Mills

Nigel Tetley, friend of Sherwood Garrett

Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen

Wayne Kneece, uncle of Michelle Gantt

Derwin Rish, friend of Michelle Gantt

Jody & Libby Ortmann, lost their daughter, Sallie, on Christmas Day, Sallie was the "adopted daughter" of Fran Bouknight

Roger Spires, friend of Chris Carroll

Quentin Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's nephew, deploying to Iraq

Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof

Sandra Watson, aunt of Courtney Bucknam

Joyce & Doug Gilbert, coworkers of Courtney Bucknam

Sarah Harmon, friend of Courtney Bucknam

Hannah Pierce, friend of Jaquelyn Haulik

Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family, friends of Debra & Dave Butts

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Wes Hopkins, nephew of Jennifer Miller

Will Pickett, friend of Jennifer Miller

Paul Garner, friend of Robert Haygood

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Cynthia Mallard, friend of Sheila Starkey and Beth Jordan

Blase Rhine, grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

the family of Bill Crews, neighbor of Earl and Mary Frances Sease

the family of Owen, classmate of Hudson Allen

the family of Michelle Blackman

Please note that this prayer list has been updated. If you wish to add someone back to this list, please send an email to office@WeAreMtHermon.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Service - Outdoor 7:30am Breakfast by Youth 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	1 5:30pm CR: Care Team	2 5:00pm Executive Team	3 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm LifeGroup @ Jacksons	4	5	6 9:00am Food Pantry (Mike Rawl, Jamie & Nancy Addison)
7 PG: Vacation 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	8 PG: Vacation 2:00pm CR: Dot Mathias 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	9 PG: Vacation	10 PG: Vacation 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 6:30pm Choir	11 PG: Vacation 6:00pm GR: Grief Group	12 PG: Vacation	13 PG: Vacation 9:00am Food Pantry (Laura & Al Stevens)
14 PG: Vacation SR: Vacation 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Council Meets	15 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	16 6:00pm CR: Finance Team	17 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Parker Boulware) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm LifeGroup @ Jacksons	18	19	20 9:00am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)
21 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Teach Team 3:00pm Confirmation	22 Earth Day	23 6:30pm CR: Support Team	24 Administrative Professionals Day 9:00am Food Pantry (Dave & Debra Butts, Andrea Bowers) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	25 6:00pm GR: Grief Group	26	27 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware)
28 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Worship Team	29	30	1 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm LifeGroup @ Jacksons	2	3	4 9:00am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight, Karen Nicholson)

Please see “calendar of events” at WeAreMtHermon.com for updates.

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