#### WPBC Members...

- Got an activity or event you need on the Church Calendar? Contact the Church Office at 694-7787.
- If you have changed your address or phone number, please give that new info to the Church Office.

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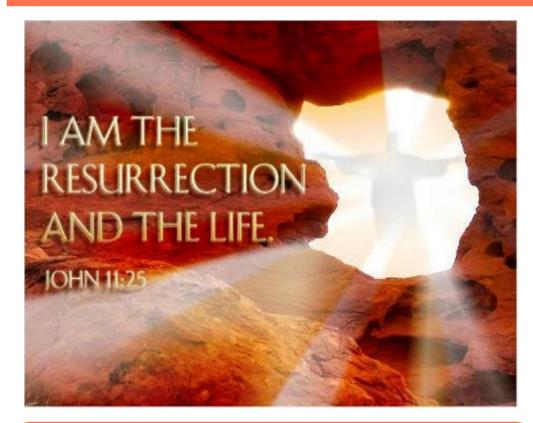
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from our hearts to yours...

## News from Wilshire Park

April, 2019



## Easter Egg Hunt 12:00 pm Sunday, April 21

We will be having an Easter egg hunt immediately after Morning Worship on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

We need lots of individually-wrapped candies to stuff in the eggs. Tubs will be placed around the church for your donations.

For more information or questions, please contact Paula Chaffin at (432) 413-3857.

#### The Pastor's Pontifications

As I have been thinking about Easter, sometimes my lawyer brain takes over my thought processes. Why didn't Jesus defend Himself in those last hours of His life? "But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?'" (Mark 14:61 NIV)

What's so important about Easter in the first place? It's important because it proved that Jesus was who He claimed to be. He was God in the flesh, and He came to Earth to save us.

Three events occurred in dramatic succession on the Easter weekend: the trial of Jesus, then the death of Jesus, and finally the Resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus actually went through six trials. On the night that He was arrested, He was brought before Annas (the father-in-law of Caiaphas), Caiaphas (the high priest), the Sanhedrin (the religious Supreme Court), Pilate (the governor of Jerusalem), Herod (the governor of Galilee), and then Pilate again.

At the end of those six trials, what did they find to accuse Him of?
Nothing. He had done nothing wrong. They brought in people to make up phony charges, but those didn't stick. Finally, they convicted Him on one count: claiming to be the Son of God. That's the sole reason Jesus went to the cross.

Everyone who has ever been introduced to Jesus has already made some kind of decision about who He is. You either believe He's a liar or you believe He's a lunatic or vou believe He's the Lord. It can't just be, "I believe He was a good teacher." He couldn't be just a good teacher, because a good teacher wouldn't say, "I'm God, and I'm the only way to Heaven." A good person would not say that unless it was the truth.

Jesus claimed to be the Savior of the world. In

John 12:47, He is recorded as saying, "I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world." He allowed Himself to be put on trial so there would be no doubt about who He was. He could have stopped the trial at any moment; He knew He would be proven guilty and put on the cross. But He allowed it to happen. While He was hanging in agony, He could have called ten thousand angels to His rescue. It was all part of the plan.

As we approach Easter Sunday, please tell someone about the "plan." The plan is simple, but the plan is the most important plan ever devised. When you believe that He was the Son of God and that He gave His life so that you and I could spend eternity with Him in heaven, it is the greatest plan ever formulated.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

~ Bro. Glenn

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### **Wednesday Night Prayer Force**



Our Wednesday night Bible study will continue in the book of Job. Join us as we seek to grasp how suffering can be overcome with steady faith in God. The study of Job is both timely and relevant to the world situation.

On Wednesdays, we always take time to lift our friends and family in intercessory prayer. Come join us for this time of prayer and study.

## **Sunday Sermon Series**

The Mueller Probe may be concluded, but negative and divisive news continues to embroil our society. I am more and more convicted that society wants us to believe that we are living in a hopeless world. Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica destroys the idea that we are living in a

hopeless world. Come join us in our Morning Worship time as we seek to set the records straight while we continue our series called, "Finding Hope in a Hopeless World." Come hear about our hope whose name is Jesus. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

During our Evening Worship time, we continue our study of the book of Mark. Mark has a great way of explaining the life of Jesus from a point of view that shows the heart of a servant that the Savior had for all. Join us for this expository study of this Gospel according to Mark.

## Quilting Day 3:00 pm Sunday, April 28

Come join us on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for quilting fun.

Bring your quilting supplies and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with your friends while we make some quilts.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am Saturday, April 6

Come and share a time of food and fellowship with men who want to make an impact on their families and the community.

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, April 6th at 7:30 am for a great breakfast and a time of prayer and devotion. And bring a friend! April, 2019 Page 4

#### Women on Mission

#### **Baby Bags**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and helped assemble Baby Bags for The Life Center. We were able to provide 37 bags of baby essentials for moms who have chosen to give birth rather than abort, and included a Bible verse and message of hope in each one. You are making an eternal difference in these young mother's lives.

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

We are collecting throughout the year so that you can take advantage of different sales each month. **April's emphasis is stuffed animals.** Please remember they need to be small enough to fit into a shoebox along with other items. Visit your Dollar Store, Dollar General, Walmart, Target, etc. to find some good sales on these items this month and bring them to the buckets at each Sanctuary door. If you would rather just do a complete shoebox each month (or any month), feel free to take the empty boxes in the buckets and bring them back to the church. Let's gather enough items to fill 250 boxes this year, which effectively touches 750 lives with the gospel! If you have any questions, please contact LeeBell Ulvestad, Dana Mizzles, or Ron and Sherry Ragland. Thank you!

#### **Baptist Crisis Center**

Please remember there are buckets by each Sanctuary door for your donations to the Baptist Crisis Center. They are always in need of canned goods, men's toiletries, jeans and socks. For any questions, contact Tommy and Nelda Cranford.

#### **WOM Meeting**

5:00 pm

#### Sunday, April 14

All ladies are invited to join us for our meeting as we discuss mission opportunities.

#### **Ladies Quilting Day**

3:00 pm

#### Sunday, April 28

We have some beautiful quilt tops already assembled and just need hands to attach the batting and backing to the top. This is a great time of fellowship. A light supper is provided afterwards.

#### **Ladies Spring Brunch**

10:00 am

#### Saturday, May 18

Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more info about the Spring Brunch. Our very own Fay Palmer will be sharing about her trip to China. Invite friends and family for a delightful time of fellowship, worship and inspiration.

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## Hummer House April 25 - 28

Mark your calendars for Hummer House! Cost is \$50 per night, with a \$50 deposit to hold your spot. We only have 18 spaces available so get your deposit to Janie or Paula early to reserve your bed.

This is a fun-filled, spirit renewing, great weekend of fellowship, shopping, relaxing, and of course, enjoying God's beauty while watching the gorgeous hummingbirds. Be sure to bring extra spending money for all the shopping.

If you need more info or have questions, please contact Janie Routh at (432) 631-6993 or Paula Chaffin at (432) 413-3857.



You are invited to a
Wedding Shower honoring
Abbey Callendar and Hunter Graves

Sunday, April 7, 2019

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wilshire Park Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
801 S. Bentwood Drive

The couple's selections are at Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Color choices are grays and white.



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## Sunday Services:

9:50 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm Morning Worship Evening Worship Bible Study

# Wednesday Activities:

6:15 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study Youth Group TeamKID

## **March Statistics**

FINANCIAL REPORT:				ATTENDANCE REPORT:		
	<b>Budget</b>	<u>Designated</u>		Sunday School		Worship
3/3	\$ 6,336.42	\$	137.00	3/3	55	82
3/10	\$ 9,160.50	\$	66.00	3/10	58	66
3/17	\$ 4,111.85	\$	12.00	3/17	63	93
3/24	\$ 5,480.00	\$	11.00	3/24	58	94