

# AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

April 2025



## OH, HOW HE LOVES ME!

*Oh, how he loves me,  
Oh, how he loves me:  
I know not why, I only cry,  
"Oh, how he loves me."*

Do you know? Are you keenly aware? Can you even imagine? ...the depths of God's love for you? This old hymn by Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1899 and Henry Lake Gilmour only begins to scratch the surface of that love! During this Lenten season, we continue to study and discuss the depths of that love which God has for each of us.

During a recent confirmation class, we discussed Matthew 27:26 *So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.* We studied what the one word "flog" meant and what actually happened BEFORE they turned Jesus over to be "crucified." We read the words flogged and crucified without realizing what those two words means. What does this physically mean for the earthly body of Jesus? It means they literally beat Jesus unto within an inch of his life. It means that even after that, they then nailed him to a heavy wood cross bar so that he would be in the visible presence of everyone - and that he would then DIE! Why? For you and for me!

It's so easy to gather on Palm Sunday, wave our palm branches and sing Hosanna! We can gather on Maundy Thursday, have our feet (or hands) washed, celebrate Holy Communion (in the night when he was betrayed), and then gather on Good Friday to be reminded of his death.

The tomb was sealed because it was filled with Jesus, the Messiah! Filled and sealed and a guard posted there because the authorities were afraid someone would take the body. The tomb was filled with our Lord; the flogged and crucified Son of God!

Jesus went to the cross for the sins of all humanity. He did not go for the people alive and sinning while Jesus was on the earth. He came for those who lived before him, during his life, and for us, those who are alive and working for the kingdom of God today!

He was flogged and crucified, filled and sealed, but God is not finished! God is still the One! God raised Jesus from the dead! God didn't raise Jesus and allow him to walk on earth again for himself. Again, God did this miracle for you and for me. Jesus is alive and we are to serve him with our heart, our soul, and mind! Let's enter into this Holy Week on Palm Sunday, continue the journey, and celebrate on Easter knowing the depths of God's love for us!

*Sister in Christ,  
Pastor Gina  
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## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

March Motions – no motions

### **Congregational Council Minutes February 2025**

Church council did not meet in February, due to the most recent council retreat at Isle of Palms.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday - 7 pm

Good Friday - 7 pm

### **Resurrection Sunday**

Sunrise 6:30 am

Breakfast 7:30 am

Celebration Worship 9:00 am

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JOIN US FOR MT. HERMON'S ANNUAL  
**EGGSTRAVAGANZA!**  
\*EGG HUNT            \*GAMES & PRIZES  
\*PHOTO BOOTH    \*HOT DOG LUNCH  
\*\*SHARING OF THE EASTER STORY\*\*

**SATURDAY APRIL 12**  
**10:00 - 12:00**

MT. HERMON  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



**SAVE THE DATE**

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**MT. HERMON  
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**MAY 4, 2025**

*More details to come!*



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THE DATE**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
2025**

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY  
**JUNE 23, 24, 25**

CHILDREN, TEEN, & ADULT PROGRAMS  
DINNER & FELLOWSHIP  
MUSIC, GAMES, & CRAFTS  
AND A WHOLE LOT OF GOD'S LOVE!



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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 2	101	134	235
March 9	93	123	216
March 16	100	148	248
March 23	95	127	222

## TREASURER REPORT

### ACTUAL INCOME vs EXPENSES

<b>February 2025</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Over (Short)</b>
Current Mission Plan	\$16,095.28	\$24,742.72	(\$8,647.44)
Building Fund	\$3,867.00	\$80.00	\$3,787.00
Bldg Improvement	\$815.00	\$769.19	\$45.81

<b>2025 Year To Date</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Over (Short)</b>
Current Mission Plan	\$41,097.80	\$42,783.55	(\$1,685.75)
Building Fund	\$10,689.00	\$5,034.48	\$5,654.52
Bldg Improvement	\$1,975.00	\$769.19	\$45.81

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## CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

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



**He-Brews Supper Clubs** will meet May 24, 2025. This will give our members an opportunity to share a meal together, get to know others in our congregation, and encourage one another in our faith journey. How do I participate? Sign-up on the sign-up sheet located in the breezeway or with the online link. All participants will be divided randomly into small groups. A contact person will coordinate with their group to set a time and destination to meet for dinner. The groups will change for each date so that each time you meet you are with a different group of people. Deadline to sign-up is May 18.

## Care Connection

If you live alone, join the Care Team's Care Connection! It's as simple as a quick text in the morning to say hi, send an emoji, or whatever you prefer to be sure your "Care Connection Partner" is safe and well. If you are interested in participating in this daily check in, please contact Sheila Starkey at [starkey.sheila@gmail.com](mailto:starkey.sheila@gmail.com) or text 803-315-2990.



## Coffee, Food, and Fellowship

The Care Team will be hosting a Coffee, Food, and Fellowship on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall following worship service.

*Please note that we will not have Sunday School classes on May 18<sup>th</sup>.*

## Porch Visits

The first Care Team Porch Visit for 2025 was on March 30. We enjoyed conversation and singing with many of our shut ins. Let us know if you would like to join us on the next one, which is scheduled for May 25.



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## OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Outreach Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 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.*



**Outreach Columbia-** The Outreach Team is still looking for volunteers for the food bank on Saturday. We need help with praying with participants, to load groceries and restocking set ups. This project has grown a lot in the past few years and could use more assistance. Please consider

volunteering for the very rewarding project. Please contact Diane Boulware or any member of the Outreach Team. After a successful trip to feed, distribute backpacks and pray with the un-homed we are going to continue this ministry on a more often basis. Therefore, supplies are still needed for the backpacks in the future. Also, we love to have anyone who might be interested in helping join us. Supplies Needed, Socks, Sunscreen Lotion, Toothpaste, Tarps, Wet Wipes, Tissues Chapstick, Gloves Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts, Lance Crackers, Bottled Water, Reusable Grocery Bags, Vienna Sausages, Packaged Meats- tear open, Hand Sanitizer, Deodorant, Flashlights, Stocking Caps, New or gently used blankets and coats. All items need to be small or travel size to fit in the backpacks. Thank you for considering helping with the Outreach projects.

We will be starting **Adopt-A-Highway** pickup from the church parking lot at 9 AM on Saturday, February 08, 2025. Please join us if you can. The next pickup will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>.



## SUPPORT TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Support Team meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Ronnie Fulmer** or **any team member** and attend the next meeting.*

### Completed Repairs/Maintenance notes:

- The door jamb in the sanctuary has been repaired. Longer screws were required. We may need to repeat this repair with the other door.
- The door to the elevator room (left of the altar) has been fixed.
- Rodney Oswald and Associates fixed the kitchen oven light, igniter, and changed out the batteries.
- The restroom door and leak were repaired. (education building)

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## Future Maintenance & Ongoing Projects:

- Planting a low ground cover (such as Lantana) in lieu of pine straw or mulch either side of the door at the end of the education building or adding shrubs may occur in the future.
- Parking Lot striping needs refreshed. Pricing will be gathered.
- Estimates to power wash entrances will be collected. (covered areas as well)

## Special needs for Easter Sunrise Service:

- On 4/17 the cleaning will take place. Meeting at scout hut at 9am.

## TEACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Teach Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 11:30am in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Mary Koon, Cyndi Leaphart, or any team member and attend the next meeting.*

### REQUESTING

## CANDY DONATIONS

### FOR THE EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

- INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
- SIZED TO STUFF IN EASTER EGGS
- DROP OFF AT CHUCH OFFICE

**NEEDED BY SUNDAY APRIL 6**



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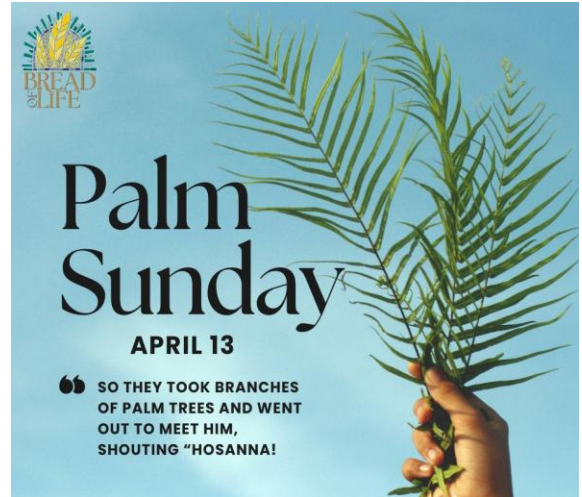
## WORSHIP TEAM HAPPENINGS


*The Worship & Music Team meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:30am in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Marion Leaphart** or any team member and attend the next meeting.*



*Spring flowers will decorate the sanctuary and the outside cross on Easter Morning. If you would like to make a financial contribution to purchase flowers and have someone's name(s) listed in the memorial/honorarium bulletin, please make a donation by April 13th*

*Please call the church office if you have any questions 803.794.6430*



 **BREAD OF LIFE**

# Palm Sunday

**APRIL 13**

“SO THEY TOOK BRANCHES OF PALM TREES AND WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, SHOUTING “HOSANNA!”



 **BREAD OF LIFE**

# Good Friday

**April 18, 2025**  
**Worship at 7 pm**

“Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing”



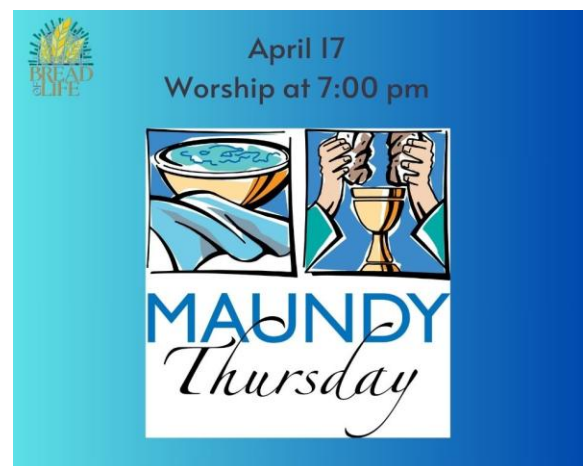
# Christ is Risen!


JOIN US FOR

# EASTER Sunday


**6:30 am Sunrise Service, Outdoor Worship Space**  
**7:30 am Breakfast, Fellowship Hall**  
**9:00 am Festival Worship, Sanctuary**

**Anytime on Sunday, place flowers at the cross at the steps of the Sanctuary**



 **BREAD OF LIFE**

**April 17**  
**Worship at 7:00 pm**



# MAUNDY Thursday



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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	April 06	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 20 Easter Sunday	April 27
Ushers	Frankie Jackson	Danny Scott	Ronnie Fulmer	Blake Allen
	Melanie Jackson	Jenny Scott	Parker Boulware	Jeff Price
Crucifer	Lawson Morris	Connor Eargle	Regan Gross	Tanner Addy
Acolyte	Avery Rawl	Syndney Bucknam	Chanler Coppens	Hayden Eargle
Lector	Emily Morris	Angie Hydrick	Allison Swygert	Alyson Price
Comm Assts	Cathy Cooper	Connor Eargle	Connor Eargle	Ronnie Fulmer
	Frankie Jackson	Sydney Bucknam	Mackenzie Burns	Sheila Eargle
	Melanie Jackson	Angie Hydrick	Chanler Coppens	Sheila Eargle
	Brayden Morris Danni Martin			
Video	Mike Rawl	Arron Kinard	Blake Allen	Brandon Donaldson
Audio	Leah Rawl	Quentin Kinard	Breanna Metze	Marie Gardner
Nursery	Cassie Swygert	Melanie Jackson	Leah Rawl	Kay Bryant
	Laura Carroll	Katie Donaldson	Robin Machajewski	Larry Amick
Flowers	Addisons	Kinards	Addisons	Scotts

### SERVING IN APRIL

COUNCIL REP: Cyndi Leaphart

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Dennis Thurman, Susan Busby

*\* If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to serve in your absence.*

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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

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## MT HERMON PRAYS

### ***Continual Prayer***

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*  
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*  
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*  
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*  
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*  
Cyndi Thurman, *Encompass*  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

### ***Members in Special Need of Prayer***

Karly Addy	Bonnie Bouknight	Chris Carroll
Randy Clark	Debbie Duval	Debbie Fulmer
Michelle Gantt	Joye Haygood	Frankie Jackson
Dennis Thurman	Mary Frances Sease	Jim Whitaker
Wynne Price		

### ***Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers***

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Dan Cooper*  
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*  
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*  
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),  
*friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*  
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*  
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,  
*friends of Debra & Dave Butts*  
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*  
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Blase Rhine,  
*grandson of Frank & Bonnie*  
*Bouknight*  
Cynthia Mallard,  
*friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan*  
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*  
Tom Shaul, *friend of the Kinard Family*

Debbe Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*  
Max Schronce,  
*friend of the David & Scottie Marsh*  
Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*  
Hayes Wingard,  
*grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper*  
Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*  
Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*  
Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*  
Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*  
Will & Summer Satcher,  
*friend of Courtney Bucknam*  
Dorothy Collins, *friend of Ryan Price*  
Lauren Addy, *friend of Kathy Cooper and Metztes*  
Sam Lockridge, *friend of Scottie Marsh*  
Mary Duffie, *mother of Alyson Price*  
Thelma Moyer, *mother of Diane Boulware*  
Kaiden Howell, *friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik*  
Randy Stonehill, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer*  
Linda Bennett, *mother of Beth Jordan*  
Neice of *Abbey Carroll's teacher*



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