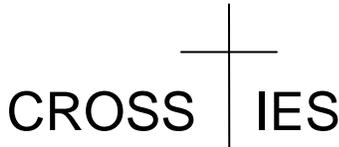


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APRIL CALENDAR

Sat	1	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	2	Sunday School Voices of Angels Worship Service Communion SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	5	Circle Meeting Bible Study Choir Practice	10:00 am 12:00 noon 6:30 pm
Sat	8	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	9	PALM SUNDAY Sunday School Voices of Angels Worship Service SASTO NA Group	 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	12	Bible Study Choir Practice Session	12:00 noon 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Th	13	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm
F	14	Good Friday	
Sat	15	No Soccer	
Sun	16	Easter Sunday School Voices of Angels Worship Service SASTO NA Group	 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	19	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	22	Soccer	9:30 pm
Sun	23	Sunday School Voices of Angels Worship Service Children's Jubilee	 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm
W	26	Choir Practice	6:30 pm

EASTER - THE MIRACLES OF DEATH AND LIFE

There is a uniqueness about the Christian faith that is truly a treasure of our faith. At Easter, we remember the horrible lynching by the mob and the torture of Jesus; a travesty of justice and a black mark on all humanity for allowing it to happen. Jesus died. And in the hours after that, Joseph of Arimathea claimed the body. Along with some of Jesus's family and a few disciples, they laid him in a tomb that was cave-like. It was hewn in the side of a hill and the opening was sealed with a large stone. It was like a temporary storage until they could prepare the body for a proper burial.

Three days later, when they went to prepare the body, the tomb was empty. It wasn't grave robbers. (I doubt he had anything of value worth stealing.) He had risen from death and walked among them. Even after his physical presence was no longer among them, he was with them in spirit. Yes, it's hard to understand, but that is one of the powerful truths of Christianity. We are not alone. We believe that the spirit of God resides with us in good times and bad.

This is worth celebrating. The miracle of Easter is that in life and in death we belong to God. We are no more distant than the breath we breathe. When you feel alone remember that. When you feel scared remember that. When you feel blessed remember that. That is the miracle of Easter. Celebrate it every day in your life!

~ Gray Clark

APRIL CALENDAR, continued

Sat	29	Soccer	9:30 pm
Sun	30	Sunday School Voices of Angels Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On Thursday of Passion Week, **April 13 at 7:00 pm**, we invite everyone to a service in remembrance of the events of this day during Christ's last week. We hope you will join us.

What is it we are commemorating at this service?

- First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19-20). We will be observing Communion at our service.
- Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17). We remember this event with a hand washing.
- And then third, Jesus gave what is called "The New Commandment" (John 13:34-35) to His disciples. "Maundy" is derived from the Latin for "command" and it is from this that the name of the day comes.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

(John 13:34-35)

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study on the Gospel of John will meet at noon the first two Wednesdays of April, concluding on April 12. Everyone is welcome.

SOCCER

Our **FREE** Soccer Program is off to a great start with 40-50 children age 5-14 participating each Saturday. Volunteers from Greensboro United Soccer Association teach soccer skills and coach. And of course, the youth learn much more that they will use in life...team work, perseverance, etc. PCC volunteers arrive around 9:00 am to set up, cook and serve a simple lunch, and clean up, usually finishing around 11:30. Help is also needed with purchasing food during the week and ice on Saturday. If you can help with any of these jobs for any length of time, please speak with Gray. We are still accepting registrations!

YOUTH CHOIR

The PCC Youth/Children's Choir, Voices of Angels, is practicing hard preparing to participate in the Children's Jubilee at Providence Baptist Church, 1106 Tuscaloosa Street on Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 pm. They could really use some more children to make a bigger sound and have more fun! Please encourage children in your family, your neighbors, etc. to come to practice on Sundays at 10:00 am (and Sunday School at 9:45 am). Everyone is encouraged to support our children by attending the Jubilee!

Homecoming And Family Day

May 7th

The poet Robert Frost has said:

*"Home is the place where,
when you have to go there,
they have to take you in."*

Church of the Cross does better than that – we give you a warm welcome. When we gather that day we will recognize that you and your family have been an important part of our history and today we are building on that legacy.

Come join us for worship, a covered-dish lunch and fellowship on May 7.

Worship: **11:00 am** The sermon will be on the 23rd Psalm and we will be singing some of our old favorite hymns

Lunch and Fellowship: **12:15 pm**

Please come! We would love to visit with our old friends and get to know our new ones better...a day when our past and our future meet!



Come celebrate Christ's resurrection with us on
April 16 at 11:00 am!