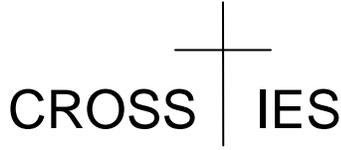


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APRIL CALENDAR

Sat	2	Soccer Field Trip	9:15 am
Sun	3	Church School Voices of Angels Worship Service Communion SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	6	Circle Meeting Adult Choir Practice	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Sat	9	Soccer B ⁺ Academy Faculty Talent Show	9:30 am 11:30 am
Sun	10	Church School Voices of Angels Worship Service Baby Shower for Tanyetta Ollison SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00-4:00 pm 6:00 pm
M	11	B Natural BOD Meeting	6:00 pm
W	13	Adult Choir Practice Session & Committee Meetings	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Sat	16	PCC Work Day Soccer	10:00 am 9:30 am
Sun	17	Church School Voices of Angels Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
M	18	Renaissance Co-op Meeting	7:00 pm
W	20	Crossties Deadline Adult Choir Practice	 6:30 pm
Sat	23	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	24	SHARING SUNDAY Church School Voices of Angels Worship Service Children's Jubilee (Providence Baptist)	 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm

BE THE CHURCH

To understand our faith, we have to clearly listen to the life and teachings of Jesus. First, Jesus was not a Christian, he was Jewish. The Christian church, as we know it, did not truly start until over a hundred years after he was crucified. He never pointed to a building, or a denomination, a pastor, or anything that represents what we call "the Church."

So often we talk about the church as a place, a certain pattern of beliefs or a program where we experience worship or other religious experiences. Jesus understood moral character and fighting for the dignity and health of others to be a faithful endeavor, and where those were done by groups of two or more individuals, he said the "kingdom of God" was present.

Shortly after his execution, his followers used the term "koinonia" to refer to themselves. It never referred to a building (church) or a specific way of belief (denomination). Instead, it referred to a group of diverse people (community of faith) that truly cared for one another and looked after one another's needs, both physical needs like food, shelter and clothing and their spiritual needs like forgiveness, justice and compassion.

*There was one single qualification for membership, based on the last commandment of Jesus "that we love one another." It was not a movement that took up arms against those who threatened them, but one that was based in Jesus's own example of non-violence. Some people today might interpret that as cowardice, but it is rooted firmly in a very strong belief that no power on earth can destroy or take away love. **Continued on page 2.***

APRIL CALENDAR, cont'd

		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
W	27	Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	30	Salem Presbytery Meeting Soccer	9:00 am 9:30 am
		B ⁺ Academy Student Recitals	11:00 am

BE THE CHURCH, cont'd from page 1

In a world that is driven by words of hate, acts of violence and a "me first" attitude, Jesus would call us to stand strong against these dehumanizing evils, not with more force or superior weapons, but with the power of love that is born from this community of faith a community that cares for the least important of our society, a community that is not bound by doctrine, but simply the creed of love.

Friends, this can be a powerful force and it's not about pointing to an institution, a place or an organization to be this force. No, it is the realization within yourself that you are the church! You are the seed of loving kindness that is planted in this harsh world! Be the seed of love! Grow where you are planted!

~ Gray Clark

YOU ARE INVITED

We will have a baby shower for Tanyetta Ollison on Sunday, April 10, 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Tanyetta is expecting a little girl in early May and is registered at Target.



**Saturday, April 16,
10:00 am**

Our church building and grounds are in dire need of some loving care. We have a list "as long as your leg" of things that need to be done – both indoors and out, including dusting, washing windows, cleaning refrigerators, sorting broken toys, weeding, edging walks, etc. Please come help on the 16th. Bring your work gloves, buckets, cleaning cloths, yard tools... I promise you'll have something to do! If you have questions, contact Joanne Miles or Kaye Peeples.

PRESBYTERY TO MEET

Salem Presbytery will meet on Saturday, April 30, at 9:00 am at Elkin Presbyterian Church. Kaye Peeples will be our representative.

SOCCER PROGRAM

A field trip to tour the soccer facilities at UNCG and to have lunch is being planned for Saturday, April 2. Parents must bring a signed permission form (sent with children previously and also available at PCC) for their child(ren) to participate. Departure from the church is scheduled for **9:15 am**. They will return at 12:00 noon.

On all other April Saturdays, soccer will follow the usual schedule, 9:30-11:30 am. There will be a videographer on April 9 to record activities for Salem Presbytery.

FAMILY SUNDAY

Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to join us for worship, a covered-dish lunch, and activities for adults and children on **Sunday, May 1**. Don't miss the fun!



WE NEED CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

The **PCC Voices of Angels**, our children's choir, is now practicing during Sunday School and can use some more voices – it's FUN! Invite friends and relatives.

Come each Sunday at 9:45 am for breakfast and a short lesson. Then at 10:00 am, our music director, Mr. John Huskey, and Josaiah McLean will work with the choir in preparation for a performance in the Children's Jubilee on Sunday, April 24, 4:00 pm at Providence Baptist Church.

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE WELCOME!

PCC PEOPLE

Jim Miller, our pastor emeritus, is currently at Ashton Place for rehab. We have no idea how long he will be there, but his address there is:

Jim Miller
Ashton Place
Birch Village – Room 1007
5533 Burlington Road
McLeansville, NC 27301

June Owens has a new address (same facility, new name & room):

June Owens
Maple Grove Health & Rehab Center
Room 227
308 W. Meadowview Road
Greensboro, NC 27406

Please keep **Tonya Wyrick Blalock** (Kaye Peeples' sister) in your prayers. She is anticipating surgery in the near future at NC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC.

SHARING SUNDAY

Don't forget that the 4th Sunday of each month (April 24) is designated as Sharing Sunday when we share from our bounty which God has supplied with others who are less fortunate. Monetary donations may be made to PCC, designated for Salem Presbytery's Hunger Offering and returned with the offering; canned and dried foods, especially macaroni and cheese, dried beans, and other sources of protein, may be donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM); and various travel size personal hygiene items, lip balm, sun block, bottled water, etc. may be donated to Interactive Resource Center (IRC). These items and food may be placed in the boxes located in the vestibule and fellowship hall foyer.

In March, 163 pounds of food was delivered to GUM. Way to make a difference!

B⁴ Academy of Music and the Arts

We have so much going on this spring at the B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts! We're all very excited and want you to know what's going on and invite you to attend the activities. We also encourage you to let others know about this program so other children who qualify can benefit from the experience.

Growing from an idea of our pastor emeritus, Jim Miller, along with Oscar Harden, Duncan Butler and Tyrone Butler, the Academy was established in 2012 as a 501(c)(3) organization, a joint effort of PCC and the community to **(1)** provide a positive and uplifting experience through quality instructional instrument, vocal, and dance lessons for youth ages 5-14 who would otherwise not have a chance to enjoy such an opportunity and its many benefits; and **(2)** to honor the life and service of one of our local music leaders, Charles "Lee-Bo" Butler, who grew up in this neighborhood, attended the former PCC summer recreation program, and was band director at Ben L. Smith High School (and had also directed at other schools). We intend to develop music skills and proficiency, music and dance appreciation, exposure to a variety of music and dance genres through concerts and programs, as well as character development and self-discipline, all of which can lead to a better life, possible job opportunities, and a lifetime of enjoyment.

Located in the lower level of the PCC educational building, lessons are currently offered in guitar, keyboards (piano), percussion, dance and voice. Children of families who receive government assistance can attend an 18-week session for \$90 (averaging \$5 per lesson). Scholarships are available for extreme circumstances and there is a discount for families with 3 or more children attending. We also have instruments available for use during class by students who cannot provide their own.

All of this needs your support to continue. Tell everyone you know about B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts! We would love to have more students, teachers, and volunteers. Do you have a gently used musical instrument you no longer play? (No pianos, please.) Consider making a tax deductible donation to B Natural.

We are currently in fund raising mode. An account has been set up on <https://www.crowdrise.com/bnaturalacademyofmus> where donations can be made online. There are also several concerts and recitals coming up this spring. Admission to all of them is free but there will be an opportunity to make a donation – and remember, donations are tax deductible! Please show your support and join us at these performances:

- **Saturday, April 9, 11:30 am** – A **talent show** of B Natural teachers, board members, and volunteers held in the PCC sanctuary. You'll be both entertained and amazed at the talent of these artists who are involved with our Academy.
- **Saturday, April 30, 11:00 am** – **Student recitals** in the PCC sanctuary. We are seeing much improvement in students who have been with us for several sessions and it is always a joy to see and hear each child perform.
- **Sunday, May 1, 4:00 pm** – We are honored that the **Greensboro Oratorio Society** will perform *Brahms' Requiem* as a benefit concert for B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts. Performed at Congregational United Church of Christ, 400 W. Radiance Drive, Greensboro. An offering will be received.

If you have any questions, are interested in teaching, volunteering, making a donation, or would like to register children for lessons beginning in August, please leave a message for our executive director, Kaye Peoples, at (336)274-0703 or email bnatural@triad.twcbc.com.

Here's a link to an article about one of our young teachers who is making such a difference: http://www.greensboro.com/life/weaver-student-shares-her-love-of-piano-with-young-children/article_25f5f692-5279-5288-86d6-17d4a69aafad.html

<http://www.pccgreensboro.org/b-natural-academy-of-music-and-the-arts.html>

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