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Christ

has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV



Resurrection Day Worship

Sunday, March 31, 10:45 A.M.



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Procession of the Palms
10:50 A.M.

Children and youth please meet in the vestibule at 10:30 to prepare for the palm processional at the beginning of the service. Adults are also invited to participate.



EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Ordinance of the Lord's Supper
10:45 A.M.

Since 1895, what is now called the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has fueled Southern Baptists' mission work across North America.

Help support the more than 3,000 missionaries who are making an impact on unreached communities. Special offering envelopes will be provided on Resurrection Sunday.

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

"[Since] you are the light of the world...let your light shine."
Matthew 5:14, 16



In the context of Scripture's *be*-attitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), when Jesus told us that believers are the "light" of the world, what did He mean? As Jesus preached, He was standing on a hillside just beneath the lighted city of Safed. If you go to that area near the Sea of Galilee, you can still see that city on a hill that cannot be hid. Pointing to that city, in essence Christ said, "See that city that shines so brightly in the darkness? In this sin-darkened society, that is what believers should be like."

What is the function of light? 1). In Ephesians 5:8, light gives direction and comfort. ("For you who were formerly in darkness are now in the light. Therefore, walk as children of light.") Because lights are meant to shine in places where needs are met, to give direction, a light must be seen. So must our testimony for Jesus Christ. 2). In John 1:6-8, light displaces darkness. ("There was a man sent from God whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness to bear witness of the Light Who is Jesus so that men through Him might believe.") Our world is lost in intellectual, religious, moral, philosophical, and spiritual darkness. We are this dark world's light sent by Jesus to displace this world's spiritual darkness. When the author Robert Louis Stevenson was a boy, he followed his town's lamplighter up and down the streets watching that lamplighter place a flame on the wick of his generation's streetlights. When the light came on, people could see. If you stood at a distance, as each lamp was lit, you could see where the lamplighter had been. As Christ's light has shined in us, on us, and through us, we are to function as lights in our world. If we do it correctly, our world should be able to see where Christ has been. 3). In Matthew 5:16, light draws attention to the person of Jesus. ("Let your light so shine" that you are a spotlight pointing to Jesus.) People won't see our Savior when we hide our light under other priorities such as the busyness of life, love of entertainment, or pursuing the pleasures or things of this world. People won't see Christ's light if the lens on the spotlight is smudged, caked, or covered with the dirt and filth of sin. God wants us to show, shine, and share His light. For us to function correctly in displacing darkness, in directing our world toward Jesus, and in drawing attention to Christ, we must allow the oil of God's Holy Spirit to reach the wick of our lives that we burn brightly for Christ—publicly and without shame.

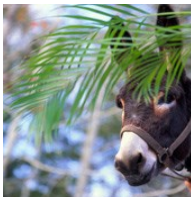
A Frenchman named Fenelon had such a glowing testimony for Christ that his face virtually radiated the light and testimony of Christ. One day, a noted religious skeptic shared a room with Fenelon just to see if Fenelon was the same in private as he was in public. When the skeptic arose in the morning, he hurried out of that room with these words on his breath, "If I spend another night with that Christian, I'll be a believer in spite of myself." This April, in this sin-darkened world, God wants us to shine as lights. So, let your light come on for Jesus.

We love you all and trust that God will give each a wonderful and memorable April as we spring ahead for Jesus.

Pastor Keith & Beth Pisani

Palm Sunday...A Grand Entrance

Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.



"When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" she replied. "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in His glory, I give Him all the praise and all the honor."

Jesus told His followers they'd need to carry (or "take up") their cross, but how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring Him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?

Jesus certainly made a grand entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, entering to adoring shouts of "Hosanna," but worldly glory and fame weren't His intent. Instead, our Lord knew that His Father had prepared a sacrificial role for Him. Jesus handled the adulation with dignity and poise. The humble yet courageous Son of God knew that danger, despair, and death awaited—but that He must endure it all to fulfill prophecy for humanity's sake.

The pageantry of Palm Sunday is a stark contrast to the role of Suffering Servant that Jesus faced a few short days later, yet each event during Holy Week represents victory—for Jesus as well as for His beloved children.

Palm Sunday is a glorious day, so let us wave palms and shout, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" The Savior has come!



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 EASTER MONDAY Church Office Closed	2	3 NO Family Night Meal in April	4	5	6
7 FOOD DRIVE FOR NKBC FOOD PANTRY	8 NKCA Returns from Easter Break 6:00 Martha Franks Group at Carolina Mall Food Court	9	10 6:30 In-Person Bible Study Resumes (MH-SAA)	11	12	13
14 4:30 Quarterly Church Council (MH-SAA)	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 4:00 Deacons (MH-SAA) 5:00 Quarterly Finance Committee (MH-SAA)	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 12:15 Quarterly Church Conference (Sanctuary)	29	30			EVERY SUNDAY 9:45 Bible Study 10:50 Morning Worship	EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:00-11:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Youth 6:30 Bible Study (In-Person Begins 4/10) 7:30 Adult Choir

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April Birthdays

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| April 3
Mickey Jenkins | April 17 (cont.)
Brianna Stirewalt |
| April 4
Jacqueline Bowlin | April 18
Arianna Fink |
| April 5
Devin Beaver
Don Bichsel | April 20
David Meyers
Ashley Watts |
| April 6
Andy Sechler | April 21
Patty Rogers |
| April 8
Judi Wike
Wayne Morris | April 22
Rickie Freeman |
| April 9
Alan Ritchie
Mary C. Whitlock | April 23
Andrew Heath |
| April 12
David Moose
Sandy Thompson
Lori Mason | April 24
Bob Holbrook |
| April 14
Ellie Andrews | April 26
Carol Lowder
Lois Overcash
Heather Kolaya |
| April 15
Chandra Reynolds | April 27
Jane Adams
Nick Mason
Gabriel Mesimer |
| April 16
Bradley Beach | April 28
Rhonda Rary |
| April 17
Derek Stone
McKenzie Nance | April 29
Donna Starnes
Joanna Araujo |



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Church Family

- **Hospital Update (as of 3-20-24)** - Since the last issue of THE TIE, Mildred Gragg was discharged from Atrium Health Pineville. Deanna Baker returned home from Atrium Health Cabarrus (NorthEast).
- **Sympathy** - We express our Christian love and sympathy to Betty Faye Dunaway and family in the recent loss of her granddaughter, Sierra Hope Collins, of Concord.
- **Memorial Gift** - A gift to the General Fund has been given in memory of Norman Harrington by George and Harriet Slaughter.



Online giving is now available and can be accessed by clicking "Give" on our website at www.northkannapolisbaptistchurch.org. Our website can also be accessed from our church Facebook page. In addition, tithes/offerings may be placed in the offering plates on the front platform in the sanctuary, deposited in the locked mailbox at the back of McMurray Hall, or delivered to the church office weekdays during business hours. Please place in a properly marked envelope to receive credit on your contribution record.



NORTH KANNAPOLIS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Ages 2 through Grade 6

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