

Cherokee Baptist Association Newsletter

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From The Director's Heart

March & April 2024



The Cross and The Resurrection

These are the two great pillars which our Christian faith is built upon. This is the very essence of the **Gospel** - and **gospel** simply means "good news." In I Corinthians 15:1-4, the apostle Paul gives us a brief and powerful summary of the gospel: *"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the **gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein I stand. By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto, unless ye believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures."* The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus is the **Gospel**.

On March 31, Christians all around the world will celebrate the truth that we serve and worship a living Savior. While we celebrate the empty tomb, we must never lose sight of what happened on that Friday, the crucifixion of Jesus. There on the cross, Jesus, the sinless and perfect Son of God, took upon Himself the sins of the world for all people and for all time and paid that sin debt in full with His precious blood.

The burial of Christ confirms His death, because only dead people are buried. His burial is also a picture from the Old Testament (Leviticus 14:49-53, 16:6-10) that our sins have been taken away and our forgiveness is through Him.

His resurrection authenticates that He was and is the Son of God who came to be the Savior of the world (Romans 1:4). By His resurrection, He has forever conquered the power of the grave and utterly destroyed death (Revelation 1:18 and I Corinthians 15:55-57).

Just think about the impact of the **Gospel**: Our sin debt has been paid, we are cleansed of our sin, forgiveness is readily available, and death holds no power over us. Jesus said (John 14:19), "Because I live, ye shall live also." Wow! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

I am praying that you have a blessed Easter and worship our wonderful Savior and King, not just on Easter alone, but every day.

Bro. Wendell

I Corinthians 15:1-4



If you don't mind sharing and sending your email to us, we would like to send the Assoc Newsletter to you by email. It will also be on the Assoc FB and our website.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

"Make Jesus Known"

March 3-10, 2024

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Resources: Call 334-613-2226 or order online

at: www.alabamawmu.org
or AnnieArmstrong.com

Executive Committee Meeting

April 15, 2024, CBA Office, 7:00 PM

Refreshments & Fellowship at 6:30

Blue Ribbon Sunday

April 28, 2024

A Day of Prayer for child abuse victims and those who rescue them. Cherokee County Children's Advocacy Center.

Birthday Blessings To Our Pastors!

March 2 - Randy Haynes, Pisgah

March 2 - Jeff Barber, Shady Grove

April 4 - Joe Witcher, Calcedonia

April 8 - Ted Anderson, Dailey Street

April 9 - Jeff Chambers, Noah

Children's Homes Collection

Thank you to our churches for your abundant giving to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Oxford Campus. Through your generosity, we received and delivered a large amount of items. Your giving makes a huge difference in the lives of these children and their foster parents!

Thank You

Again, thank you for giving.

Pray for Our Churches Seeking Pastors

Alexis, Liberty, Slackland, & Bates Chapel

March

- 3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 25-29 Spring Break for Cherokee County Schools
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter Sunday



April

- 7 Assoc Bible Drills, CBA, 2:00 PM
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting, CBA, 7:00 PM
- 16 Regional Bible Drill, Mt Zion BC, Alexandria, 4:00 PM
- 20 State Bible Drill, Glynwood BC, Prattville, 1:00 PM
- 28 Assoc VBS Training, Slackland, 2:00-3:30 PM



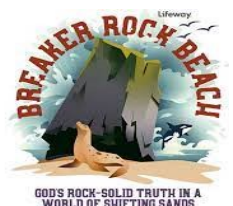
- **Centre First** Prayer in the Parking Lot, Saturday, March 23, 8:00 AM, FBC/ROC. Easter Services: March 31, 8:00 & 10:00 AM, FBC/ROC.
- **Calcedonia** has called Joe Witcher as their pastor.
- **Dailey Street** Praise Night, March 24, 5:00 PM. Singing & testimonies, and finger foods afterwards.
- **Enon Grove** Pray for Pastor George Moses as he will be having knee replacement March 6.
- **Friendship** Revival, April 7-10, 6:00 PM, with Rev Tony Cargle, pastor at Dykes Creek BC in Rome.
- **Pilgrim Rest** Singing, March 17, 5:00 PM, with special singers - New Ground.
- **Sand Rock** Men's Wildlife Dinner, March 2, 5:00 PM. Brodie Croyle is the guest speaker.
- **Slackland** Easter Egg Hunt, March 30, Time TBA.

2024 Assoc VBS Training

BE TRANSFORMED BY THE
RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.
Romans 12:2

Sunday, April 28
Slackland BC
2:00-3:30 PM

Door Prizes for each church attending.



The Cherokee Baptist Association is a fellowship of local churches working in partnership to expand the Kingdom of God through His message and mission.