



# THE LOVELETTER

First Presbyterian Church • Cartersville, Georgia

April 2011

## Sermons

### April 3

Lenten Series:  
Encountering Jesus  
#4 "An Insightful  
Encounter"  
John 9: 1-41  
Rev. Ted Smith

### April 10

Lenten Series:  
Encountering Jesus  
#5 "A Life Giving  
Encounter"  
John 11: 1-45  
Rev. Ted Smith

### April 17

Palm Sunday  
*From Palms to the Cross*  
Various readings from  
Matthew 26 - 27

### April 24

"Instructions for Easter"  
Matthew 28: 1-10  
Rev. Ted Smith

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## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I want to say a big thank you to all of you who have participated in the **Imagine 2020** strategic visioning process as we discern how we as a congregation can follow God into the future. We have had two congregational conversations for far and the attendance and buy-in by all of you has been great! THANK YOU!

We have one more congregational conversation on Sunday, April 17 at 4:30. The focus of the last two gatherings has been on the PAST and on the PRESENT, respectively. In this third and final conversation we will be looking at the FUTURE. I hope you will make plans to attend. The feedback we are getting from you is very helpful to our leadership team and we will be finalizing a report to the congregation around the middle of May.

Why are we doing this? Why is **Imagine 2020** needed? It is because God's people must always be asking the question, "What does the Lord require of us today?" The world is constantly changing and God's people must adapt to the changing needs around us. The *message* and the *mission* will always be the same. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ and the sharing of that good news in word and deed. But our means and *methods* must change in order to deliver the gospel in an ever-shifting world. Imagine 2020 is helping us think about what we can do to be faithful to the Lord today and tomorrow.

I am sure some of you saw the lead article in *The Daily Tribune* on Sunday, March 20 that reported the population of Bartow County has now topped 100,000. Our county is now larger in population than Floyd County. When I came to be your pastor in 1996, the population was 57,000. Just that change alone tells us we have to be looking forward to where God is leading us as a congregation.

Don't forget another part of the **Imagine 2020** process. We have two community forums coming up:

Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 pm – Civic leaders' forum

Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm – Social service/Educational leaders' forum

We will be asking these community leaders to share with us how they think our church can make a difference in the place where God has planted us. I hope you will attend these forums.

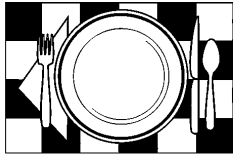
Easter is April 24. We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in three services as usual. While the nursery will be open for all three services, we will have NO Sunday School that morning.

Your pastor and friend,

L. Ted Smith

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## Wednesdays Together



There's something for the whole family – good food, choir rehearsals for all ages, and spiritual growth for everyone. Here's the schedule:

### **Children's Choir Rehearsals**

**4:30 – 5:00** Cherub Choir (grades K and 1<sup>st</sup>) – The Choir Room

**5:00 – 5:40** Seraph Choir (grades 2<sup>nd</sup> –5<sup>th</sup>) – The Choir Room

### **Dinner is served - 5:45 – 6:30**

April menus: **NO dinners April 6 (Spring Break) and April 20 (Holy Week)**

- April 13 – Meatloaf, mac & cheese, salad, broccoli, biscuits, homemade desserts
- April 27 – Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, salad, PB&J (soy-based) sandwiches for children, homemade desserts

Cost for dinner is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 10, \$20 max per family

### **Programs for All Ages - 6:30 – 7:15**

Kids JAM (Jesus and Me) – Room 161 – (PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)

BibleMax – Room 127 – (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Youth – Upper Room

Adults – **NO programs on April 6 (Spring Break) and April 20 (Holy Week)**

April 13 – Imagine 2020 Community Forum

April 27 – Jessica Mitchum – Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter

### **Church Family News**

**Note of Thanks** from the Cartersville City Schools Department of Social Work

“Dear First Presbyterian Members,

Thank you for hosting the Souper Bowl event. Your most generous donation will allow us to purchase food for, and feed, six children next year! The participants of the Backpack Buddy Program truly enjoy and so desperately need these meals on the weekends. Thank you so much for serving the “Least of These” amongst us. Sincerely, Paula Womack”

### **From the Good Neighbor Shelter**

“Dear First Presbyterian Church Deacons,

Thank you so much for the \$300 you designated towards the shelter on 2/15/11. Your continued support is important to us during these extremely difficult times. Blessings on your continued ministry, Jessica Mitcham, Executive Director”

Each month a portion of our mission giving goes to support the Good Neighbor Shelter and their work. Dennis Collier is working for the Mission and Witness Committee to continue our hands on relationship with the Good Neighbor Shelter. If you are interested in working with them, please contact Dennis.

### **Welcome our New Members!**

**Holly Spivey** united with our church by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, March 6. Formerly from Fenandina Beach, Florida, Holly is a teacher at Woodland High School. She is married to Butch, who will be joining the church at a later date. They have three children, Tucker (8), Piper (6) and Rylan (3). The Spiveys reside at 28 Crestbrook, Cartersville 30120.

**The altar flowers** add to our worship services each week. Flowers may be placed in the Sanctuary and the Upper Room to celebrate special occasions or in memory or honor of loved ones. Local florists are available to arrange and deliver the flowers to our church. Please contact the church office @ 770-382-3511 to schedule flowers or for more information.

**At its stated monthly meeting on March 8, 2011, the Session made the following decisions:**

- Voted unanimously to authorize repair work to fix the leaking roof over the kitchen. A contract with All Top Roofing Roofing Service for \$11,416 was approved, with related work expected to make the total cost about \$17,000. The money will come from the Properties Committee's general repairs and capital repairs budgets for 2011. About \$30,000 is budgeted in those accounts, but it could make other repair work this year difficult.
- Upon a recommendation from the After School Program Board, voted to approve the hiring of Darlene Vessels as a paraprofessional to replace a staff member who has left.

**Committee reports:**

**Stewardship and Finance:** The committee is considering options for a final capital campaign to retire the outstanding debt of \$399,000 for the church addition. Nothing is expected until after the Imagine 2020 visioning process has been completed. At the end of February, the church had an operating deficit of \$18,000. At the same time last year, the deficit was about \$24,000.

**Christian Education:** The pancake breakfast fundraiser raised more than \$1,700 for the youth trip to Montreat this summer. The committee and the youth offer a big thank you to the congregation.

**Diaconate:** The Diaconate has received several notes of thanks recently for money and efforts that have been provided to local community groups, such as the Community Resource Office and the homeless shelter.

**Properties:** The new front doors to the sanctuary have been installed, but there are some problems with the thresholds. The installation company will be back out to work on them. The bricks on the front of the sanctuary need work, and the committee is gathering information on what could be an expensive repair. Randy Wrinkle and Kyle Russell are going to be working on repairing walls in the foyers of the building.

**Outreach Committee:** The committee is working on new packets of information to give to church visitors as well as getting the bulletin board updated with photos of our newest members.

**Milestones:**

**New Members:** Holly Spivey was welcomed into church membership on March 6 by reaffirmation of faith.

**Births:** Anna Jo Culverhouse was born March 8 to Charlie and Abbey Culverhouse.

**The Imagine 2020 Leadership Team is sponsoring two community forums March 30 and April 13, 6:30-7:30.** We will hear from leaders in Cartersville and Bartow County about the needs in our community and how our church can make a difference.

- **March 30 will feature "civic leaders"** -City Manager Sam Grove, City Councilwoman Dianne Tate, Steve Bradley from the County Commissioner's office, and Cartersville Police Chief, Tommy Culpepper
- **April 13 will feature "social service leaders"** - Judge Velma Tilley, Paula Womack from the Cartersville City Schools, Linda Walker from the Bartow Collaborative, and Patty Eager from Advocates for Children

***If you would like to come for Wednesday Supper at 5:45 and do not regularly attend, please call or email Angie Hood ( [fpcreceptionist@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcreceptionist@earthlink.net)) in the church office to make a reservation.***

## **Adult Mission Trip Sign up is Open!**

July 9-16 - Cost: \$125 – Hampden, West Virginia

Serving people in the Presbytery of West Virginia with the WV Presbytery Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps - To sign up, contact the church office or speak to Paul Wachsmuth.

## **Update from the Community Resource Office**

In 2010 the Community Resource Office, run by Linda Thomas, assisted 1,239 families with needs they could not meet. This included 2,112 adults and 1,120 children. The **total assistance provided in 2010 was \$72,830.45. In 2010 FPC contributed \$11,485.55 to the Community Resource Office** through monthly contributions and the Christmas Eve Offering. For the month of February 2011, the Resource office assisted 79 families consisting of 127 adults and 30 children. They provided \$5,647.23 in assistance to these families – mostly for utility assistance as folks tried to catch up from the cold winter and retain service. Thank you for your support of this valuable agency and their work to help families and individuals in need.

**This winter, Pastor Julie taught a class based on Marjorie Jenkins book *You Only Die Once, Preparing for the End of Life with Grace and Gusto*.** The book is no longer in print, but may be purchased used through websites such as amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com. Several of the handouts are also available in the church office, including the Guide to Funerals and Memorial Services at FPC, as well as the funeral planning and obituary writing worksheets. Pastors Ted and Julie are available to discuss funeral and memorial pre-planning. Please call them to set up a time.

## **We can continue to borrow from the Resource Center**

With the vote of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta on 10/2/10 for a new structure and strategic plan, the presbytery's Regional Resource Center and the position of Resource Center Director were eliminated. Mardee Rightmyer continues to be the Director of the Synod Resource Center which has since moved to Columbia Presbyterian Church. If there are resources you wish to borrow, Mardee will send them to you by mail and you can return them by mail. You can reach her at mrightmyer@gmail.com or 404-821-1423.

## **From the Cherokee Presbytery Mission Team: Making a "Hygiene Kit"**

Hygiene Kits are sent to centers housing people recovering from a natural disaster such as a hurricane, flood, tornado, tsunami, earthquake, etc. They contain a few simple items needed to help maintain basic human cleanliness for a single person. A few national agencies serve to collect, store, and distribute these kits from regional centers. They include: Church World Services (ecumenical), Global Health Ministries (Lutheran), Presbyterian Disaster Relief (Presbyterian), Catholic Relief Services, American Red Cross.

### **The items in each kit are placed in a gallon-sized zip-type plastic bag and include:**

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 nail clipper | 1 wide-toothed comb |
| 1 hand towel   | 1 toothbrush        |
| 1 wash cloth   | 1 bar of plain soap |
| 6 band-aids    |                     |

They can be delivered to either the church or presbytery office when completed.

## **Society of Saints**

**Jump Into Spring** - Celebrate the wonderful spring weather with fellowship and laughter at the SOS Luncheon.

When: Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 worship service

Where: Fellowship Hall

Why: Because we're a fun group of people

Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please contact the church office to make reservations.

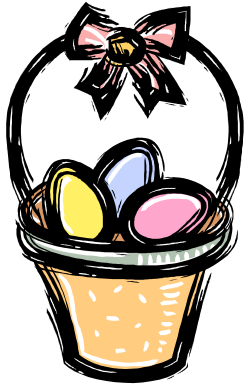
### **Save the Date**

Take me out to the ballgame...

Everyone is invited to join the SOS at a Rome Braves baseball game. **Saturday, May 14 at 7:00pm** - Details coming soon!

# Children's Ministries

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## Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday, April 23, 10am Legacy Farms

Join us for the Bunny Hop, Lots of Easter Eggs to Hunt, Good Food and Fellowship. Bring your Easter Baskets!

*Corner of Douthit Ferry & Indian Mounds Rds.  
Please park at Heritage Baptist & walk on over to the party!*

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### **Sunday School News**

**9:40am**-Singing & Praying in the Choir Room

**10am**-Sunday School Classes

### **Sunday School Offering: Spring Project**

Be sure to bring a little extra offering this month!

We are sponsoring a family with 4 children this Easter by providing Easter baskets for each child with new clothes, toys and candy.

**Please note:** Sunday School Classes and Footprints will not take place on **Easter Sunday**, April 24th. The nursery will be open for infants & toddlers under the age of 3. **Palm Sunday** is April 17th, and the children will process with palm branches and sing at the 11am Service that day.

### **Wednesday Night Activities, 6:30pm**

*Wednesday night activities will not be taking place during Spring Break (April 6th) or during Holy Week, (April 20th).*

### **JAM, PreK's-2nd Graders, Rm. 161**

We are learning about the Fruits of the Spirit!

### **BibleMax, 3rd-5th Graders, Rm. 127**

This class explores the Bible through fun games, activities and experiments!

### **IMAGINE 2020!**

Fun children's activities, games and snacks, will be taking place during our final Congregational Conversation on **Sunday, April 17th**, 4:30-6pm. Nursery care will be available for infants & toddlers. We will have 2 groups of children's activities, PreK-1st Grade and 2nd-5th Grade. Children will gather by Rooms 159 & 161.

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## **Vacation Bible School!!**

June 6-10, 9am-Noon each day

Join us for a rockin' week of singing, granite games, crystallized crafts, excavating experiments, sedimentary storytelling and more!

### **Registration is now OPEN!**

You may find registration & volunteer forms on the church's website and around the church.

# Youth Group News.....



## Sundays in April

### Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

10am-Middle School Sunday School, Rm. 267  
11am-Youth Sunday School @ Starbucks! Bring \$  
(No Youth Group, due to Spring Break)

### Sunday, April 10: Faith in 3D Deposit due!! (\$25)

10am-Middle School SS, Rm. 267  
11am-Youth SS, Upper Room Loft  
4:30-6:30pm: Youth Group

### Sunday, April 17

10am-Middle School SS, Rm. 267  
11am-Youth SS, Upper Room Loft  
4:30-6pm-Imagine 2020, Final Meeting: Future

### Sunday, April 24: EASTER SUNDAY

(No Sunday School or Youth Group)

## Wednesdays, April 13 & 27

5:45pm: Dinner  
6:15pm: Youth Choir  
6:30-7:15pm: Youth Group, Upper Room  
6:30-7:15pm: Confirmation Class, Rm. 266

*NO Wednesday Night Dinner or Activities on April 6/Spring Break, or April 20/Holy Week.*

## Class of 2011—High School Graduates!

We will be honoring YOU on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, at the 9:45am Upper Room Service. Please email the following information to Ellen at: [fpcycm@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcycm@earthlink.net) by April 17<sup>th</sup>: Name, Parent Name(s), High School, Church/Youth Group involvement, High School Involvement (clubs, athletics, awards), & Future Plans.

## Faith in 3D: January 13-16, 2012

We have to start planning **NOW** for this GREAT event that takes place every 3 years at Disney World in Orlando, FL. We will spend 4 days with nearly 3,000+ Presbyterian and Baptist youth in small groups and worship time each day. You will also get a 3-day park hopper pass to all 4 Disney Parks: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom & Hollywood Studios. We will stay at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. **Your total payment is: \$300.** A **\$25 deposit** is due by **April 10th** to guarantee your spot!

## Youth Summer Mission Trip: James Island Presbyterian Foundation in SC

**Dates:** July 3-9, 2011

**Cost:** \$35

*Save the date!!! More details coming soon!*

## Spring Break Camping Trip!

St. Andrew's State Park  
Panama City Beach, FL

April 4-8

### Monday, April 4

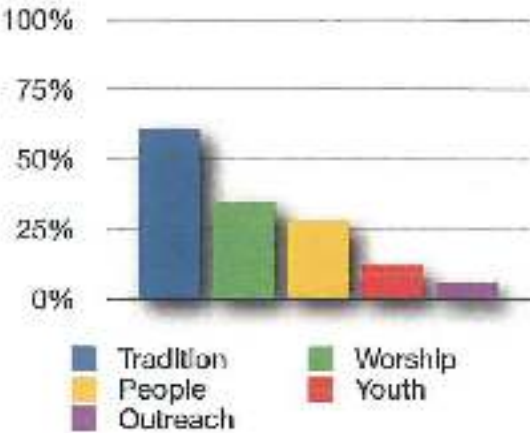
Meet at FPC at 8:30am  
Bring \$ for lunch on the road,  
and for lunch on Friday. We'll  
return early Friday evening.

# Summary of Responses from February 27 (Past-oriented gathering)

## What brought you to FPC Cartersville?

Family or Presbyterian tradition	61%
Worship programs/opportunities	35%
People inviting and welcoming	28%
Youth programs/opportunities	12%
Outreach programs/opportunities	6%

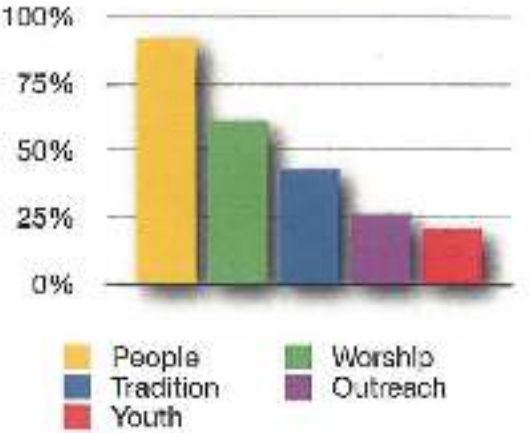
**What brought you here?**



## What keeps you at FPC Cartersville?

Fellowship, friends, love, home	92%
Worship programs/opportunities	61%
Family or Presbyterian tradition	43%
Outreach programs/opportunities	26%
Youth programs/opportunities	21%

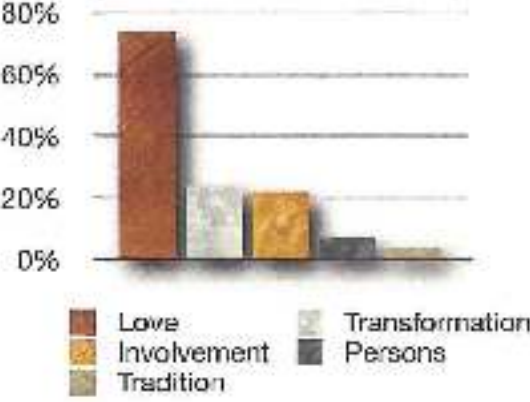
**What keeps you here?**



## What made this church, the church for you?

Receiving love, fellowship, affirmation	74%
Becoming part of program, leadership	24%
Feeling of transformation	22%
Specific people	7%
Tradition	4%

**Why is this the church for you?**



### **In April We Pray For Our Church:**

**Staff:** Teresa Mulkey, Gay Ray (Pre-School), Renee Dittmer, Sue Elder (After School Program)

**Officers:** Jo Clark (Elder), Courtney Farnon (Deacon)

**Ministries:** Properties Committee

**The Imagine 2020 Leadership Team as they lead us in following God's call for our future:** Peter Olson, Frank Johnson, Brandy and Jerry Brownlow, Tinsley Cline, Beth Gaines, Cayce Jacobson, David Jordan, Art Mann, Laurie McAfee, Wes Sullins, Stan Tilley, Charlotte Whatley

#### **Families:**

- **March 27-April 2:** Harrison Porter, Tommy and Beth Porter, Diane Powell, Josh Powell, Todd and Amy Prather (Anna), Jonathan and Lauren Pressley
- **April 3-9:** Nancy Pruitt (Katie, Owen, Will, Gracie), Russell Pruitt, Gary and Sally Puckett, Allyson Purdy, Terry and Carla Purdy, Betty-Byrd Randolph
- **April 10-16:** Helen Rawls, Rick and Patty Richardson, Chad and Emily Roberson (Shane, Katherine), Mollie Roberts, Alexander Roberts, Billie Robinson
- **April 17-23:** Jean Robinson, Lynn Robinson, Michael Robinson, Paxton Robinson, Karen Rodgers, Lauren Russell
- **April 24-April 30:** Paxton Russell, Kyle and Karen Russell, Brent Sager, Brian Sager, Karl and Gretchen Sager, Jim and Nellie Schmidt (Abby)

*The congregational Care Prayer list is available via e-mail twice monthly. Contact Pastor Julie at [FPCPastor2@earthlink.net](mailto:FPCPastor2@earthlink.net) to add a name or to receive it.*

### **We Pray With the Daily Lectionary**

#### **Friday, April 1**

Morning: Ps. 22, 148

Evening: Ps. 105, 130

Jer. 11:1-8, 14-17

Rom. 6:1-11

John 8:33-47

#### **Saturday, April 2**

Morning: Ps. 43, 149

Evening: Ps. 31, 143

Jer. 13:1-11

Rom. 6:12-23

John 8:47-59

#### **Sunday, April 3** — 4th Sunday in Lent

Morning: Ps. 84, 150

Evening: Ps. 42, 32

Jer. 14:1-9 (10-16) 17-22

Gal. 4:21-5:1

Mark 8:11-21

#### **Monday, April 4**

Morning: Ps. 119:73-80, 145

Evening: Ps. 121, 6

Jer. 16:(1-9) 10-21

Rom. 7:1-12

John 6:1-15

#### **Tuesday, April 5**

Morning: Ps. 34, 146

Evening: Ps. 25, 91

Jer. 17:19-27

Rom. 7:13-25

John 6:16-27

#### **Wednesday, April 6**

Jer. 18:1-11

Rom. 8:1-11

John 6:27-40

#### **Thursday, April 7**

Morning: Ps. 27, 147:12-20

Evening: Ps. 126, 102

Jer. 22:13-23

Rom. 8:12-27

John 6:41-51

#### **Friday, April 8**

Morning: Ps. 22, 148

Evening: Ps. 105, 130

Jer. 23:1-8

Rom. 8:28-39

John 6:52-59

#### **Saturday, April 9**

Morning: Ps. 43, 149

Evening: Ps. 31, 143

Jer. 23:9-15

Rom. 9:1-18

John 6:60-71

#### **Sunday, April 10** — 5th Sunday in Lent

Morning: Ps. 84, 150

Evening: Ps. 42, 32

Jer. 23:16-32

1 Cor. 9:19-27

Mark 8:31-9:1

#### **Monday, April 11**

Morning: Ps. 119:73-80, 145

Evening: Ps. 121, 6

Jer. 24:1-10

Rom. 9:19-33

John 9:1-17

Morning: Ps. 5, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 27, 51

**Tuesday, April 12**

Morning: Ps. 34, 146

Evening: Ps. 25, 91

Jer. 25:8–17

Rom. 10:1–13

John 9:18–41

**Wednesday, April 13**

Morning: Ps. 5, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 27, 51

Jer. 25:30–38

Rom. 10:14–21

John 10:1–18

**Thursday, April 14**

Morning: Ps. 27, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 126, 102

Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24)

Rom. 11:1–12

John 10:19–42

**Friday, April 15**

Morning: Ps. 22, 148

Evening: Ps. 105, 130

Jer. 29:1 (2–3) 4–14

Rom. 11:13–24

John 11:1–27 or John 12:1–10

**Saturday, April 16**

Morning: Ps. 43, 149

Evening: Ps. 31, 143

Jer. 31:27–34

Rom. 11:25–36

John 11:28–44 or John 12:37–50

**Sunday, April 17** — Passion / Palm Sunday

Morning: Ps. 84, 150

Evening: Ps. 42, 32

Zech. 9:9–12

1 Tim. 6:12–16 or Zech. 12:9–11, 13:1, 7–9

Matt. 21:12–17

**Monday, April 18**

Morning: Ps. 119:73–80, 145

Evening: Ps. 121, 6

Jer. 11:18–20, 12:1–16 (17)

Phil. 3:1–14

John 12:9–19

**Tuesday, April 19**

Morning: Ps. 34, 146

Evening: Ps. 25, 91

Jer. 15:10–21

Phil. 3:15–21

John 12:20–26

**Wednesday, April 20**

Morning: Ps. 5, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 27, 51

Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)

Phil. 4:1–13; John 12:27–36

**Thursday, April 21** — Maundy Thursday

Morning: Ps. 27, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 126, 102

1 Cor. 10:14–17, 11:27–32

John 17:1–11 (12–26)

**Friday, April 22** — Good Friday

Morning: Ps. 22, 148

Evening: Ps. 105, 130

Gen. 22:1–14

1 Peter 1:10–20

John 13:36–38 or John 19:38–42

**Saturday, April 23**

Morning: Ps. 43, 149

Evening: Ps. 31, 143

Job 19:21–27a

Heb. 4:1–16

Rom. 8:1–11

**Sunday, April 24** — Easter / Resurrection of the

Lord

Morning: Ps. 93, 150

Evening: Ps. 136, 117

Exod. 12:1–14

John 1:1–18 or Isa. 51:9–11

Luke 24:13–35 or John 20:19–23

**Monday, April 25**

Morning: Ps. 97, 145

Evening: Ps. 124, 115

Jonah 2:1–10

Acts 2:14, 22–32

John 14:1–14

**Tuesday, April 26**

Morning: Ps. 98, 146

Evening: Ps. 66, 116

Isa. 30:18–26

Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)

John 14:15–31

**Wednesday, April 27**

Morning: Ps. 99, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 9, 118

Micah 7:7–15

Acts 3:1–10

John 15:1–11

**Thursday, April 28**

Morning: Ps. 47, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 68, 113

Ezek. 37:1–14

Acts 3:11–26

John 15:12–27

**Friday, April 29**

Morning: Ps. 96, 148

Evening: Ps. 49, 138

Dan. 12:1–4, 13

Acts 4:1–12

John 16:1–15

John 16:16–33

**Saturday, April 30**

Morning: Ps. 92, 149

Evening: Ps. 23, 114

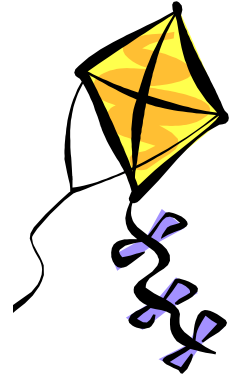
Isa. 25:1–9

Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)



# April 2011

Spring Break is  
Coming!  
April 4 - April 8  
Get your sunscreen ready!



Contact us:  
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770-382-0755  
[fpcpreschool1@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcpreschool1@earthlink.net)  
Check out our web page at  
[cartersvillepres.org](http://cartersvillepres.org)

**St. Patrick's Day** - A leprechaun was spotted roaming the halls, bringing squeals of excitement to the children who had made Leprechaun Traps. Unfortunately, he was much too big to catch.

**The Annual Spring Egg Drop** - (A science experiment) All of the 4 Year Old classes explored different ways of making a cushioned wrapping for an egg on Friday, March 25. The goal was to have an unbroken egg after it was dropped from a great height. One of our goals is for children to learn by fun hands-on activities.

## Easter Parties

- **2 Day Classes**  
Tuesday, April 19
- **3 & 5 Day Classes**  
Thursday, April 21  
(NO Extended Session on 4/21)
- **School Holiday**  
Good Friday, April 22



## **Learning about Giving**

Our Donations to the Animal Shelter

We will be offering a  
4 Year 5 Day  
Full Day Class

beginning in August for those who would like a slightly longer day. The day will begin as usual at 8:15 (early room at 7:30) and end at 2:00. We will continue to offer our half day class that is over at 11:45 as well as Extended Session until 2:00.

## **Registration for 2011-2012 School Year**

**Classes offered for:**

- 18 months
- 2 year olds
- 3 year olds
- 4 year olds

2 day, 3 day and 5 day classes available

**A new 4 year 5 day FULL Day Class will be offered!**  
*Extended Session until 2 pm is offered for children in 3 and 4 year classes*

Classes are offered based on minimum enrollment.  
*Limited Space Available*

# 2011

APRIL						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Committee & Officer Meetings

### \*Tuesday, April 12

6:00pm Christian Education  
 6:00pm Properties Committee  
 6:00pm Worship Committee  
 6:00pm Outreach Committee  
 6:00pm Stewardship & Finance  
 7:00pm Session Meeting

### \*Wednesday, April 13

4:45pm Society of the Saints Committee

### \*Thursday, April 21

6:00pm Adult Education

### \*Monday, April 25

6:00pm Mission & Witness  
 6:00pm Congregational Care  
 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

## Choir Schedule

### Sunday

6:15pm – Handbell Choir

### Tuesday

7:00pm – Upper Room Band

### Wednesday

4:30pm – Cherub Choir

5:00pm – Seraph Choir

6:15pm – Youth Choir

7:15pm – Sanctuary Choir

## A P R I L A C T I V I T I E S

<b>Week 1 – April 1-2</b>		
April 1	1:30pm	Fun & Games/Café Area
<b>Week 2 – April 3-9</b>		
April 4 – 8		No Preschool & ASP Youth Family Camping Trip
April 4	10:30am 7:00pm	PW Morning Circle PW Evening Circle
April 7	6:00pm	Toastmasters
<b>Week 3 – April 10-16</b>		
April 10	12:00pm	Society of Saints Luncheon
April 11	10:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
April 13	6:30pm	Imagine 2020 Community Forum/Fellowship Hall
<b>Week 4 – April 17-23</b>		
April 17	4:30pm	Imagine 2020 Congregational Gathering
April 21	6:00pm 7:00pm	Toastmasters Maundy Thursday Service
April 22	12:00pm	Good Friday Community Service/Sam Jones UMC
Church Office Closed No Preschool		
April 23	10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Week 5 – April 24-30</b>		
April 29	8:00-Noon	Preschool Fun Day in Church Parking Lot

## Weekly Ministries

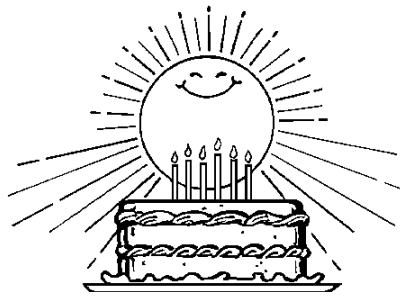
**Monday – Friday** – Preschool 8:00am – 12:00pm

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday** – ASP 2:30pm – 6:00pm

**Tuesdays** – Friendship Table 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Meals on Wheels (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues) 10:45am

**Fridays** – AA & Al-Anon Meetings 8:00pm



## April Birthdays

1	Martha Campbell	18	Loveline Itoe
2	Nan Collier	18	Levi Shephard
2	Evan Bergman	18	Mallory Branyon
3	Joan Green	19	Harrison Porter
3	Kerry Stough	20	Mike Tobin
3	Matt Crim	21	Mary Morris
3	David Tillman	21	Margaretta Shaw
3	Cameron Moore	21	Randy Ellis
4	Brayden Mullinax	21	Kelly Ferguson
5	LaRue Whitehead	21	Sam Bailey
5	Patty Richardson	22	Eleanor Cowen
5	Ron Dempsey	22	April Hopper
5	Jake Noble	23	Jodi James
6	Betty Gilbert	23	Jessica Gardner
7	John Adams	23	Jennifer Ennerberg
8	Jimmy Cline	24	Anne Gray
9	Denise Manning	24	Lisa Greeby
9	David Tilley	26	Edna Smith
9	Ella Bridges	26	Carolyn Bowen
10	Brian Sager	27	Virginia Jackson
12	Betty Byrd Randolph	27	Susan Alexander
12	Charlie Strong	27	Chase Dudley
12	Mary Mullinax	27	Alex Ginn
12	Will Barrett	28	Debbie Grove
12	Will Pruitt	28	Sharon Ellis
13	Norman Daugherty	28	Harrison Paul
13	Corey Tobin	29	Carl White
15	Meghan Murphy	30	Tom Nebergall
16	Amanda Dempsey		
16	Mason Cline		
17	Carrie Trotter		
18	Billy Noble		

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**Palm Sunday, April 17** - We will have a very special and unique worship experience for Palm Sunday this year as we make a liturgical journey from the pomp of Palm Sunday to the passion of Good Friday. Holy Communion will be served at all services.

**Maundy Thursday, April 21 at 7:00PM** – We will observe the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples and we will hear the seven last words of Christ in the service of Tenebrae.

**Good Friday, April 22, 12:00 Noon at Sam Jones United Methodist Church** – We will join with our sister church to center our attention in the cross. Our pastor, Ted Smith, will be preaching.

**Easter Sunday, April 24** – We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with joy! We will have three services as usual, 8:45, 9:45 and 11:00, but NO Sunday school.