

The Tie That Binds

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From the Pastor...

Rev. Charles Waugh

On the front of "Christianity Today" magazine was a humorous quip that showed a lady standing and looking at a flower arrangement. She was standing by the Preacher and she was all aglow. She says, "Oh, isn't it wonderful what Easter is! What we've done with this flower arrangement!" She said, "I only wish Jesus could be here to see it!"

The whole point of the fact is that the resurrection of Jesus is not a recording. The resurrection of Jesus is live! Jesus is alive! He is here! And He does know and He says that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He will be present! And where we have His presence, we ought to expect anything to happen!

It was the Sunday after the crucifixion and two discouraged disciples of Jesus were walking along the Emmaus road. As they walked along that evening, their hearts sank deeper into despair. They had been convinced that Jesus was the Messiah. They had hoped that He would redeem Israel. They had given up their occupations to follow this compassionate, gentle, powerful, and charismatic leader.

But now, He was dead! His enemies had gotten rid of Him! The disciples had witnessed Jesus' crucified body in a garden tomb. So, they were very disillusioned and devastated. But during that 7 mile walk to Emmaus, they encountered a stranger who completely reversed their spirits. William Barclay calls this section of scripture, "the Sunset Road that Turned to Dawn."

The scriptures tell the rest of the story. "As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over. So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight." Luke 24:28-31

Jesus is still alive today and He can be present in our lives if we will allow Him there!

In His Service, Charles

APRIL 2019

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APRIL
VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
COMPASSION

"A Christian is merciful by nature;
this is the heart of the Gospel."

- POPE FRANCIS

WHAT IS A TENEBRAE SERVICE?

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

2019 Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD Assembly

May 4th ~ First Christian Church in Corpus Christi

Doors Open at 8am



Reflection of the Church In Our Time

re-flec-tion: throwing back of a body or surface of light, heat or sound without absorbing it; serious thought or consideration.

Areas of Reflection:

Politics in the Pulpit, Media in Ministry, Active Shooter Defense, Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation, Border Reality w/ Feliberto Pereira



Presenters:

Doug Skinner~Oscar Banks~Andy Mangum~Feliberto Pereira~Tracey Anderson-Tellado~Henry Sepulveda
Ken Lightle~Stanley Cavitt



Registration \$20/person
Online Registration Begins SOON!

2019 Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD Assembly Schedule

9:00 a.m. Registration (coffee, tea, water donuts & fruit will be served)

9:30 a.m. Welcome & Opening Worship (Sanctuary)

- Intro video of New Leadership Team and Restructure of the Region
- *Invocation by Rev. Christal Fisher, Interim Regional Connection Minister for South Texas*
- Worship & Praise by Pastor Oscar Banks and the BBA/LRGVD Worship Team
- *Reflection of the Church in Our Time "2 Corinthians 4:4-12"*
- Offering/Music

10:15 a.m. Workshops – Session 1

A Reflection of Politics in the Pulpit (Parlor) *Presenter: Pastor Doug Skinner*

This workshop will reflect on how we address the pervasive politics of our time while staying faithful to the calling of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Reflection of Media in Ministry (Conference Room) *Presenter: Pastor Oscar Banks*

This workshop will reflect on practical uses of media and social media in our ministry settings. As the world around us has embraced media as a tool to get its messages out to the world, this workshop will help equip churches with tools and resources to take the message of Jesus Christ to the world.

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Workshops – Session 2

A Reflection of Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation (Parlor)

Presenter: Pastor Tracey Anderson-Tellado

This workshop will reflect on how the church responds to the countless issues of race relations in our present epoch and how culture clashes with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will look at the witness of the church and what it means to promote anti-racism/pro-reconciliation as the Body of Christ.

A Reflection of a Protected Church (Chapel)

Presenters: Henry Sepulveda, Ken Lightle & Stanley Cavitt

This workshop will reflect on safety measures churches can take to protect itself from an active shooter situation. We will discuss practical preliminary steps that can be taken to ensure our churches are safe and protected places of worship.

12:30 p.m. Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

1:15 p.m. Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. **A Reflection of What's Really Going on at the Border?** (Sanctuary)

Presenter: Pastor Feliberto Pereira

3:30 p.m. Closing Worship/Communion/Benediction (Sanctuary)

What Is Holy Week?

For some Christians, the week preceding Easter is known as Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday and is traditionally a week of somber reflection on the events preceding Jesus' death: his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his betrayal by Judas; his Last Supper with his twelve apostles; his arrest, crucifixion and death; and his burial in a tomb.

What Is Palm Sunday?

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, which occurred several days before his death. According to the gospels, the people of Jerusalem spread branches from trees—identified specifically as palm branches in John's gospel—on the road to welcome Jesus as he rode a donkey into the city. Because of this, many Christian churches today offer congregants palm fronds as they enter the church on Palm Sunday. In some denominations, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and of his death is read in church on Palm Sunday, juxtaposing the welcome Jesus received on one day with his betrayal and arrest a few days later.

PREPARING FOR GROWTH!

Marilyn has volunteered to make bags, like the ones we had available for the kids when we were doing Children's moment.

The bags will contain coloring sheets, colors, and a couple of other treats which the children can take home. They will be placed in a basket next to the table where Linda Guess hands out bulletins.

Also available will be clipboards.

It is our hope that the children will take the bags home and return the clipboard to the basket.

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

Your Search Committee's first meeting was September 2018. The committee consists of five members: Susan Clark, Susie Rogers, Ronnie Daniels, Richard Daniels and Brenda Williams.

The committee has gathered information for creating a Congregation Church Profile for any potential candidates. We surveyed the congregation twice, looking for requirements in a new pastor, coming up with questions to ask possible candidates. We have met with Christal Fisher, Interim Regional Connection Minister, three times.

We have had a guest speaker, and we are still accepting resumes and will continue to do so until we have a new pastor. We have extended

Charles stay as our interim, another three months.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4

We know that God's hand is at work in this process. Please continue to pray for the Search Team. We understand how important this person will be to our church and seek nothing more than to do the will of our Lord. We will leave the timing in God's hands. We hope to notify the church family of exciting news soon!

*Brenda, Susan, Ronnie, Susan and Richard
-Your Search Committee*



Spring has sprung and Easter festivities are right around the corner. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a lot lined up for the season.

MARCH 31—EASTER LILIES AND PRAYER VIGIL SIGNUP

Signup sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall for those desiring to order Easter Lilies in memory/honor of someone. The will be ordered and brought to the church on April 18th.

A signup sheet will also be available for anyone who would like to reserve a spot on the Prayer Vigil.

APRIL 14—PALM SUNDAY

Palm fronds will be handed out prior to worship service. **Palm Sunday** commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1–9), when **palm branches** were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

APRIL 18—MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday service is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. with readings by congregation members, candle light, and communion.

APRIL 19—GOOD FRIDAY

The Ministerial Alliance Good Friday service will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church.

APRIL 21—EASTER

The Disciple Men's group will be serving breakfast on Easter morning from 9:00 a.m. until worship begins in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter service begins at 10:45 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCH WOMEN

Burnet Presbyterian will host the April 29th meeting of the Fellowship of Church Women beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Joseph's Hammer, an organization that has been formed for the purpose of building a faith-based chapel facility at the Ellen Halbert Unit of the women's prison in Burnet, will present a program about their organization and the wonderful project that has captured their hearts. This is a real opportunity for the women of Burnet (and men too!) to come together for a common goal that will touch so many lives.

Come and hear how you might help!

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 April 2019
 Serving Schedule

Apr 7 Five Wonderful Words - 1 Corinthians 14:18-19; 15:3
Apr 14 The Road and The Cross - Luke 9:51-53; 19:28-40
Apr 21 The Resurrection Makes the Difference - Luke 24:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Apr 28 If A Man Dies, Shall He Live Again? - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*****If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and write the change on the Serving Schedule on the bulletin board by the church office.**

| Date | Elders | Deacons | Joys/ Concerns | Worship Leaders | Counters | Acolytes |
|------|-----------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 4/7 | Bennie Clark | Alayna Engen Jonnie Stark Charolette Collie Jim Nance | Bennie Clark | Ron Petrick | Ron Petrick | Adam Engen |
| 4/14 | Michele Darling | Marilyn Petrick Ronda Hostetter Jerry Hostetter Linda Westerfield | Michele Darling | Jonnie Stark | Jonnie Stark | Katlyn Williams |
| 4/21 | Paula Harris | Charolette Collie Ronnie Daniel Alayna Engen Linda Guess | Paula Harris | Sharon Tippie | Sharon Tippie | Adam Engen |
| 4/28 | Hank Holt | Jonnie Stark Sharon Tippie Teri Howell Terry Matlock | Hank Holt | Grover Howell | Grover Howell | Haylee Williams |

The Elder is responsible for Stewardship Meditation and Prayer for both Bread and Cup.
 Preparation of Communion: Ronda/Jerry Hostetter

April

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------------------------|---------|---|---|--|---|
| | 1 APRIL FOOL'S | 2 | 3 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Elders Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship NOISE OFFERING FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHEON | 8 | 9 | 10 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Elders Meeting 7:00 Board Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 BLUEBONNET FESTIVAL |
| 14 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship | 15 | 16 | 17 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Choir Practice | 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service | 19 2:00 Prayer Vigil Begins | 20 8:00 DMM Breakfast 2:00 Prayer Vigil Ends |
| 21 EASTER 9:00 DMM Easter Breakfast 10:45 Worship | 22 | 23 | 24 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Choir Practice | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship | 29 | 30 |  | 4/2 Barbara Donahue 4/14 Darius Johnson 4/16 James Johnson 4/18 Chloe Williams | 4/19 Allen Rodgers 4/20 Lelisa Nance 4/29 Ronnie Matlock | |

2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Elders</i> | |
| Bennie Clark | Michele Darling |
| Paula Harris | Hank Holt |
| Ron Petrick | Grover Howell |
| Greg Williams | |
| <i>Deacons</i> | |
| Ronnie Daniel | Charolette Collie |
| Alayna Engen | Linda Guess |
| Jerry Hostetter | Ronda Hostetter |
| Teri Howell | Jim Nance |
| Terry Matlock | Jonnie Stark |
| Sharon Tippie | Linda Westerfield |
| Marilyn Petrick | Yvonne Evans |
| <i>Trustees</i> | |
| Richard Dunegan | Jim Nance |
| Susie Rodgers | |
| <i>PRC</i> | |
| Michele Darling | Paula Harris |
| Jerry Hostetter | Sharon Tippie |

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Moderator | Ron Petrick |
| Vice Moderator | Brenda Williams |
| Secretary | Lana Orr |
| Treasurer | Bennie Clark |
| Historian | Susan Clark |
| Education | } Committee Council |
| Faith-Sharing | |
| Membership | |
| Outreach | |
| Property | |
| Worship | Susie Rodgers |
| Disciple Men Rep..... | Hank Holt |
| Disciple Women Rep | Jonnie Stark |

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