Pastor’s Ponderings

Dinner This Sunday With Church Street

We just finished four classes with our new friends at Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We discussed issues of race, the role of the church in addressing race, how we have been affected by racism, and how we can improve race relations in Huntsville. We’ve also made new friends. We did not plan to have a meal to end the classes. The idea just rose from the group. This Sunday at 5 p.m. we will have a celebration meal. People will bring soups, sandwiches, and pound cake. What a great end to a stimulating time. I appreciate the Deacons Council adjusting their schedule to accommodate the dinner.

Where do we go now with this partnership? That is still being formulated. We have many good ideas. The overwhelming sentiment is to move forward with the partnership and impact race relations in a positive way. We will do that.

I will drive the van Sunday. We will leave the church at 4:30. Please join me.

With bonds of love,

David

Worship News for Next Sunday

Parts of the Saving Passion: Preparation

Isaiah 43:16-23; John 12:1-8

It was getting close. The time of Jesus’ departure was nearing. Preparations had to be made. Mary made an important preparation when she anointed Jesus’ feet. We will see next Sunday that part of the saving passion is preparation. We will prepare ourselves by partaking of the Lord’s Supper. Please join us for worship and invite a friend or neighbor to be your guest.

Howard H. Williams Lecture Series

Mark your calendars now for the Williams Lecture Series that starts Friday afternoon, May 3. Our guest lecturer this year is Dr. Emmanuel McCall. Dr. McCall has served as moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and as visiting professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Mercer University in Atlanta.

Pray for These as They Prepare to Share Their Religious Autobiography

April 24: Janis Simpson
May 1: Melissa Lewallen
May 8: Ladd Lewis
May 15: Teresa Fisher
May 22: Carol Stephens
We pray for those in need
Bill Green, grandfather of Patrick Streeter
Elaine Walker, wife of Dr. Mitchell Walker
Gunter Livingston
Pete Garrett
Keith Noren
Carol Wright, sister of Anne Livingston
Alice Caruso
Ann Killian, sister of Mary Dohrman
Janet Bruce
Sean Larkin, nephew of Anne Livingston
Mary Putnam, mother of Keith Putnam
Tiffin Gray, infant grandson of Jeff Brothers
Joy Hildebrandt
Will Mims
Carol McGinnis
Gordon Streeter, father of Patrick Streeter
Susan Alexander, sister of Greg Olmsted
RC & Nancy Darden
Betty & Gene Terry, parents of Yvonne Betowt
Jeff King, brother-in-law of Melanie Berbrier
Brian Parker, son-in-law of Bobby & Pat Williamson
Family & Friends in the military
Our country

April 2
Rosa Lee Heflin

April 3
Charlene Pinke, Jenna Rutherford, Raye Stanley

April 4
Keiko Matsuda

April 5
Lucy Borders, Melissa Lewallen

April 6
Jackson Morris, Brandon Pinke

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

DEACON ON CALL
Week of 3/31 Delores Shelton
Week of 4/7 Judy Swaim

TELLERS
Debra Williams, Ernie Gilmer

NURSERY
Polly Pinke, Rhonda Wegrich, Jean Arrowood

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Allison & David Whitener

ACOLYTES

THE RECORD SPEAKS
Sunday School 142
Morning Worship 173
Budget Update
Weekly Requirements $11,247.00
Offering of Last Sunday $ 6,275.00
The Senior Team is planning an evening of international entertainment! On Thursday, May 9, we will meet for a German dinner at the Biergarten at the US Space and Rocket Center, then go see the Chinese lanterns at the Botanical Garden. Attendees are asked to sign up on the Senior Team bulletin board and pay their Garden admission by May 3. Food at the Biergarten is on your own. Anyone who wants to carpool may meet at the church by 4:00 on May 9. Please note that this is a change from the originally published schedule.

**Easter Egg Hunts**
Saturday, April 13

10:00 AM
For pre-schoolers through kindergarteners

7:00 PM
For 1st through 5th graders
(Bring a flashlight)

**Holy Week**
Monday  Noon service at Hope Presbyterian
Tuesday Noon service at Hope Presbyterian
Wednesday Noon service at Hope Presbyterian
Thursday Noon service at Hope Presbyterian
  7:00 Maundy Thursday service in the Lighthouse
Friday  Noon Stations of the Cross on Aldridge Creek Greenway
  7:00 Tenebrae service in the sanctuary
What’s Growin’ on in the Garden

A hearty group of workers planted the spring garden recently. Nothing is ready to harvest yet, but here’s what’s coming:

- Broccoli
- Onions
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Swiss chard
- Collards
- Red & green lettuce
- Red & white potatoes

Women on Mission wants to thank everyone who supported our rummage sale. Those who donated items, the helpers who set up and worked the sale, and everyone who showed up to shop all contributed to the success of this venture. We brought in $3,333 to help fund all our projects benefiting our local community through the next year.