Good Tidings of

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Find Meaning in the Resurrected Life

Everybody believes something, or somebody. Some believe violence and greed are universally powerful. Others may choose to believe that life has no purpose and no inherit meaning. Christians believe in Jesus AND trust in His Resurrection; which imparts so much purpose and meaning in our living.

The announcement of Resurrection concludes that God has not given up on humankind and He loves us. For instance, Jesus did not leave the grave with a sword and passion for vengeance. He came in love and compassion to His followers, even meeting those with doubts.

Resurrection also says that what we do with our lives matters because it is connected to an eternal future with God. Greed, violence, and hate do not exist in this future. They do not last. We believe that every act of goodness connects to an eternal future. No matter how bad things currently seem, Resurrection points our hearts and minds to how it will be.

In a broken world, spending time dwelling on Resurrection can be a source of comfort. There are lots of people saying lots of things, but I chose to believe in Christ and His Resurrection. May the Good News of Jesus Christ lead you to worship and celebrate this Easter season.

Your friend and Pastor, Nathan

HOLY WEEK AT FBC

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 Palm Sunday

10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship with Palm Processional

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

5:15 PM - Fellowship Meal

6:00 PM - 2D Stations of the Cross Don't miss this interactive experience for all ages!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:00 PM - Service of reflection & meditation with Lord's Supper Observance

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 Easter Sunday

10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship



Please assist the **Decorations Committee on** Easter Sunday by bringing fresh flowers & yard clippings to the floral cross on the front lawn by 10:00 AM. Thank you!

SEE THE SIGN-UPS SHEETS IN THE MAIN HALLWAY TO ATTEND A SPRING EVENT!







- Grant Bentley and Mark Reed are cooking breakfast Sunday, March 24, but they need a headcount by March 17. Please sign up and plan to come at 8:30 AM to eat, fellowship and hear from Cornelia Mayor John Borrow at the Fellowship Breakfast.
- Sign up by Monday, April 1, to attend the PrimeTimers Spring Luncheon, which will be held Friday, April 5.
- Join us for the FBC Ladies Luncheon on Sunday, April 14, following Worship. Sign up deadline is April 7.

Or call the church office to be placed on a list!

MISSION IN THE MOUNTAINS



You can help the team going to Nicaragua by donating needed items for the mission trip. Items needed by May 12.

Most needed items include: Money (to use in-country or buy additional supplies); new baseball caps, bandannas, costume jewelry, Hot Wheels cars, tote bags, nail clippers, combs, hair brushes, hair accessories, reading glasses, sewing kits, writing pads & pens, pot holders, soccer balls and pumps, Ziploc bags - all sizes. Items can be placed in the box outside the Berea Class (Room 217) or contact Tammy Weaver at 706-499-4146 if donating money. Donations can also be made in the church office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Linda Caudell, PO Box 8, Baldwin, GA 30511

Hannah Conklin, 204 Green Forrest Drive, Toccoa, GA 30577

Valarie & Bobby Ferguson, 219 Dogwood Ave. Cornelia, GA 30531

Ruth Kramedijian, 236 Garrison Road, Cornelia, GA 30531

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

9:45 AM - First Sunday Breakfast, Banquet Room



10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship | Third Sunday of Lent

TUESDAYS | MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que



8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew, retired gentlemen enjoying coffee & cake, and doing tasks around FBC. Join the crew!

9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry 😹



WEDNESDAYS | MARCH 6, 13, 20

10:00 AM - Coffee & Bible Study, Fellowship Hall Pastor Nathan continues his study in The Gospel of Mark

5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required. Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.

5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of worship and a devotional message from Pastor Nathan!

6:15 - 7:15 PM - Children & Youth Activities

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal



10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship | Fourth Sunday of Lent 12:15 PM - DEACONS' MEETING, FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship | Fifth Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, MARCH 18 | BOOK CLUB | DETAILS TBD



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

8:30 AM - Fellowship Breakfast, Fellowship Hall (Please sign up by 3/17)

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship | Sixth Sunday of Lent

Palm Processional

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27

*No Morning Bible Study

5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required.

6:00 PM - 2D STATIONS OF THE CROSS | BEGINS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

No Children & Youth Groups. Families will participate

together in this interactive experience for all ages. Nursery provided.

7:000 PM - Choir Rehearsal - please note later start time

MAUNDY THURSDAY | MARCH 28

6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service A meditative service of reflection with communion

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Regular schedule of Sunday School & Worship





FEBRUARY FUN!

Photo top left, our children enjoyed a Friday night of Capture the Flag, Feb. 23; top right, youth having a blast snowtubing in NC, Feb. 4; above left, Brad Trotter cooks spaghetti for the Youth Fundraiser, Feb. 25, which raised \$1,500 for camp! Above right, the Wiggins WMU Group packed hygiene bags for the Soup Kitchen ministry at their February meeting.

MARCH SERVICE REMINDER

MARCH 17

Deacon of the Week Sally Higgins

Patrol **Donald Crowe**

Ushers Doug Burrell **Donald Crowe Kathy Crowe**

Jack Irvin

Ushers **Bobby Ferguson**

Patrol

MARCH 3

Wade Hasty

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Phil McClain Dennis Tedder Ed Vaughn Patsy Vaughn

MARCH 24

Deacon of the Week Dennis Tedder

Mitchell Trotter Ushers Al Carter

John Edmonds **Jason Hughes Mark Reed**

MARCH 10

Deacon of the Week Don Higgins Patrol

Ed Vaughn

Ushers

Grant Bentley Bill Chandler Myra Chandler Steve Doran Larry Whitfield

MARCH 31

Deacon of the Week **Dustin Thomas**

Patrol

Mitchell Trotter Ushers

Joseph Hilliard Cheryl Parker Michael Parker Wayne Worsham

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT | JANUARY 24

Receipts: \$36,916.00 YTD: \$36,916.00 YTD: \$55,686.76 **Expenses:** \$55,686.76 YTD: -18,770.76 Net: \$-18,770,76

Average Sunday School Attendance: 80 Average Worship Attendance: 112

UNIFIED MISSION FUND | JANUARY 2024

Beginning

Balance: **YTD**: \$13,278.50 \$13,278.50

Receipts: YTD: \$3,273.34 \$3.273.34

YTD: \$-1,937.00 Investments: \$-1,937.00

Ending Balance: \$14,614.84

Dear Church Family,

With immense gratitude, we want to thank our amazing church family for all your thoughts, prayers, generosity and love over these last few weeks toward not only our family, but my parents and siblings as we continue on a path of care for my parents. In Leigh Thomas' words, "It takes a Village" and FBC is our village. We love you all!

Marlee, Ryan, Maizee & Declan Fleming