

APRIL

Shiloh United Methodist Church

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OUR MISSION

Shiloh United Methodist Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ who delight in His worship, who nurture His people and who advance His kingdom.



From Dave's Desk...

About 1500 funeral directors attend the Death Care World Expo each year. Of course, in 2020 it had to be held virtually. Each year they learn about new concepts for funerals as requested by the loved ones left behind.

This year attendees were told that families are opting for shorter, less costly services (if there is a service at all), eulogies with poems & personal memories, & even post funeral parties (not advised!). Some want to be buried with their pets. Many are choosing environmentally friendly options such as plain pine boxes or cremation.

Celestis Inc, a Houston company in its 20th year, will launch the cremated remains into space. It costs about \$5000 to be sent into earth orbit & \$12,500 to be sent to the moon. The remains are placed in canisters aboard commercial satellite vehicles. The last launch was in January; reservations for the next launch close on June 30.

Nowadays caskets do not have to be cold & gloomy. One company offers caskets with shells & dirt from the deceased's favorite beach or own backyard.

Every single person will discover that the solution to death is not found in the funeral, but in Easter. A comfortable casket will not change our eternal destiny – only our faith in Him who conquered death. Jesus can make a casket a hope chest!

I am glad we celebrate Easter every week as we worship on Sunday. I look forward to a special celebration with you this Sunday. I thank all the people that make our weekly celebration possible – ushering, singing, teaching, keeping the nursery (when possible), running the sound booth & projector, playing instruments. You all make every Sunday memorable!

I'll see you at the "Easter" place on Sunday!

Dave

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April Ministry

Financial Counters: Cathy Berrier



Birthdays & Anniversaries**April**

1: Mark & Wanda Sink
 3: Ashley Johnson
 4: Anthony Everhart
 5: Noel Leatherman
 7: Austin Bishop; David & Jaime Swicegood; Clyde & Mae Houck+
 9: Will Swicegood
 16: Wanda Sink

17: Andrew Sink; Bill & libby Adams
 18: Eli Bruff; Amelia Bruff
 19: Charity Williams
 20: Noel & Jean Leatherman
 24: Evan Michael
 26: Collin Potts; Joshua Roberts
 27: Katherine York; Dwayne & Jessica Chapmon

APRIL**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES****STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

General Fund- 2021 Operating Budget \$194,846.00
 Needed Weekly \$3,747.00
March (thru 3/28):
 Receipts: \$12,97610

Family Life Center – Loan Balance
 (2/28) \$296,559.90
 Needed Weekly \$1,044.00
March (thru 3/28):
 Receipts: \$4,878.00

In Memory Of (thru 3/28).....**Family Life Center**

Jeanette Hege by Tom & Fran Copley; by Henry & Nancy Sink; by Bob & Shirley Bowers; by Mary S. Berrier

Donese Sink by Tony & Cheryl Shoaf;

Lula Michael by Franklin Michael

Myrtle Hege by Henry & Nancy Sink, by Mary S. Berrier

Dr. Fred Mock by Henry Mitchum

Henry and Donese Sink by Mary S. Berrier

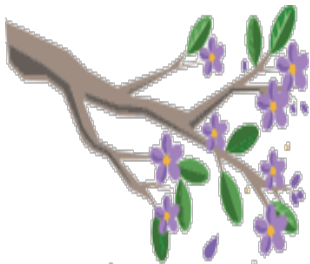
Bob Bruton by Mary S. Berrier

Lonnie Hege by Mary S. Berrier

Melvin Michael by Mary S. Berrier

In Honor Of (thru 3/28).....**Family Life Center**

Rick & Penny Canady by Virginia Weisner

**Paying Tribute**

Prayer Requests & Praises

Members in Care Facilities

Grayson Creek

Old US Hwy 52

Lexington, NC 27295

*Doris Leonard

Members & Friends in the Military(Active & Reserves)

LTJG Morgan Cope

Members: Mark Sink; Steve Fritts; Randall Berrier; John Jones; Gary Leonard; Gloria Brooks; the Johnson family; Rick & Penny Canady; Gene Walser; Cindy Sink & her mom; Jerry Bishop, upon the passing of his father Philip (Kilroy) Bishop; our homebound members; to patiently wait for God's time; to live in faith & hope; to walk in the light of Christ; to live a holy Holy Week

Family & Friends: The family of Phillip "Kilroy" Bishop; Patrina Mallard; Keith & Vergie Ball; Benny Clodfelter; the Grubb family; Gina Sink & family; David Raiford; John Clotz; Hoy Lanning Jr.; Don Koontz; family of Sandra DeFrank; Raiford Clement; all who have COVID & all who work to bring healing & comfort; all missionaries around the world; the people of Senegal & Myanmar, all affected by Spring storms

Praises: April anniversaries & birthdays; a God who does the impossible; all missionaries & evangelists, especially those we support (Jeremy Sink, Daniel Sexton, & Moscow Evangelical Seminary); a successful chicken stew sale for our Cub Scouts – the profit was \$1,094!; better COVID statistics- Davidson Co. is now "yellow"; all who helped with the 3/20 clean-up day; that our FLC debt is down to \$296,559 (2/28); that Christ's hour has come; all that Jesus did during Holy Week, especially his willing sacrifice; our ramp ministry

The District Disaster Rebuild Team continues with its vital handicapped ramp ministry that has provided hundreds of our friends and neighbors with safe access to their homes.

On March 9, a 16 ft. ramp, plus an additional 12 ft. railing, were installed at a house on Kinley Street in Lexington.

On March 22, a ramp was built on Bethesda Road, near Welcome. 20 workers were there. The Lord continues to bless this mission with more than ample willing workers and finances.



Food Pantry News

West Davidson Food Pantry served **189** people in February. We thank all of you that continue to support our local pantry. A great need continues in our area to feed hungry schoolchildren. Your financial support assists with the backpack feeding program.

Bible Study Schedule

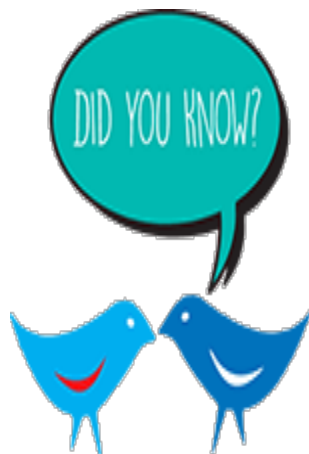
In April we conclude the study, *The Case for Easter: Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus* by Lee Strobel. Then we will begin a brand new video study: *Like No Other: The Life of Christ* by Dr. Tony Evans. He never wrote a book. He never wrote a song. He never traveled more than 300 miles from home. Yet he is known all over the world. He is Jesus.

April 7 – Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection (*Case for Easter*)

April 14 – Promised Like No Other (Isaiah 53:2-12)

April 21 – A Birth Like No Other (Luke 1:26-35)

April 28 – Power Like No Other (Mark 4:35-41)

**Holy Week/Easter Schedule**

We will mark Christ's death on the cross on Good Friday, April 2, with a service consisting of the liturgy of the day at Noon in the Sanctuary.

We will celebrate the empty tomb with a sunrise service at 7:00 AM. A short message, "He Has Done It," will be preached. The UM Men will provide a light breakfast after the service. Sunday school will be at 9:00 AM & a celebration including the flower cross will be at 10:00. The message will be "A Remembrance of the Future." Be sure to invite family & friends to this special Sunday in our calendar!

Easter Egg Hunt

Our egg hunt will be done socially distanced on Saturday, April 3, at 2:00 PM. This is always a special time for our children. Thank you to our Children's Committee for providing it!

Looking Ahead...

We plan to celebrate Homecoming this year. The date is May 16. *Rev. Jeff Copley* will be our guest preacher.

Plans are still in progress regarding a meal after the worship service.

Scholarship Time

Applications for the A Weldon & Dorothy S Koonts Scholarship are available in front of Pastor Dave's office. Applications must be returned by April 30.

Contributions toward the scholarship will be accepted until May 31. Simply mark your gift to the church with "Koonts Scholarship".



The **Love Offering** for April will be for Jeremy & Gina Sink's missionary work in Japan. It is a blessing to be able to support their ministry

The Outreach Committee had their first meeting since 2020 on March 14th. The group was small, but it was wonderful to reconnect!

The Outreach Committee will be putting baskets in the Narthex on Communion Sundays to support the West Davidson Food Pantry. Since we currently do not go up for Communion, we thought it would be better to put the baskets in the Narthex.

Thanks go to all donors of corn meal for Crisis Ministries and to Bill & Libby Adams for continuing to gather and deliver the corn meal to Crisis Ministries' distribution center. Sixty six 2 pound bags have been donated year to date through March 28th..

Our group is open to help others in need. Please contact our committee if you know of anyone in need

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2021

General Fund

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Month Ending	02/28/21	14,763.00	16,831.23
Year To Date	02/28/21	29,354.10	24,805.08

Family Life Center

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Month Ending	02/28/21	6,088.00	4,522.20
Year To Date	02/28/21	10,924.00	9,044.40

Utilities:

Utilities	2126.91
Phone	184.52
Garbage	60.09
Water	13.50
Parsonage Phone	80.47
Parsonage Utilities	190.53

Borrowed Funds - \$296,559.90



BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

½ BBQ chicken, homemade potato salad, baked beans, slaw, & dessert

BOY SCOUT TROOP 221

APRIL 24, 2021 NOON THRU 6PM

\$9.00 PER PLATE

TAKE OUT ONLY – DELIVERY ON 4 OR MORE PLATES

SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

943 N. NC Hwy. 150, Lexington

To purchase tickets from a Boy Scout contact;

Jerry Ritchie Jr.

All precautions will be maintained for a COVID-19 safe environment. Masks & gloves will be worn to prepare & deliver your BBQ Chicken Plate to you. There will be very limited contact during the process.