



The Courier

A Message from our Pastor...

April 2011

GOOD PEOPLE

Points of Interest

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Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



“Why do I need to come to church? Why do I need to be a Christian? I am basically a good person. That should be enough.”

But it isn't. To some, that may sound unfair or close-minded. However, there is a question that is usually left unasked: Is good good enough?

Consider God, sitting in the seat of judgment. How is God described?

“But the LORD sits enthroned forever, he has established his throne for judgment. He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the people with equity. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed ... you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.” – Psalm 9:7-10

“Whoever does not know love does not know God, for God is love.” - 1 John 4:8

We could put more verses on the page, but just consider those two. As good a person as we consider ourselves to be, can we say that we are this good at every moment of the day? That every word, deed, thought and impulse could be defined as righteousness, fairness, and love? Are we this good not just some days, but every day? For the rest of time? Let's be honest – that would be impossible for any of us.

If God simply sat in his judgment seat and judged us according to how good we were, we would always fall short of the standard He exhibits every day for all eternity. When we describe ourselves as “good people”, we usually make exceptions for ourselves. Good isn't all the time, it is most of the time. God is not good most of the time, He is good all the time, forever.

This month, we celebrate Easter Sunday, or Resurrection Sunday. This Sunday captures the core of the Christian message: God knows that none of us can ever be good enough to meet His standard of good. And so he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to call us to pursue goodness and righteousness and holiness. Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, died on a cross to bear the punishment of humanity's sin and he rose from the grave as assurance that eternal life will not be achieved by how good we are but by how much God loves us and His willingness to forgive our sins and draw us to Him.

No, it is not enough to be a good person, because our definition of good is probably not enough. But God is good, and His goodness has opened the doors of all eternity to all who will receive this free gift. This is our hope and our message. - Mark

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- Saturday, April 16
Easter Egg Hunt - 11 AM-1 PM
- Sunday, April 17
Palm Sunday
Easter Musical Drama “Because He Lives” - 6 PM
- Wednesday, April 20
Tenebrae: Service of Shadows - 7 PM
- Friday, April 22
Church Wide Movie - *The Passion of the Christ* 6-8 PM
- Sunday, April 24
Easter Sunday

Ministry Team News

Children's Team



The Children's Team has been busy planning for an Easter Egg Hunt with the Family Team on April 16 from 11 to 1! Children up to 5th graders are invited with their families to hunt eggs and enjoy lunch while watching the new Veggie Tales movie, "An Easter Carol"! Please contact a member of the Children's Team with any questions or to volunteer to help. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Children's Department and in the Communications Center beginning the last week in March or contact the church office so we can adequately plan for lunch and the Easter Egg Hunt. Please invite friends, neighbors, and members of the community!

On Good Friday, the Children's Team will show a movie for children while the adults and youth watch "The Passion of the Christ". Please see Amy Harrison if interested in volunteering to help with this activity.



Are you ready for "Panda Mania?" Mark your calendars for June 19 through 23 for Vacation Bible School! Please see Paula Harrison or Margaret Miller to volunteer. Registration for children will begin in May. Please invite family members, friends, and neighbors!

The Children's Team is considering offering a special literacy activity on Fridays during the summer. Please see a member of the children's team if interested on being on the planning committee.

Family Team

Book Discussion Group - Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm — Barnes and Noble Café
"Heaven Is For Real: A Little Boy's Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo



The Family Ministry Team is looking for three to four individuals who are willing to serve on a new College Ministry Team which will start in the Fall of 2011. If you feel you are being lead and would like to be involved and work with college age students, plus looking for a challenge, please consider serving on this team. If you are interested, please contact Linda Barefoot.

Formations Team

Klesis is in full swing! Thanks to all those leading and participating in this study. We look forward to seeing how this study in the body of our church will impact our church as a whole.

Thanks also to the New Beginnings Sunday school class for sponsoring the first Re-Union event in March. We appreciate all those who were able to attend and hope that you found it to be a positive way to interact with other members of the church and spend time in study together! If any other class is interested in sponsoring another Re-Union event in June, please see Jennifer Durham.



Hoorah!

Don't forget your change on your way to Sunday school each week as we are continuing to collect for the Debt Free in 13 campaign.
We collected \$261.84 in our first month of collecting.
Congratulations to the children's wing who won the silver piggy bank!
We'll see how long they get to keep it.



Missions Team

Homeless Shelter – Responsible for the meal for the Homeless Shelter for Wednesday, Stacia Durham, Alec & Sandy French, Mike & Susan Harrington, Dale & Paula Harrison, Susie Lowder.

Worship Team

Communion April 3rd – Don't forget to bring non-perishable food.

Women's Day: "God, Me, and a Cup of Tea"



Please join us on May 7th to enjoy wonderful company, an inspiring speaker, and of course Tea. Please reach out to all the women in your family and your friends and invite them to this wonderful day of devotion. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend, from babies to senior adults. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule as well as your Sunday School classes.

Worship Team Survey Results for the most effective way of getting information about events and ministry opportunities to you. Total surveys - 72

1st pref. bulletin - 44

on screen - 11

vocal - 11

Several preferred a mix of all 3 forms with one not being more important than the other.

MUSIC NOTES

Because He Lives

April 17 at 6:00 PM

presented by Worship Choir and drama cast



Come and follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and down the path of suffering to his death on the cross. Then celebrate as we sing about the resurrection of our Lord. Life is indeed, worth the living---just Because He Lives.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Our team met during the month of March to discuss upcoming ministries including the Senior Adult luncheon in May, Fun and Fellowship trips, and a 2011 Retreat experience. We are excited about the "Senior Money Matters Series" coming in May to unite with our quarterly luncheon. This is an event you don't want to miss - starting on May 10 and carrying over to May 17. Meals will be served on each day. Follow up appointments will take place on May 24. Our team is leaning towards participating in a BSC of NC retreat at Caswell in the fall. More details will be coming soon.

Ministry Update - The transition on the first Wednesday of each month from Women on Missions to "Circle of Friends" has brought new energy and purpose to an exciting new ministry. The participants who travel each month to visit our shut-ins are touched by each experience and the praises from these individuals being visited is extraordinary! Come join this new ministry on the first Wednesday of each month! See Nancy Bowling for more details.

Senior Adult Breakfast - Tuesday, April 5 8:30 am Ramada Inn

"Circle of Friends" - Wednesday, April 6 9:30 am

Senior Adult Team Meeting - Friday, April 8 10:30 am

Community Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 16 11am - 1 pm

HOLY WEEK Ministries...

Palm Sunday Musical - "Because He Lives" - Sunday, April 17 6 pm

Birthdays Luncheon - Wednesday, April 20 12:30 pm Ramada Inn

Wednesday "Tenebrae" - Service of Shadows - Wednesday, April 20 7 pm

Good Friday Movie: "Passion of the Christ" - Friday, April 22 6-8 pm

Resurrection Sunday Service - Sunday, April 24 10:55 am

Bingo Ministry at Blakey Hall - Saturday, April 30 2:00 pm (Celestial Class Helpers)

FIESTA! Chick-fil-a, Ice Cream, Karaoke, Service Silent Auction - Saturday, April 30 5-8 pm Fellowship Hall - \$7/person

LOOKING AHEAD...

Fun and Fellowship Trip to Abingdon, Virginia! "Hank and His Honky Tonk Heroes" - Barter Theater One Night Lodging at Holiday Inn Express Thursday - Friday, May 12 - 13 Cost - \$75/person



Youth News

Just a Thought...

Everyone knows that I am a huge baseball fan and with opening day just around the corner, I am excited to get this baseball season started. I had the opportunity to play baseball for 13 years when I was younger, so I got to experience many ups and downs in practices and games. However, the most exciting event that takes place in baseball, and one that I had to carry out numerous times playing, is the sacrifice bunt.

For non-baseball fans, let me explain what this actually is. When a team has a player on base, doesn't matter which base - first, second, or third - the goal is to advance that runner. How can that runner get to the next base with hopes of eventually making it home? One way is the "sacrifice bunt". The batter, intentionally, chooses to bunt the ball with his sole purpose not being to get on base and have a base hit, but to make an out so that other runner can make it to the next base without getting out. When in terms of moving that runner from third to home, this sacrifice is intensified calling the play a "suicide squeeze or suicide bunt".

To give oneself up for the betterment of another? Isn't this the message of Holy Week - the week set aside by Christians to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross so that we can be better, so that we wouldn't be weighed down by the weight of sin? Just as I get excited when a "sacrifice bunt" is made, shouldn't I get more excited realizing that Jesus sacrificed himself for me so I can be better. Am I living up to my end of the bargain? Are you?
David

Upcoming Youth Ministries...



"FIESTA"

**Chick-fil-a,
Ice Cream,
Karaoke, Service
Silent Auction!**


**Who can ask for
anything more?!?**

**Saturday, April 30
5:00 - 8:00 pm**

**FBC Elon
Fellowship Hall**

**\$7/person - Tickets
on sale starting
April 3!**

**Invite your friends
and family!**



**Wishing You a
Happy
Birthday!**

Austin Evans - April 7

April Youth Ministries

Emerge! - 9:45 am
Sunday, April 3, 10, 17, 24

Consuming Fire! - 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 3 and 10

Administration Team Meeting
Sunday, April 10 9:00 am

Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16
11 am - 1 pm

Task Force: Church Clean Up
Saturday, April 16 3 - 4:30 pm

Palm Sunday Musical - "Because He Lives"
Sunday, April 17 6:00 pm

Spring Break Event: Picnic and Matinee Movie
Wednesday, April 20 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

"Tenebrae" Service - Service of Shadows
Wednesday, April 20 6:30 pm


Good Friday Movie: "The Passion of the Christ"
Friday, April 22 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Resurrection Sunday Service
Sunday, April 24 10:55 am
(No Sunday Night Ministries)

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"The Breakfast Club"
Wednesday, April 27 6:45 am

"Fiesta: A Chick-fil-a, Ice Cream,
Karaoke, Silent Auction Event!"
Saturday, April 30 5:00 - 8:00 pm
(A 2011 Louisville Experience Fund-
raiser)



Graduate's Sunday May 2011

**If you have a youth or
young adult who has been
an active part of our church
family graduating from a
high school, college, or
post-graduate institution
and would like to have
them recognized dur-
ing Graduate's Sunday in
May, please talk to
David ASAP!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Children's Church 4 PM Church Council	4 6:30 PM Joyful Ringers 7 PM Elon Bronze	5 8:30 AM Sr. Adult Breakfast at Ramada Inn 10 AM "Happy Hearts" Re- hearsal	6 8:30-10 AM Career Net 9:30 AM "Circle of Friends" 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh	7 Fellowship Hall reserved 4pm	8 10:30 AM Senior Adult Team Mtg.	9
10 9 AM Adm. Team Mtg. Children's Church Handbells play	11 6:30 PM Joyful Ringers 7 PM Elon Bronze Fellowship Hall reserved 5-7:30pm	12	13 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7 PM Drama Dress Rehearsal	14 12 PM Angel Food Order Deadline 7 PM Book Discussion Group at Bar- nes & Noble Café	15	16 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 11 AM-1 PM Easter Egg Hunt 3-4:30 PM Task Force: Church Clean Up
17 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Children's Church Newsletter Due 2-4 PM Vick's 50th Anniversary Party 4 PM Deacons Mtg. 6 PM "Because He Lives" Musical Drama	18 6:30 PM Joyful Ringers 7 PM Elon Bronze	19 10 AM "Happy Hearts" Re- hearsal	20 8:30-10 AM Ca- reer Net 11:30 AM-4 PM Youth Picnic/Movie 12:30 PM Sr. Adult Birthday Lunch at Ramada Inn 7 PM Tenebrae Ser- vice followed by short choir rehearsal	21	22 <i>Good Friday</i> 6 PM Movie Night - "The Passion of the Christ"	23 7-9 AM Angel Food Pickup
24 <i>Easter Sunday</i> No PM Ministries	25 Church Office Closed Fellowship Hall reserved 6pm	26	27 6:45 AM "Break- fast Club" 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh	28	29	30 2 PM Bingo at Blakey 5:00 - 8:00 PM "Fiesta: A Chick-fil-a, Ice Cream, Karaoke, Silent Auction Event!"

4th Bobby Johnson
7th Austin Evans
14th Ivey Huey
14th Craig Hensley
16th Kevin Harrington
16th Iris Harris
18th Nicholas Hinton

22nd Janie Brown
22nd Kodell Maney
24th Becky Franks
24th Pam Moody
24th Grace Hill
27th Carrie Evans
30th Anne Maynard



Sunday Worship Opportunities:
 9:30 AM Deacons' Prayer
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:55 AM Morning Worship
 4:00 PM SHINE!
 5:00 PM Fellowship Meal
 5:30 PM Consuming Fire! (Youth) Children's Music
 5:45 PM Adults
 6:15 PM RA's, GA's Mission Friends

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING RA EVENTS

APRIL 3 – ROYAL AMBASSADOR UGLY TIE CONTEST – VOTE FOR THE UGLIEST R.A. TIE WITH YOUR MONEY CONTRIBUTION BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE. R.A.'S VOTED FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO GO THE PAYOFF OF THE BUILDING LOAN.

APRIL 3 & 10 – DURING R.A. MEETING TIME (6:15 PM) MOMS AND DADS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR BOY'S PINEWOOD CAR KIT TO THE R.A. ROOM FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING THE CAR. THE R.A. GRAND PRIX PINEWOOD CAR RACE IS MAY 22.



Church Council Meeting - April 3 All Teams need to be there as we discuss the upcoming Ministry Evaluation Forms (blue and yellow sheets) due in May.

From the Human Resources Committee:

Help wanted! We are looking for someone (or a few people) who can volunteer each week to help David with promotional items that need to be publicized around the church. The list of responsibilities is listed below. If you have some free time and can help, please let David know. Thanks for the help!

1. Changing the Sign at the Road - Weekly (or as needed)
2. Distributing and then later removing promotional material in the SS classrooms
3. Posting up promotional materials in the hanging sign areas in the church
4. Removing old promotional materials in the hanging signs in the church
5. Cleaning/Straightening materials on the tables in the foyer, the desk in the communications center, and the mailboxes
6. Updating Promotional Bulletin Boards in the downstairs hallway

Most of these items need to be done on a weekly basis. Some (downstairs bulletin boards) need to be done on a monthly basis. Information for these promotional materials would be collected from the church staff.

Gifts & Memorials

The church appreciates the following gifts...

Building Fund:

Anne Uzzell In honor of our Church Families, April Birthdays & Anniversaries. In memory of Nina Harrison's brother, Jessie Roberts.

M/M Garland Tickle In memory of Eb Hill.

M/M Bobby Roach In memory of Eb Hill, Jessie Roberts, Eva Jennings sister.

Disciples SS Class In memory of Eb Hill.

Bob Scott In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

Shirley Holland In memory of Eb Hill, Jessie Roberts, Nina Harrison's sister & brother.

Jo Gattis In memory of C.D. Gattis, Jessie Roberts & other who passed away in 2010 & 2011.

M/M James Allison In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

Faye Naylor In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

M/M Ed Dupree In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

M/M John Jennings In memory of Jessie Roberts.

Music Fund:

M/M John Dawson In memory of Eb Hill.

Steve Dawson In memory of Eb Hill.

Nancy Bowling In memory of Eb Hill, Nina Harrison's sister & brother.

Celestial SS Class In memory of Jessie Roberts.

M/M Dave Harris In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

Regular Fund:

M/M Edsel Morgan In memory of Eb Hill.

M/M Bill Mann In memory of Eb Hill, Jessie Roberts, Eva Jennings sister.

M/M Wayne Massey In memory of Eb Hill.

Allene Atwood In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

FBC, Elon In memory of Eb Hill, in lieu of flowers.

FBC, Elon In memory of Nina Harrison's brother, in lieu of flowers.

FBC, Elon In memory of Jessie Roberts, in lieu of flowers.

Troxler Family In honor of the Bereavement Ministry.

Action in Aging In memory of Eb Hill.

Ellen Disney In memory of Eb Hill & Jessie Roberts.

Blakey Hall In memory of Jessie Roberts.

Laura MacCosbe In memory of Jessie Roberts.

Mary Albright In memory of Jessie Roberts.

M/M William Ingle In memory of Eb Hill.

Jackie White In memory of Jessie Roberts.

M/M Kenneth Roney In memory of Jessie Roberts.

M/M Ricky Reid In memory of Jessie Roberts.

M/M Leroy Drummond In memory of Jessie Roberts.

Clara May In memory of Jessie Roberts.

Doris Kelly In memory of Nina Harrison's brother & sister.

Youth Fund:

Doris Kelly In memory of Eb Hill.

M/M John Dawson In memory of Jessie Roberts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our New Members!!!

***John & Sally Farnham
6009 Windsor Circle
Elon, NC 27244
(336) 223-3998***

***They have two Children:
David & Catherine
Joined March 13, 2011***

Update Your Directory:

**Marie Wills' new phone number:
(336) 693-6925**



*Together they have found a friendship, raised a family,
and built a beautiful marriage.
You are warmly invited by the children and grandchildren of
Patsy & Reggie Vick,
to share in the celebration of their
50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, April 17th, 2011
2 - 4 PM
Fellowship Hall

Your presence is our gift.*

Without Jesus ...

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter Bunny — empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet — easily blown off kilter;
- Last year's Easter outfit — it doesn't quite fit right;
- An Easter lily — it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jellybeans — sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket — full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg — looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny — always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps — becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade — a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card — a message of love unclaimed.

—David Patterson

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**Saturday, April 30
5:00 - 8:00 pm**

FBC Elon Fellowship Hall

\$7/person - Tickets on sale starting April 3!

Invite your friends and family!



"Senior Money Matters"

**Topics - Medicare, Inheritance Taxes, Increase Income
and Decrease Taxes, Will I outlive my income?**

Speaker - Rev. Brent Freeland, minister, financial adviser



Three Part Seminar:

May 10

**Luncheon - 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
(Menu - BBQ, Slaw, Chips, Peach Pie) - Cost \$3**

May 17

**Follow Up Luncheon - 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
(Menu - Sandwiches, Salad, Chips, Dessert) - Free**

May 24

One on One Interviews - As scheduled.

****You do not want to miss this informative event!
Invite your friends and family!****