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APRIL, 2021

MESSAGE FROM CHRIS...

COVID-19: One year later, what have we learned

March 3, 2020, do you know the significance of that date? That is the date of the first confirmed COVID-19 case reported in North Carolina. Here we are one year later, and the question is, “What have we learned during the pandemic and How can we grow from it?”

“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.”—1 Corinthians 10:11, NIV

I have always been a believer that everything happens for a reason in life, both the good and the bad. In every circumstance in life we use it as an example for us, our children, and our children’s children to be able to learn and grow. So I have asked myself those questions and here is what I learned:

- ⇒ Time is so precious. During the past year we lost a lot of time that we will never get back. Plan, do, and enjoy time. My dad had planned to come visit in the spring of 2020, but cancelled due to COVID-19. I fully understand the reasoning of why he cancelled, but because of it, we missed time together, and it’s time that I will never get back.
- ⇒ Take time to slow down. Sometimes, life gets so busy we find ourselves constantly going from one place to another. The last year has enabled many of us to slow down and enjoy more one-on-one time with immediate family.
- ⇒ I miss people. I miss being around people. I miss being around people in church, on the ball field, in the schools, and out in public.
- ⇒ God is still God. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God permitted this pandemic, and everyone learns different lessons from it.

Here are a few other lessons that some of our fellow church-goers sent me:

- ⇒ A reminder to depend on God, not the government. That I have taken a lot of things for granted before Covid.
- ⇒ Patience.
- ⇒ Even though we may not be close physically we are still bonded together in the Love of Christ. All you have to do is ask for help and He will provide a way. God is so good and prayer works!!!!
- ⇒ The importance of the relationships we have in our lives. How fortunate we are to live in WNC.

Pastor Chris L. Reese

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**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

Week of Prayer: April 4 - April 11, 2021

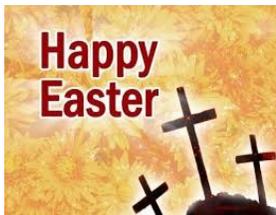
Goal for Enka Baptist Church for 2021: \$1,000



This offering will be taken from Sunday, April 4 - Sunday, April 25, 2021

Theme: "The mission moves forward."

Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 15:58



Special Reminders :
Members Who Are
Home Bound:
Earleen Cody

**Sunday, April 4, 2021, 11:00 A.M. -
Observance of the LORD's Supper
(Open to All Christian Believers)
and
Quarterly Church Business Meeting**

**Worker: Boss, We gotta talk. Three other
companies are after me and I de-
serve a raise.**
**Boss: Three companies are after you?
Which three?**
Worker: Gas, water, and electric.
— Source: AARP Bulletin, March 2021

**Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign
Mountain Area Pregnancy Services (MAPS)
These funds will be used to help families
impacted by at-risk pregnancy.
A total of \$1,032.02 was donated.
Thank you!**

**TO EACH ONE OF YOU WHO
HAS A BIRTHDAY IN APRIL,
WE WISH YOU A VERY
WONDERFUL DAY FILLED
WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS.**



Lenora Sentelle has compiled the following statistics about our giving to ABCCM during 2020:

We contributed \$4,289. This amount included our percentage giving (2% of all undesignated receipts), designated gifts from individuals, Small Groups, Adults on Mission and the Souper Bowl Day of Car-ing.

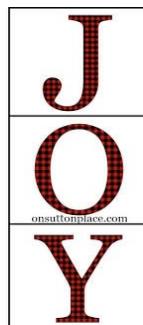
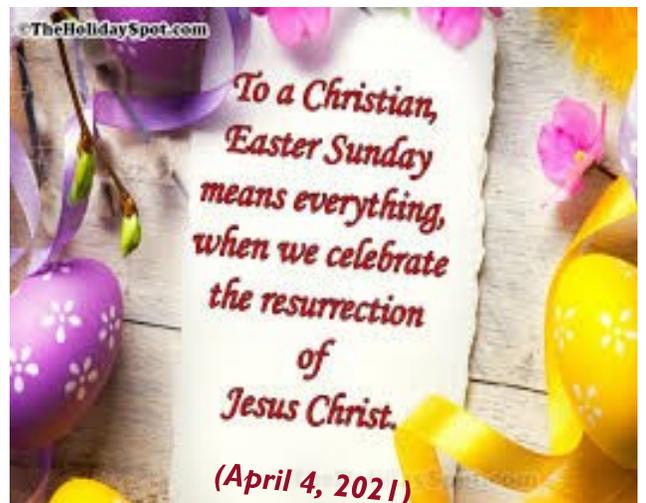
In addition to the monetary gifts, the third Sunday of each month is designated as ABCCM Sunday. We have very generously given food, household goods, clothing, plastic containers, egg cartons, medicine bottles and plastic bags that are delivered to Hominy Valley ABCCM each month.

Thanks to all of you who made this possible.

Our next ABCCM Sunday is April 18, 2021

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth." 1 Peter 3:18

If you have any information that you would like to put in the newsletter for May 2021, Carolyn will need it by Sunday, April 18, 2021. .



To have real **JOY** in your life, you need to put **JESUS** first, then **OTHERS**, and **YOU** last.