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*Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ*

## Why Easter Sunday Matters

Some people go to church to show off their new clothes on Easter Sunday. But believers across the world gather to offer praise and thanksgiving as they celebrate our Lord's glorious victory over death, hell and the grave! Cries of "Hallelujah, He is risen!" ring out in the halls of cathedrals, from behind pulpits, and within the walls of our churches; they soar around the globe on broadcast services, and rise up from choir lofts, as singers lift their voices to sing of our Redeemer and conquering King. Yes, Hallelujah! He is risen!



But before God's awesome display of resurrection power raised Christ from the dead, the Savior had to walk that long, lonely road leading to Calvary. It was on that dark and dangerous road, through a journey of sorrow and suffering, that Christ willingly went to the cross. There He died for our sins, paying the ultimate price for our redemption.

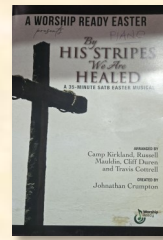
Not one of us can imagine what happened that day at the cross. For all of the times we've read the story in the Bible, all of the paintings we've ever seen, all of the dramatizations we've ever watched, we're still left with only inadequate glimpses of what Jesus endured for us.

Following His death, the lifeless body of our Lord was taken from the cross and laid in a borrowed tomb. But sometime between the sun going down on their grief on Saturday, and dawn on Sunday morning, something miraculous and glorious happened. Sorrow was erased by one victorious shout, and today we stake our lives and our eternity on this truth: Jesus is alive! He has risen, just as He said He would!



It amazes me that the same power that brought Jesus back from the dead is available to those of us who believe! That same power, according to Scripture, allows us access to the throne where God sits, gives us unbelievable strength for life, and grants us life forever in heaven. It's almost too good to be true, but we know that it is true! Through His atoning death, He reconciled and restored us to fellowship with the Father.

Precious Savior, thank You for what You did at the cross. It seems so small to say...Thank You for loving us enough to come...for suffering and dying...for grace and salvation. We have nothing worthy to give You in return for the all-sufficient merit shown to us by Your sacrifice. We only have these hearts that love You and lives that long to honor You.



*Over the ages there have been kings with kingdoms, rulers and lords with great wealth, power and earthly fame, yet only One has been given a name above every other name. Only One has fulfilled every promise of Scripture, lived a perfect life, died and rose again, conquering death, hell and the grave. He is the One, the Messiah, Jesus, the only King forever!*

As the choir prepares the Easter Cantata,  
**By His Stripes We Are Healed,**  
 we pray that your hearts and minds will be open to God's message through word and song. Bring your friends and family and join us for worship,  
**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 10:55 a.m.**



*Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)*

<b>APR 01</b>	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>APR 02</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>APR 06</b>	6:00 p.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting CIA/Youth
<b>APR 08</b>	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>APR 09</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>APR 13</b>	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Celebration</b> Bible Study with the Pastor CIA/Youth
<b>APR 15</b>	10:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>APR 16</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>APR 20</b> ABCCM SUNDAY Happy Easter	10:55 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday WORSHIP</b> The EBC Choir Presents <b>"By His Stripes We Are Healed"</b>
<b>APR 22</b>	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>APR 23</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>APR 27</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with the Pastor CIA/Youth Church Council
<b>APR 29</b>	10:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>APR 30</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study



## ENKA BAPTIST CHURCH...DID YOU KNOW?

We appreciate our Finance Team and all they do to keep the church finances in order. Take a look at your church's finances in days gone by... wow...84 years of inflation !!!

Following is an excerpt from the Enka Baptist Church History (1929—1979) and the Minutes of May 28, 1941:

"On May 28 , 1941, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Robert R. Barnes, gave the treasurer's report and presented the committee's proposed church budget for 1941-1942, which follows.

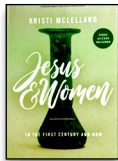
ITEM	WEEK	YEAR
Pastor's Salary	\$25.00	\$1,300.00
Pastor's Retirement Plan	2.00	104.00
Cooperative Program **	2.12	110.24
Coal	0.73	37.96
Sunday School Literature	1.75	91.00
Baptist Training Union Literature	1.00	52.00
Lights	0.40	20.80
Incidentals	0.75	39.00
Janitor	1.00	52.00
Insurance	0.25	13.00
Totals	\$35.00	\$1,820.00

Barnes made the motion that the budget be accepted. Hubert Carter made the second. Motion carried. On this same evening the coming Vacation Bible School was discussed."

*Stay tuned to this space for an interesting recap of the 1941 Vacation Bible School and the frightful incident that happened at the commencement service that evening.*



**\*\* Please note that our church has supported the Cooperative Program from the very beginning.**



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT EBC

### Jesus & Women, IN THE FIRST CENTURY AND NOW

Our Ladies, are enjoying this great study on **Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** by Kristi McLelland, speaker, teacher and college professor. Explore how Jesus generously restores dignity and honor to women in the first century and now. You'll get a fresh perspective on familiar Bible stories, understand Jesus more fully and fuel your worship of Him and much more.

If you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions, please contact Polly Stanberry at 828-335-5100 or email [pstanberry@bellsouth.net](mailto:pstanberry@bellsouth.net). It's never too late to join and all are welcome!



- Irving Berlin's song said, "You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade." What is \_\_\_\_\_?  
In Your Easter Bonnet
- Judas gave the Roman soldiers a sign to identify Jesus. What is \_\_\_\_\_?  
A Kiss
- This rabbit is the star of a battery commercial. What is \_\_\_\_\_?  
The Energizer Bunny
- The Easter celebration of Jesus is called: What is \_\_\_\_\_?  
Resurrection
- Bugs Bunny loves to eat carrots and his favorite saying is: What is \_\_\_\_\_?  
What's up doc
- Where did Jesus pray on the day before the crucifixion? What is \_\_\_\_\_?  
Gethsemane

## APRIL MISSIONS



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering... Does our giving make a difference? In a word...YES!

- ◆ The offering supports over 3,000 missionaries and their families.
- ◆ The population of the United States, Canada and our territories is 386 million.
- ◆ **The estimated number of those lost is 286 million!**
- ◆ There are 350 language groups and 161 UNREACHED people groups.

The gospel need in North America has never been more urgent and this is our opportunity to help make an eternal difference by supporting this great cause!

As Annie Armstrong said, **"What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God in winning the world for Christ."**

Our 2025 Goal is \$2,000

The offering will be taken through April 30.

*Maybe we can't "Go ye therefore" but we can send and support those who can.*

*As always, thank you for your generous heart in giving to this worthwhile mission project!*

## TUESDAY MORNINGS AT EBC

Join us at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning for Co-ed Group Bible Study: We are currently studying **A LIFE BEYOND AMAZING, 9 Decisions that will transform your life today**, by David Jeremiah.

Why were people in the first century so drawn to Jesus? His powerful miracles and challenging teachings, for sure. But it was also His character. Humanity had never witnessed someone who was loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, compassionate, generous, faithful, humble, and self-controlled *all the time!* It was as if God Himself had become a human being to demonstrate the life that is possible—a life beyond amazing.

The traits that Jesus demonstrated in His life were traits empowered by the Spirit of God who filled Him. When Jesus returned to heaven, He sent His Spirit to indwell all His true followers so they could display the same character in their lives—not for their benefit alone but to show the world the kind of life God intended us to enjoy. The apostle Paul called these traits "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23).

In this study, Dr. Jeremiah describes the divinely empowered life that is possible for followers of Christ. He will explore each of the nine traits of a Spirit-filled life as outlined by Paul—traits that produce a life beyond amazing.

**Prayer Meeting follows at 11:30 a.m.**



### Congratulations Samantha Reese

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, Miss Samantha Reese signed a Letter of Intent to continue her exciting softball career at Brevard College with the Brevard Tornados!

Samantha, your church family is proud of you and will happily follow your softball career the next four years.