



THE APRIL VISITOR

2013



Easter – So Much More than a Day!

When Debbie and I lived in Montgomery AL, we watched as a local newscaster gave a story about Easter. He began his story by saying:

“Easter – that time of year when we celebrate new clothes, egg hunts, candy, family dinners, and the Easter bunny, *with a little religion thrown in.*” (Emphasis added)

We were stunned. After all, Montgomery is considered by many to be “the buckle on the Bible belt.” How could anyone there think of Easter in such a casual, secular way?!

As I look back on it, I suppose we shouldn’t have been so surprised. After all, Christmas has become an “engine that drives the American economy.” We have been told that the proper observance of Christmas is to go to the mall and buy enough gifts to keep the stores open next year – forget the “religion” stuff! So, why shouldn’t the secular folks see Easter as just another way to sell new clothes?

Throughout the centuries, the Church of our LORD has attempted to teach us, as followers of the Christ, just what Easter signifies. Regardless of the lack of understanding of those outside the Church, you and I know the age-old message of Easter, which we proclaim every Easter morning:

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

The thing we may forget is that this proclamation is just the opening line of the greatest story we’ve ever known. There’s just no way that we can adequately deal with the power and promise of Easter in a day. That’s why the Church long ago decided that we observe the glory of Easter through what we call Eastertide (or, the Season of Easter). Eastertide starts on the Day of Resurrection – Easter Day, then continues for 50 days until Pentecost, when we remember the Spirit of God coming upon the early Church with blessing, hope, and challenge.

Here at Pfafftown, we will be proclaiming the glory and joy of God’s resurrecting power from now until the 19th of May, when we celebrate Pentecost. Be with us each Sunday (it’s the LORD’s Day, remember), as we sing and pray and preach the wonderful, life-giving power of God’s love.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

– Bob

Grasping Biblical Stewardship —By Lon Oliver

Don Harrison was born in the Eastern Kentucky Mountains. Don and his wife Helen moved to Henderson, Kentucky, where he started working in a dry cleaning business. From the beginning Don and Helen were faithful stewards of their modest income.

As the years passed, Don became a successful businessman and, as a result of his deep love of Christ, his stewardship continued to grow. From painting the fellowship hall to repairing a cabin at a youth camp, Don was always first in line to help.

As a result of Don’s stewardship, he was often asked to “help raise money.” Don always declined saying, “I do not raise money, but I will invite church folks to take part in the joy that comes from being faithful stewards.” Indeed, Don and Helen were truly “joy-filled” when they made their offerings of time, talents, and money and Don was never shy about inviting others to be “joyful stewards.”

One Christmas Eve following a particularly meaningful Communion service, Don came to me and said, “Preacher, we will know that the Disciples have grasped Biblical stewardship when our offerings are collected with the same wonder, the same joy, the same expectation, and take the same length of time that we give to Communion.”

Scripture Verse for April

John 14:6: Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." -NIV Translation

Please post this Bible verse on your refrigerator, daily diary, or in a place where you can remember this special verse throughout the month of April.

—The Evangelism Committee

In Memory of our Christian brother,

Gettys Pratt

who entered into God's deeper Presence on

March 7, 2013

(A memorial service will be held at the church on Sunday, April 14.)

Spring Fling Trip

Seagrove Pottery Museum
& The North Carolina Zoo

Wed., May 22

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come travel with your church family and friends as we visit the NC Pottery Center and Museum in Seagrove, NC—a showcase of the remarkable history and on-going tradition of pottery-making in North Carolina featuring more than 800 pieces of pottery and artifacts.

Following lunch at the famous Jugtown Cafe, featuring some of the finest food and delicious homemade desserts & pastries you can imagine, we will visit the North Carolina Zoo.

Connect with wildlife from two different continents as you explore 500 acres of exhibits carefully constructed to resemble natural habitats. Capture a view of Africa's grasslands to North America's Arctic coast. Located at the foot of the Uwharrie mountains, the zoo is located just outside of Asheboro.

We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for a day of spring weather and great fun! Cost: \$46.00 includes tickets and H & R Tours transportation. Lunch will be Dutch treat. Make checks payable to PCC for *Spring Trip*. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or you may call me at 692-5214 to register.

— Tim

Memorial Gift Received

A memorial gift of shrubbery and plants for the front lawn of the Church has been given in loving memory of Rob Romanello by his family. This is a very fitting gift because of Rob's love for Pfafftown Christian church and his appreciation for the beauty of our church grounds.

Thank you to the Romanello family for this gift; and also to Jack Bryant, Tony Bryant, Alan Fletcher, Bill Millsaps, and Tim Shoaf for assisting with the planting.

Goodtimers to Meet

The Goodtimers will have their April meeting on Monday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Following lunch prepared by our very own Susie Lanier and crew, we will enjoy a musical program of Broadway and popular favorites! Come and tap your toes to the beat and invite a friend to join you.

See you on April 8th!

Dot Jodrey thanks members of PCC who have called, sent cards, and prayed for her.

CHRISTMOUNT BROCHURES IN NARTHEX

The 5th Annual WEEK OF WONDER ADULT WORK CAMP (May 26-31) brochure is available in the Narthex. Week of Wonder is a time for adults to come to Christmount to help prepare for the summer. Come to help with work projects (you pay only for your meals; housing is free based on 2 persons per room).

Also available are brochures on the CHRISTMOUNT MUSIC WORKSHOP (June 13-16) led by Janice Mitchell. There will be choral music, a bell choir, and talent sharing. Discover new music, learn ways to enhance your church's worship, sing with a large choral ensemble, and bring music and ideas back to Pfafftown Christian Church! Read about it in the Narthex!

Kids Ahoy!

Come and join us on **Saturday morning, April 20, at 11:00 a.m.** as we meet at the **Uncorked Masterpiece in Reynolda Village** for a "Kids Ahoy!" event planned especially for you!

We will be making something very creative that you can present to your mother on Mother's Day! **Cost: \$20.00 per child** which includes all supplies (cash or checks made payable to *Uncorked Masterpiece*).

Parents: Please bring your child to the Uncorked Masterpiece, 119 Reynolda Village, just before 11:00 a.m. and return to pick them up at 1:00 p.m. Please register on the sign-up sheet located in the Church Narthex or by calling Tim at 692-5214. We look forward to this fun and exciting event planned for our children!

Church Library News

Featured Book for April:

A Children's Book—100 Ways to Know God Loves Me!

Created by Stephen Elkins



Synopsis: God loves us in amazing ways. This delightful book will show 100 unique ways God shows His rich love to all of His children --from Bible times to today. Discover that He keeps your family safe just as he kept Rahab's family safe, He answers prayers, just as he answered Jeremiah, and He gave you life, just as He breathed life into Adam!



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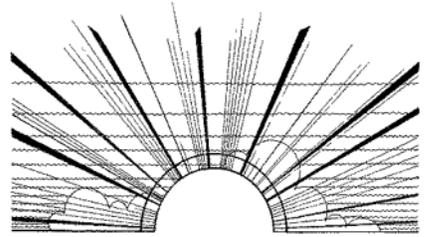
Rev Bob Parvin,
Pastor

Rev Tim Shoaf,
Minister of Music & Director of Programs

Ralph Botte,
Ministerial Intern

Debbie W Parvin,
Secretary

We can now go out as Easter people with renewed faith,
with renewed hope, and without fear or disillusionment.
We know whose arms hold us all.



It's Garden Time Again!
If you want a personal plot in
the Community Garden, call
Sam Safrit immediately at
409-5387 or email him at
ssafrif@triad.rr.com

Good News: On Palm Sunday we
collected 31 coats dedicated to
provide warmth to the needy
next winter!



SERVERS for APRIL

- ELDERS:** Donna Emmery, Pat Boulware
DEACONS: Jordan Myers, Betty Barker,
Gerald Fletcher, Ann Fletcher
COMMUNION: Alan & Debbie Fletcher
OPENING/CLOSING: Rex Cline

NURSERY

- 07 Kitty Hunt
- 14 Debbie Fletcher
- 21 Beth Faircloth
- 28 Jo Stanley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 07 Jill Robertson
- 14 Paula Stuart
- 21 Rita Moore
- 28 Jackie Romanello

HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Fred Muetzel, Ruth Myers, Dick Flynt, Craig Bracken
Dot Jodrey, Bud Barker, Mary Ferguson, Doris Spaugh,
Ludie Blakley, Jake & Evelyn Nifong

Others

- Kim Ashburn, Jane Browder, Jim McClure (Megan Downing
McClure's father-in-law), Clive & Opal Miller (neighbors of the
Clodfelters), Linda Rephan (friend of Frank & Kay Range), Mark
Depew (friend of Kent Doub), David Tuttle, Cassie Mackie (Mary
Timmon's sister), Carolyn Bennett, Bill Showers (brother of Dan),
Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's aunt), Jonathan Schaffer, Joy Beck
(Jo Stanley's mother), Mary Ellen Cutter (Art Boulware's sister)

Loved Ones in the Military

- PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA
1LT Hope Tucci/Texas
Sgt. Samantha Goliat/Egypt
Specialist Victor Sechrist/Alaska
1LT John G. Van Hoy, IV/ WA
Chase Lee/New Haven, CT



*May God's love rain upon you
with a shower of blessings!*

April 2013

*If you want the rainbow,
you have to put up with a
little rain. -Dolly Parton*



BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Jordan Myers
- 08 Brad Fletcher
- 09 Eric Smith
- 11 Betty Beyer
- 11 Ann Fletcher
- 11 Kayla Gardi
- 16 Dick Flynt
- 17 Jake Nifong
- 17 Beth Katsilis
- 17 Brooks Dawson
- 18 Dot Jodrey
- 19 Bob Faircloth
- 19 Fred Muetzel
- 20 Eugene Hauser
- 23 Jack Groff
- 23 Eric Boore
- 27 Kevin Cline
- 28 John Romanello

ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Ben & Gennie Sinclair
- 09 Brad & Anne Fletcher
- 11 John & Crystal Flynt
- 13 Paul & Jeanette Shropshire
- 18 Neal & Nicole McInnis
- 20 Kevin & Leigh Bell
- 21 Jim & Phyllis Nelson
- 29 Gene & Sue Conrad

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Fresh from Easter we are a new people of renewed hope, strength, and love. Go forth!</i>	1 Easter Monday (Office Closed) 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts	2	3 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6 9-12:00 Lochhurst Neighborhood Association
7 Bob on vacation this week	8 11:30 Goodtimers 7:00 Handbells/Scouts	9 7:00 Elders	10 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00 NIN	12	13
14 Gettys Pratt Memorial Service	15 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Handbells/Scouts	16 6:00 CWF	17 Newsletter deadline 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20 11:00 Kids Ahoy! (Reynolda Village)
21 3rd Sunday Fellowship	22 EARTH DAY 7:00 Handbells/Scouts	23	24 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	25	26 Budget worksheets due	27
28	29 7:00 Handbells/Scouts	30 10:30 Newsletter Crew	Crisis Control Donation item for the month: Unsweetened Applesauce			