

APRIL 23, 2006

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

6:30 am Sunrise Service, Beech Lake Pavillion
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Morning Worship
On the Radio Each Sunday on WZLT 99.3 FM at 10:45 am
Recorded from a previous Sunday.

USHERS

Scott Meyer, Bill Bobbitt, Sammy Hay, and Larry Mathis

GREETERS

Edwina Bunch and Gail Dyer

ACOLYTES

Brandon McBay and Donavan Eubank

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Warren Ramer, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Burns Hicks by Warren & Edith Ramer.

SOUND/LIGHTING TECHNICIAN

Slater Hollis

WEE WORSHIP

Don & Tabitha Eubank

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR APRIL

Shannon Taylor and Julie Meyer

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: John & Rachel Mobley

Worship: Scott & Julie Meyer and Joanna Small

TODDLER NURSERY

Margaret Stowe and John Mobley

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Martha Hay

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Martha Hay

OFFERING COUNTERS

Thelma Hawkes & Barbara Clement

Received for Habitat to Date: \$

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OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, April 20

6:30 pm Scouting Committee, Spirit Seekers Room
7:00 pm Walk Through Bethlehem Team Meeting, Wanderers'

Saturday, April 22

1:00 pm Private Birthday Party

Sunday, April 23

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Morning Worship
11:30 am UMW Sunday Circle, Wrather Hall
5:00 pm UMYF
5:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 24

9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study, Youth Area
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 am Biltmore Estate Trip
4:45 pm Evening Prayer
6:30 pm Relay for Life Survivors Reception, Wrather Hall
7:00 pm Katrina Relief Team Meeting, Wanderer's Room

Wednesday, April 26

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study, Orio Room
6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Upcoming Events:

- April 30 – UMW Annual Luncheon
Munchin' & Music 5th Sunday Activity
- May 1 - VBS Team Meeting
- May 2 – Stewardship Team Meeting
- May 3 – Dream Team Meeting
- May 4 – National Day of Prayer Service

The Gospel of Judas? The "Good News" of Judas?

As we approach Easter, people are caught up with the find of a new gospel, *the Gospel of Judas*, which reports that Judas was recruited by Jesus to purposely betray the Master so that Christ would die on the Cross and be freed from his earthly body. A direct quote with Jesus speaking to Judas in *the Gospel of Judas*: **"You will exceed all of them. For you will sacrifice the man that clothes me."** By helping Jesus to be maneuvered into dying on the cross, Judas will help liberate the Christ's divine spiritual being. Within this new gospel, Christ singles out Judas over the disciples. Again, Jesus to Judas: **"Step away from the others and I shall tell you the mysteries of the kingdom. It is possible for you to reach it, but you will grieve a great deal."** And: **You will be cursed by the other generations and you will come to rule over them."**

I'm not sure those quotes convince me of the authenticity of Judas' 'good news.' Their intent seems to go against Christ's view of his humanity. I don't think Jesus ever viewed his humanity as something from which he had to escape. It is his humanity that really speaks to our human situation. The Son of God also had to be the Son of Man. The other thing is that this makes Jesus sound as if he were more concerned about his situation, i.e., Judas will help free Christ's spirit from his earthly body? Christ says that he came to serve and not to be served. He was not looking out for Number One. As I read the gospels, Christ didn't need any covert help to get into trouble with the Pharisees, the Romans, even the Jewish people. But the greatest surprise to me is what I read from the *Los Angeles Times*. **Judas' 'gospel' doesn't mention the Crucifixion or the Resurrection!!!**

Sorry, Judas. As far as I'm concerned, you need another publicity agent. Your accomplices are many: Pharisees, Romans, Jewish people, but you aren't innocent! Neither are we, but we can be forgiven and given new life all because of Christ.

Stan

Our Loyalty Report

Sunday, April 16, 2006

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: Morning Worship:

UMYF: No Meeting

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$
Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,370.40
Needed for budget to date: \$
Received for budget to date: \$
Difference: \$ -



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

The **Maundy Thursday** service will begin at **7:00 pm** on April 13th in the sanctuary. This worship service consists of scripture readings, hymns, and Holy Communion served in the "Upper Room".

The Good Friday Service of Darkness will begin at **7:30 pm** on April 14th. This service will be a very dramatic presentation by our Drama Ministry Team and members of

the Sanctuary Choir. Please plan to attend these special Holy Week worship services and bring your family and friends, too.

ADDRESSES OF INTEREST:

FOR SUSAN, LANE, & JUDD CROWNOVER:

Extended Stay America
Attention: Susan Crownover
Room 315
3311 West End Ave.
Nashville, TN 37203

FOR THOMAS BLANKENSHIP:

Thomas and Kelly Blankenship
3550 Grandview Parkway #814
Birmingham, Al. 35243

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Please join us as we welcome Andrew & Lauren Hinz to our church family. They joined by transfer of membership on Sunday, April 9, 2006. Their address is 53 Plantation Dr. in Lexington. Please add them to your church directory.

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Worship Ministry Team has a 5th Sunday activity scheduled for April 30th at 6:00 pm. We are calling it "Muchin' and Music". Come and bring a dish for a potluck meal and stay for some of the finest musical entertainment around! Hear from your "old" favorites and some new ones, too. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more details to come!



CHILDREN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



EASTER SERVICE



While it was still dark, Mary came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away. Come to the sunrise service and celebrate the empty tomb. The **Easter Sunrise Service** will be at Beech Lake under the pavilion at the top of the hill, beside the swings over looking the swimming area. The service will begin at **6:30 am**. You may want to bring your lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, we will hold the service in our sanctuary.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Callie Hinson	Farris Bartholomew
Carolyn Stripling	Marilyn Blurton
Jack Barni	Bob Reed
Joe Mills	
Lorene Hatley	Judy Dold
Jessie Dold	
Robert Earl Russell	Bobby Wilson
Don Harris	
Royce Drewry	Sandra Spears
Judd Crownover	
Thomas Blankenship	Lou Kidd
Joe Isaac	
David Dunham	Bill Reed
Jean Clampitt	
Vanessa Jones	Janice Strawn
Family & Friends of Mildred Roberts	
Family & Friends of Charlene Lowry	
Family & Friends of Linda Sue Fesmire	

Memorials

Linda Sue Fesmire

by Lynn & Elaine Townsend for the Memorial Fund
 by Betty Walker for the Habitat Fund
 by Barbara Clement for the Memorial Fund
 by Terry & Rebecca Clement for the Memorial Fund
 by Allan & Sharon Fesmire for the Memorial Fund
 by Ron & Nancy Blair for the Habitat Fund
 by Roy Anderson for the Memorial Fund
 by Pope & Jan Thomas for the Memorial Fund
 by Kay Henderson for the Habitat Fund

Mildred Roberts

by Lynn & Elaine Townsend for the Memorial Fund
 by Bell South Ladies Lunch Group for the Memorial Fund
 by Bill & Eulene Patton for the Habitat Fund
 by Pope & Jan Thomas for the Memorial Fund
 by Kenneth & Mildred Tolley for the Memorial Fund
 by Anne Dowdy for the Memorial Fund
 by Sam & Martha Hay for the Habitat Fund

Charlene Lowry

by Lynn & Elaine Townsend for the Memorial Fund
 by Sam & Martha Hay for the Habitat Fund

Eltha Teague

by Barbara Clement for the Memorial Fund
 by Jay Seegers for the Memorial Fund
 by William Penney, Jr. for the Memorial Fund

Lorraine Hinson

by Richard & Laura Dyer for the Choir Fund
 by Pope & Jan Thomas for the Memorial Fund

Bertha Cecile Knott

by Conley & Laurie Sanders for the Memorial Fund

Honorarium

Pam & Phillip Trella

by Pope & Jan Thomas for the Honorarium Fund

Alton Anderson Family

by Allen & Sharon Fesmire for the Honorarium Fund