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Return service requested

To:

Second Quarter (April, May, and June) Reading for 2026

- April** – Read the book of Genesis 2 times
- May** – Read the book of Deuteronomy 2 times
- June** – Read the book of Judges 2 times

You can read each book more, if you'd like ... but the benefit of re-reading is that you'll begin to remember things you would otherwise forget if you were following an annual reading plan. I'm not asking you to sign up ... but please give it a try and let me know what you think. Bro Jim



Sunday and Weekday Schedule of Activities

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting Membership Meeting is 3 rd Wednesday of the month
	10:15 am	Worship Service		5:30 pm	Youth Ministry (Ignite!)
No Youth on April 5, 12, or 19. Trip to Top Golf in Nashville on April 26					

Our Mission: Encounter . Grow . Serve . Share

April 2026

Our Vision: Becoming fully committed followers of Jesus Christ ...
 Making a Kingdom impact on Calvert City

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- Pastor..... Dr. Jim Ewing
- Music Director..... Open
- Family Ministry Director..... Open
- Youth Leaders Eric and Heather Littrell
- Ministry Assistant Edna Pierce
- Audio/Visual Technician Aaron Smith
- Building Supervisor Ray Tucker
- Church Organist/Pianist Vicki Madison
- Custodians Marshall (Eddie) & Gail Agent

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead

On Sunday, April 5, we'll once again celebrate what is arguably the most important day of celebration in our Christian calendar, Easter. As you've heard me say before, without Easter, Christmas really has little meaning. The heart of Easter is the Gospel message. This month, I'd like to share with you an article I wrote back in 2023 ... that speaks to the details of the Gospel.

The word "gospel" comes from the Greek word, "evangelio" which literally means "good news". Paul described the Gospel this way in 1 Cor 15:3-4 – "... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." The heart of the Gospel was actually foretold right after the fall of Adam and Eve in Gen 3:15 – "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel". This verse portrays not only the battle between the forces of good and evil, but it also points to God's ultimate victory over the those forces. And threads of that message is found throughout the OT.

The key detail is that "Christ died for our sins." Jesus gave up His life to do something for us. We know from back in Gen 3 that God told Adam and Eve that the penalty for eating from the one tree He told them to stay away from was "death". Death in one sense means ceasing to exist in this physical life as we know it. But it doesn't mean ceasing to exist! We were created to live eternally. The question is: Where will we spend our eternity? The "death" the Bible talks about is not only physical, it also means spending eternity completely removed from the presence and activity of God. Imagine existing forever away from anything good ... beauty, love, hope. That's the picture the Bible wants us to grasp. That might seem like a harsh punishment ... after all, what was so special about that particular fruit tree? Nothing really ... but what it represented was a choice for Adams and Eve ... will we obey God or do what we want to do?

Sin is choosing to do something other than what God has commanded and to reject His design for life. We tend to think of sin in terms of size or magnitude of effect. It's true that some sins have greater impact than others, but the fact remains that anytime we act counter to God's direction we've sinned ... and as we read in Rom 6:23, the punishment for our sin includes both aspects of death.

When we die, that separation is eternal because nothing in our death deals with the central issue: our fallen and selfish heart. And since we've all sinned, that means everyone will have to die ... which kinds of defeats the purpose for our being created in the first place. God's plan was to deal with our punishment in such a way that we get to continue living. And the only way that could happen is if the one paying the penalty for us didn't have to pay their own penalty, too ... or they'd be no different than us.

So God offered up His Son, Jesus. And because Jesus was sinless, He could pay the penalty we owed. As John 3:16 reminds us, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Jesus paid the sin debt for all of us ... for every one, for all time. Jesus' last words on the cross were: "It is finished!" How do we know that what Jesus did was sufficient for us? As Paul writes: "He was buried and raised on the third day". The proof of God's acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice was that He raised Him up to life again ... and that same destiny is for all who put their trust in Jesus.

What Jesus did for us is fantastic, but for it to apply to us individually, we must choose to adjust our lives to His direction and follow Him. If we are willing, when we die physically, we'll be resurrected to eternal life, like Jesus, and spend eternity in heaven with God.

That's the Gospel message! The good news that no matter how tough this life gets, our eternal destiny can be certain if we are willing to trust in Jesus. So as we celebrate Easter 2026 ... let's remember what it's all about. As news goes, I'm not sure it gets any better than that!

Together in Him
 Pastor Jim

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, . . . Romans 1:16, NASU

Announcements, Missions and Outreach

Easter Service
Sunday, April 5
10:15 am

Until to April 30th

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
 FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Our Goal: \$3000

Third Wednesday Fellowship - Meal -
April 15, 2026
5:30 to 6:30 pm

Hosted by the Bible Seekers Sunday School Class

Pizza, Salads, Desserts, and Drinks
 Signup in Sunday School, the Church Office, or at the Worship Center Entrances by April 12

KBC Christmas Backpacks

In March and April, the ladies of our Women on Mission are starting to collect items for 2026 KBC Christmas backpack ministry. Their goal is to build 72 backpacks again this year. The ladies are asking members to donate items such as toys, gloves, hats, wire notebooks, pencils, and crayons. The hygiene items will be collected in the summer. They will be working with the Vacation Bible team to put out a monthly list of items to be collected. The collection box will be located in the Prayer Room.

Upcoming Events

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
May 7, 2026

Graduation Sunday
May 17, 2026

Recognizing our 2026 Graduates from College, Middle School, and Kindergarten during our morning worship service.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Passover Birthday: Hazel Faulkner 5:30 pm—Youth 6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4
5 Easter 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service No Youth 	6 School Spring Break—April 6-10 	7 Birthday: Becky Tynes 5:45 to 7:15 pm—Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	8 No Youth 6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting	9	10	11 Birthday: Donna Cayton
12 Anniversary: Don and Karen Howard Birthday: Hadley Pagel 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service No Youth	13 Birthday: Donna Ford	14 Anniversary: Eric and Heather Littrell 5:45 to 7:15 pm—Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	15 5:30 –6:30—Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm—Youth 6:30 pm – Membership Meeting	16 10:30 am—WMU	17	18
19 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service No Youth	20	21 5:45 to 7:15 pm—Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	22 Earth Day 5:30 pm—Youth 6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting 	23	24	25
26 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service Youth leaving after church services to go to Nashville, Tn for Top Golf	27	28 5:45 to 7:15 pm—Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	29 5:30 pm—Youth 6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting	30 Anniversary: Randall and Hazel Faulkner		

Volunteer Schedules for April

TELLERS	Lynn and Rebecca Wilson	COUNTER	Nigel Broyles				
NURSERY ASSISTANTS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	LEAD USHERS	SECURITY TEAM				
April 5	Stacey Young	April 5	Cheryl Ewing	April 5	Adam Morton	April 5	Eric Littrell
April 12	Crystal Smith	April 12	Kourtney Gregory	April 12	Marvin Travis	April 12	Billy Hodge
April 19	Trena Gregory	April 19	Heather Littrell	April 19	Eric Littrell	April 19	Jason Young
April 26	Jill Pagel	April 26	Jenny Travis	April 26	Clint Poague	April 26	Gerry Poague
DEACON OF THE WEEK	PRAYER WARRIORS	ALTERNATES					
April 5	Jason Young—270-703-1709	April 5	Kathy Poague and Donna Cayton	Heather Littrell			
April 12	Lance Gregory—270-703-4881	April 12	Trena Gregory and Carolyn Duncan	Shirley Harrington			
April 19	Ray Tucker—270-556-5115	April 19	Billy Hodge and Phil Broyles	Ray Tucker			
April 26	Dale Smith—270-564-8457	April 26	William Casey and Dale Smith	Clint Poague			
MARCELLA'S KITCHEN DELIVERY SCHEDULE (Deliveries are on Tuesday of every month)							
April 7	Dale and Jean Smith, Jerry Devine	April 21	Jerry Devine, Billy and Anna Hodge, Donna Cayton				
April 14	Cheryl Ewing, Gene Low, Jennifer Casey	April 29	Gerry and Kathy Poague, Jill Pagel				