



Voice

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Spring Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Apr 14 6:00 p.m.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Apr 14 and 15

Easter Sunrise Service

Apr 17 8:30 a.m.

Easter Worship

Apr 17 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service

Apr 24 10:30 a.m.

Dates of Interest:

- Apr 13 - AAA visit to Valhermosa Springs Christian Church
- Apr 14 - Maundy Thursday Service
- Apr 14 and 15 - Good Friday and 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
- Apr 17 - Easter Sunrise Service and Easter Breakfast as well as 10:30 worship service
- Apr 17 - Easter Sunday and Easter Offering
- Apr 18 - Office Closed (Easter Observed)
- Apr 22 - 24 - Ala/NW Fla Regional Assembly First Christian Church Meridian, MS

From the Pastor's Desk

Coffee and a Story

Welcome to Holy (Cow) Week 2022! This week is the most prominent and important week of the church calendar as we celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally Easter Sunday all in rapid succession, and we have had—and will have—a lot to celebrate together!

I first want to communicate my gratitude to everyone who both attended Palm Sunday's dedication of the walking trail expansion and everyone who made the dedication ceremony happen! With it being Palm Sunday and us processing from the church to the trail—and then along the trail itself—it felt a poetically excellent time to be dedicating the expansion, and the weather could not have been better.

I also want to extend my warmest invitation to you to worship with us and our siblings in Christ from Macedonia Christian Church on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 6:00 pm Central Time. Macedonia's pastor Rev. Kenneth Hill designed the outline of our worship service, and I look forward to leading it alongside him. Macedonia's flock is again graciously hosting us on their conference call channel, and the instructions for how to call in are as follows:

-Call 978.990.5000

-When the recording prompts you to enter your access code, enter 347524#

For Good Friday, there are still several half-hour time slots available to pray from home or at church as a part of our prayer vigil! You can call Marilyn Ireland at our church office to be given a time slot.

Finally, on Easter Sunday, we currently have our "sunrise" outdoor service scheduled for 8:30 am (again, I just want to say how much I *love* that here, "sunrise" means 8:30 and not 6:00 or 6:30!), followed by our traditional 10:30 am worship service in the sanctuary. Right now there is a chance of inclement weather on Easter Sunday, and please know that I will be monitoring those weather reports. If it looks like we need to adjust the plans for the 8:30 am outdoor service, notifications will go out as soon as possible to Valley members.

Finally, the church office will be closed on Monday, April 18, as the staff take a well-deserved day of rest following the week's festivities. This is a busy week on the calendar, but one of my favorites, and I look forward to celebrating Holy Week and the Resurrection of the Lord with you one more time!

Christ's and yours,
Pastor Eric

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Life in the Valley

Prayers, Joys and Concerns

- Please pray for the Ukrainian people who have suffered so much senseless violence and destruction and all the people who have helped and supported them during this invasion of their country.
- We are still accepting Week of Compassion donations for the Ukraine. Please mark your check "Ukraine" and the donation will be passed to them.
- Please continue your prayers for Janice Clifford, wife of our former minister Jim Clifford. Jim and Janice have found out that the chemo has shrunk her tumor and the doctors are ready to perform surgery to remove it on April 13th. This is good news. Please keep her and Jim in your prayers.
- Please send your prayers for Jane Churchill's aunt, Audrey Steadham. She has been very ill in the Baptist Hospital East Montgomery but is doing better now and hopes to be released soon.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Joe Perkins, who was a close friend of Jean Thrasher's family. He passed away last weekend.
- Please send your prayers to our beloved member, Stewart Draper, who is having tests right now.
- Please pray for Rev. Brad Henderson of Grace Christian Church and his family and friends on the passing of his father, Mr. Henderson.
- Please pray for Ruby Wilkes and her husband Robert Wilkes (of our sister church Macedonia Christian). Ruby is in Baptist Princeton in ICU after a bad fall.
- Ed Guindon had a joy about the overwhelming support by everyone for the walking trail dedication and the influx of plants, trees and work everyone did. Valley is truly blessed by God for our efforts on this project. The trails are widened and improved. They are very supportive and helpful to our prayer life and spirituality.

April AAA Event

First Christian Valhermosa

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, AAA will be going to First Christian Church at Valhermosa Springs in Somerville (Laceys Spring), Alabama. It is straight up I-65 between Cullman and Decatur. Take the Somerville Exit off of I-65. We will tour the beautiful Walk of the Trail of Scriptures that they have built there. We thought this would be a nice trip for the Easter Season. We will leave Valley in our van at 9:00 am and have a guided tour at 10:30 am. Lunch will be at the historic Freight House Train Terminal in Hartselle.

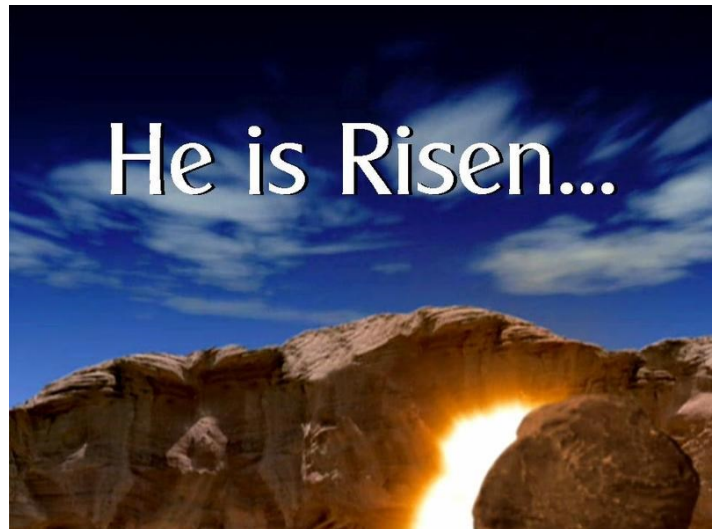
24 Hour Prayer Vigil

There will be a 24 Hour Prayer Vigil starting on Maundy Thursday, April 14th at 8:00pm and ending on Good Friday, April 15th at 8:00pm. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to pray and participate. If you would like to sign up over the phone, please call Marilyn at 205-879-0419 (if it is after hours please leave a message and it will be picked up and acknowledged)

Easter Offering

April 17th

We continue to receive the Easter Offering for the general ministries of the Christian Church.



May 1st GBM Pantry Items

For May we have chosen Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mixed fruit, etc.) You can bring any one item or as many of each item as you want. We will announce each month's item at the end of the previous month. We try to bring the items the first Sunday of each month. If you are worshipping by Zoom, just drop them off at the church any time. - Outreach Department

Interim Minister

will be Rev. Edd Spencer

The executive committee has tentatively reached an agreement with Edd Spencer to return as our interim minister beginning May 15th, pending board approval. We welcome back Edd and know he will be helpful in seeing us through this transition.

Gifts, Memorials and Bequests

The Trustees, Moderator and the Minister make up the Gifts, Memorial, Bequests Committee. This year from the Living Endowment we have received \$24,884.08. We are asking the members of the church to help us find a need and use this money. It can be spent on some improvements at the church. It can be given to a very needy cause that helps those less fortunate. Some Department can use it for a program that is not funded in the budget. Do you have an idea? If so, please send an email to office@vccbhm.org with all the details. We would like to hear from you by April 22nd.

**I am come so that they
may have life, and that
they might have it more
abundantly. John 10:10**