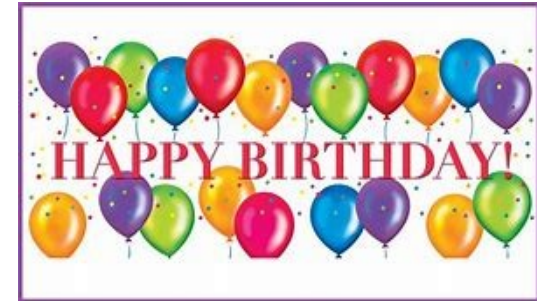

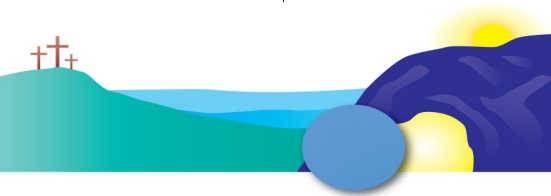




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Annie Armstrong Offering Goal: \$2500						
5 	6	7	8	9		
12 Easter	13	14	15	16 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (Conference Call)	17	18
19 11:45 pm Business Conference Online	20	21	22 Administrative Professional Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 		

- 4/01 Karl Hedrick, Jr.
- 4/07 Caitlyn DiPresso
Meredith Robinson
- 4/10 Harold Rogers, Stephen Dillard
- 4/11 Dwain Perry-Baker, Linwood Stephenson
- 4/12 Robert Myron, Mitch Shaw
- 4/15 Stephen Edwards
- 4/16 Lesia Smith
- 4/17 Earl Gardner, Steve Hobbs
- 4/18 M.H. Waters, Jr.
- 4/19 Jennifer Bowles,
Katherine Smith
- 4/20 Tyler Ray-Baker, Eulane Rogers
- 4/21 Marvin Croom
- 4/23 Lynwood Grice, Sr.
- 4/25 Cecil Dellinger
- 4/28 Brooklyn Pickett
- 4/29 Layton Smith
- 4/30 Louise Gardner

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
 (Psalm 139:14, 16, NLT)



CHANGE OF PLANS

**NO APRIL FELLOWSHIP
MEAL/ MISSION NIGHT**

**LORD'S SUPPER 4/5
(FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM
AT HOME)**

NO LIVING LAST SUPPER

**EASTER SERVICE
(FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM
AT HOME 4/12)**

**SENIOR ADULT DAY
POSTPONED**

**OUTREACH CARWASH
POSTPONED**

**CHURCH COUNCIL
POSTPONED**

On-line giving is available through the website or by text on your phone. During this time of uncertainty thanks for continuing to support Ephesus and the work of God. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Cook in the church office.

**APRIL SERMONS
(On YouTube/Facebook)**

4/5/20

**Palm Sunday and The Lord's Supper
(At Home)
The Cross In a Crisis
(John 19:30)**

4/12/20

**Easter Sunday
Why Live Today?
(1 Corinthians 15:12-19)**

4/19/20

**(POSTPONED—Senior Adult Day
Rev. Bill Harding Preaching)
EPHESUS 20/20 Series
The 5 (5 Essentials to Christian Unity)
(Ephesians 4:1-2)**

4/26/20

**EPHESUS 20/20 Series
One Is the Loveliest Number
(Ephesians 4:3-6)**

Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2, NLT)



Joe Childers (with Faye)
(February 2, 1934 - March 30, 2020)
Family Only Service: Friday, April 3
Montlawn Memorial Park
A Memorial Celebration of Joe's Life at
Ephesus Later this Year

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26, NIV)

Dear Church Family,

The COVID-19 pandemic is turning all our lives and our world upside down! We're all deeply saddened that, to do our part to slow and prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, means continuing not to meet for worship or other activities at our church campus through the month of April. However, we can be happy for new opportunities to take our services online to encourage our members and also reach people who might not otherwise come through the doors of our sanctuary.

I (Pastor Greg), Minister of Youth Kevin Fleegle, Minister of Music Doug Meeker, and all our deacons are available for prayer and pastoral needs. Pastor Greg can be reached at 919-303-4949 or pas-torgreg@ephesusbaptistchurch.com. Administrative Assistant Lisa Cook may be contacted at 919-851-1928 or lisab@ephesusbaptistchurch.com. If no one is at the church at the time you call, the answering service will forward your voice message via email.

Our deacons (Larry Mann, Chairman) will be regularly calling families and individuals through the Deacon Family Ministry Plan in order to find out if there are any needs for food or other practical assistance, as well as to encourage and pray for you. If you know of anyone who is sick, or if you have not received a call, please call or email Pastor Greg or a deacon.

The church facility remains closed. Administrative Assistant Lisa Cook will be working from home most of the week, but will be in the office on Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon, to process mail and handle other essential administrative matters. I'd planned to be in the office during my regular office hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, but the stay-at-home order in Wake Co., effective 3/27, has forced me to work from home unless there is an emergency.

What can you do?

Continue reaching out to one another. The love of Christ means that physical distancing does not have to mean social isolation. Phone a friend, especially someone who is not online. If you are online, keep sending messages to fellow class and committee members, posting pictures on Facebook or Instagram, or sending texts. Mail cards to our homebound members. Call those who are not online to share our email messages and updates—including this letter. Whatever you do, stay connected!

Continue to pray. Use this pause in our lives to walk more closely with Jesus, reflecting on the Cross and the Resurrection! Pray for each other. Go through the church directory and pray for others in our church by name. And don't forget to pray for our neighbors. Many people all around us are facing this crisis without the hope we have in Christ. May God, who is our hope, help us overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit in a wounded, fearful world (Romans 15:13).

Continue to give. This is a difficult time financially for all of us. Yet, we can still give. In fact, the operation of the church depends on our giving. You can mail checks—many of you are doing that, and we thank you! In addition, now you can give online! Thank you to Leslie Jordan, Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee, Financial Controller Brenda Dillard, and Financial Secretary Lisa Cook for setting this up. If you have any questions about how to use online giving, call or email Lisa Cook. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for information you need to give online.)

Worship services and Sunday School classes can continue to minister online or phone, through conference call meetings and/or uploading videos of lessons to YouTube and Facebook. Bill Harding shares that there are several video conferencing platforms available for virtual remote classrooms or leader meetings: Microsoft Teams and Zoom are two of the most popular.

Remember, we're all in this together, and we are going to get through this together to God's glory! May the Lord bless Ephesus Baptist Church, all the churches in our area, and our entire community with His amazing grace and perfect peace!

With love in Christ,
Pastor Greg

