

Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

Easter Schedule



**10am Sunday,
April 17th-
Palm Sunday
Processional
N. Main Street**

**Thursday,
April 21st-
Maundy Thursday
meal & service**

**3pm Saturday,
April 23rd-
Children's Easter
Egg Hunt**

**7am Sunday,
April 24th-
Resurrection
Sunday!
Community-wide
Sunrise Service
in Main Street
Methodist Prayer
Garden**

**Monday,
April 25th-
Church Office
Closed**

It happens almost daily if not several times a day. Yes, I'm speaking of *interruptions*. When most of you think of this word, it may bring negative thoughts. For example: someone calls you unexpectedly on a busy day and talks for hours on end. That's usually classified as a negative.

Of course, there are interruptions that may turn out to be positive. Such as the person who beeps in on call waiting and interrupts the talkative person on the other line! If the second person is brief, this could be classified as a positive interruption.

Most Sunday School classes have a planned study that lasts for several weeks. Many of the student books in Ash Avenue's classes focus on a book in the Bible for 3 months. During certain Sundays in the year, however, the study may be interrupted. Perhaps your class is examining the first seven chapters of Leviticus on how to bring a proper animal or crop sacrifice to the altar. Right in the middle of study is that one special Sunday when the theme is interrupted. I have to admit, whenever I'm able to be in class, there is one break in the study I've always looked forward to.... the story of **Resurrection Sunday**.

Though all Scripture is important, it would all be worthless if not for the **Risen Jesus!** Most Christians see every Sunday as an observance of Jesus' final day in the grave. But it is wonderful to have the annual celebration of the miraculous power of God that changed history and still transforms lives today.

Scripture reveals to us that Jesus knew God's plan of His sacrificial death. When the right time came, He embraced it. His disciples, on the other hand, were interrupted. From their point of view, this was beyond a negative disturbance. They had invested their time, trust, and hope in Him. Each of the four Gospels tell of the brutality of Jesus' trial and crucifixion. Each one gives a sense of the disciples' great disappointment and grief. Their lives had been interrupted.

Just as each Gospel gives detail of Jesus' crucifixion, each one gives details of His Resurrection. (This is what makes each Gospel, the Gospel.... *Good News*). All of His followers were steeped in utter grief and disbelief at the horrors of Good Friday. And as each group and individual mourned, Jesus interrupts them. The women were interrupted from anointing His

body with burial spices. The men walking to Emmaus were interrupted by the *Stranger* walking beside them. The disciples were disturbed by the women running from the tomb with some crazy story of Jesus seen alive. As most of the disciples remained behind a locked door, Jesus broke their anguish by simply appearing. How wonderfully rude of Him! Let's not forget the absent disciple, Thomas. As he doubted the reports of his friends, Jesus infringed on his skepticism when He appeared before him in the upper room.

Friends, if you would receive this Risen Jesus as your Savior and Lord, He will interrupt your life. His interruption brings true life... life everlasting. This Life is free from guilt before God. Easter Sunday is a reminder to me that it is good to be interrupted by the Lord.

Paul tells us that Jesus died for all, so that those who live, no longer live for themselves, but for Jesus who died for *us* and was raised again. [see **2 Corinthians 5:15**]

This month I offer to you a positive interruption. It is a break on Easter Sunday, so you can hear once again the most marvelous truth of all!

**** YOUTH NEWS****

Impact Virginia— Culpeper Edition
June 26th-July 2nd
For grades 7-12.

\$25.00 non-refundable deposit
**** due by April 17th ****

ATTENTION DEACONS!

In lieu of our regular early morning meeting, the full Deacon Council will meet after Worship on Sunday, April 10th. We will work on the Deacon Team Ministry pairings.

Lunch will be provided.

One of the exciting new minis-



April

- 4/3 Dennis Stewart
Wes Bosiger
Tom Hahn
Mike Sizemore
- 4/10 Don Williams
Victor Crump
Dickie Fallen
Don Gainey
- 4/17 Ricky Brogden
Jim Chandler
Fred Flinn
Mike Harris
- 4/24 Randy Guill
Jeff Cox
Randy Hupp
Jason Snead



AABC Offering
Report as of 3/27/11

Budget offering
received...

\$ 52,005.23

Budget offering
needed...

\$ 51,125.75

Thank you!



- **During SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The April Nursery Coordinator:
Jami Hunt.

- **During WORSHIP**

The April Nursery Coordinator
is **Jami Hunt.** If you are unable
to assist on your assigned date, please contact
her one week prior to that date.

Volunteer Assistants:

April 3rd- Cory Tiller

April 10th- Bill & Gayle Haley

April 17th- Faye Clark

April 24th-**EASTER**- Ruth Gregory

- **April Children's Church Leader:****

Cynthia Camp

**** PLEASE NOTE: Beginning in April
Children's Church will be held
just on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
of each month.**

WMU NEWS

**2pm Monday,
April 4th
Nonie Gravitt**

**10am Tuesday,
April 5th
Eva Saunders**

**7pm Thursday,
April 14th
Sisters Serving
Christ**

**10:30am Saturday,
April 30th
Devotions
at Berry Hill**



Wednesday, April 27th



I would like to thank everyone who called, visited, sent cards, brought food & prayed, or said a word of encouragement during the illness and death of my Mom. The Lord truly blessed us with this Church Family!

- Joyce & Randy Guill



**Milton Chandler- Unit # 2
Berry Hill Health & Rehab
621 Berry Hill Road
South Boston, VA 24592**

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

April 6- April 20, 2011

Lenten Luncheons are hosted each week at **First Presbyterian Church** beginning Ash Wednesday and concluding on the Wednesday before Easter. Even though these luncheons are held at First Presbyterian, in a true spirit of community involvement the devotion each week will be provided by a Pastor from a different area church, as indicated in this schedule. **The devotion begins at 12:30 and concludes promptly at 12:45.**

April 6	Rev. Ed Rigg Main Street Methodist Church	12 to 12:45
April 13	Rev. George Gorman Shady Grove Methodist Church	12 to 12:45
April 20	Dr. Russell Lee First Presbyterian Church	12 to 12:45

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. Bring your bag lunch. Desserts will be provided by the various churches. Beverages will be provided by First Presbyterian Church.

Invite your friends!

Fourth Annual Senior Revival



Senior Adults

Thursday, April 21, 2011
10:30am

Clover Baptist Church
Speaker: Rev. Don Bryant

Message Title:
The Garden of Temptation
-Genesis 3:1-7

Special music by:
Rev. Lloyd & Janet Moore,
Ben & Linda Hughes

Lunch is provided.
Call 572-2608 or e-mail
drab@embarqmail.com

Registration deadline: April 18th



Join us at **3:00**
on **Saturday, April 23rd**
for
an **Easter Egg Hunt.**

Heavy snacks will be served.



Our newest member...

Lois Choquette



**Properties Contacts for April
are**

J.D. Conner & Tom Hahn

**Deacons of the Month for April
are Jimmy Allen & Ricky Brogden**

**Need to use the church van this month?
If so, contact Liz Williams for availability.**



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