

Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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From Eure Pastor's Desk by John D. Eure

"... if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile ...those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

- 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (ESV)

Paul ended his first letter to the Corinth church with hope and warning. False teachers taught that Jesus hadn't really been raised from the dead.

Paul elaborately shows that if God's plan was only for Jesus to die to forgive our sins while we live in this world, our faith in following Him would be futile. It would also be useless for Jesus to die if that was going to be it. Paul said we would be the sorriest people (my translation).

Some who claim to follow Christ still teach or believe some of the same false teachings of Paul's day. It's hard for some to believe the

power of God to physically resurrect the dead, particularly one so physically abused and tortured. Yet, to hold such faithless logic is the same kind of darkness that the lost live in.

Now, you and I can point our fingers at that group of doubters and condemn their lack of faith. But consider this: many within our churches today who claim He has risen and is alive continue to live their lives as if He is still in the tomb. Is it more pitiful to believe falsely in no resurrection, or to believe it but not live in its hope?

When we say we believe what Jesus said about turning the other cheek, but are all too eager to fight, we miss an opportunity to prove He's alive.

When I get too busy to take a few moments to feed on His word or spend time in prayer as Jesus

did, I may be trying to seal His tomb.

When I selfishly hold on to my money for my wants rather than to help meet another's need; when I back-off opportunities to share the message and love of Christ with others because I'm too timid; when I refuse to be on mission with God because there are "others who can do the job"... in all of these natural decisions, I deny the supernatural power of God that changes lives.

Praise God that Jesus **IS** alive! While we live in this world, we are free to display our hope by how we fully trust and follow Him.



EASTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Hot Dog Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt for children, PreK-grade 6. Saturday, **April 4th** - 11am to 1pm. Call church office (572-2006) or e-mail:

office@aabc900.org to register.



Procession of the Palms: Sunday, **April 5th**. Gather at 10am at Advantage Care-SoBo.

Procession begins at 10:20. If you are a member of Ash Avenue be sure to check in for Sunday School before you head to Advantage Care.

No Wednesday Night Supper or activities **April 8th**.

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, **April 9th**-7PM. Our service will include the Lord's Supper.

Sunrise Service, April 12th (Resurrection Sunday!!)-7am at First Presbyterian-SoBo.

Office Closed, Monday April 13th.

No Wednesday Night Supper April 15th. We will, however, have a Prayer Service at 7pm that night.



I hope that everyone is enjoying the **Faith Library**. If you have not yet visited, go and check it out!! While you are there, check out a **CD** or **DVD**. Just remember to keep it only one week. Since we have just one copy of most items, we'd like everyone to have an opportunity to use.

The **"Fireproof"** DVD is now available and **"Moondance Alexander"**, as well. New release DVD, **"Faith like Potatoes"** will be available after April 7th.

If you check out a book, you may keep it for two weeks.

We also have a **"Children's & Teen"** section.

Do you have something you wish to buy, sell, or trade? We'll post your notice on the library's **Message Board** for 30 days.

Sunday, April 26th
we will have a covered
dish supper at 5:30pm
followed by our Quarterly
Business Meeting at
6:30pm



- Monday, April 6th-2PM
Nonie Gravitt Meeting
- Tuesday, April 7th-10AM
Eva Saunders Meeting
- Thursday, April 16th-7PM
Sisters Serving Christ
- Saturday, April 18th-
10:30AM-**Devotions** at
South Boston Manor



Thank you
Jimmy Allen
and **Mike**
Harris for
donating the
VBS banners.



Office Closed
Monday, April 13th in
observance of **Easter**
Monday.

Single Parent Fun Day-Saturday, May 2,
2009 from 9am to 2pm at Aaron's Creek
Baptist Church

Any single parent and their child/children are invited for a day of fun and rest. Door prizes, seminars, car care, lunch & spa treatments for the parents. The children will enjoy a Mini-Bible School with crafts, prizes and lots of fun!

This is a time for parents and children to share a day of renewal and togetherness.

For reservations, information or directions call: Rev. Bill McEntire (434) 222-5055.

During Worship in April

- 4/5 - Tina Englebright & Becky Whitt
- 4/12 - *Easter* Jimmy & Vicky Allen
- 4/19 - Beulah Crenshaw & Helen Bomar
- 4/26 - Jeff & Annette Cox

Judy Meeler is the Acting
Nursery Coordinator for Worship.
Please contact her for any changes.



During Sunday School in April

- 4/5 - Faye Beck & Faye Gainey
- 4/12 - Tina Englebright & Sharon Brogden
- 4/19 - Janice Martin & Becky Whitt
- 4/26 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead

If you find that you will not be able to be
in the Sunday School Nursery
on your scheduled date please call
Cora Cliborne - 575-8100

The Missions/Evangelism Committee of the Dan River Baptist Association is sponsoring the **2nd Annual Senior Adult Revival** at 10:30am on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at First Baptist Church-South Boston.

The **Reverend Roger Roller** will be the Guest Speaker.

Lunch is provided at no cost.

Registration is required.

Please call 572-2608 or

register online at
drab@embarqmail.com



April



4/5	Jim Chandler, Jerry Crenshaw Fred Flinn Randy Hupp	4/19	Dennis Stewart Jimmy Allen Victor Crump Benny Smith
4/12	Randy Guill Wes Bosiger Tom Hahn Buddy Wilborn	4/26	Rick Brogden Wayne Bales Mike Harris Mike Laughorn

ABC Offering Report as of: 3/30/09:

Budget offering received...\$48,948.56
Budget offering needed...\$51,567.49
Budget deficit.....(2,618.93)



**Properties Contacts for April
Are Benny Smith & Gilmer Meeler**

**Deacons of the Month for April
are Ernest Morris & Herb Phipps**

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



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website:
www.aabc900.org**

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