



Rev. Scott Stedman
Pastor

“Jesus on The Main Line”

April 2015

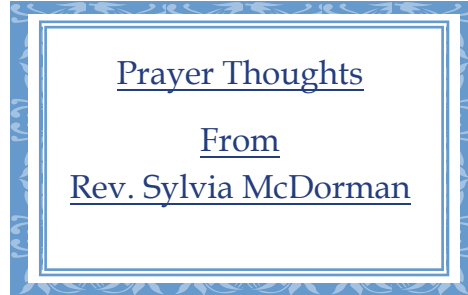
Easter: A 50 day event

You probably are looking at the title and think I am crazy. Easter is one day, not 50 days. However, if we look at the history of Easter we see that it is 50 days. The 50 day period for the Israelites begins at Passover and goes until Shavuot. Passover is a celebration of when the Lord led them out of Egypt and Shavuot is the celebration when God gave Moses the 10 commandments; 50 days after the exodus from Egypt. Passover is a celebration of freedom and Shavuot is when God gave them the Law to help guide them to Righteousness. In-between those two celebratory days is known as the Feast of Weeks.

The Israelites from all over the world would journey to Jerusalem, by foot, for Passover. By the time Passover would be done and they would travel back home, they would have to turn back around to celebrate Shavuot. So most of the Israelites would stay in Jerusalem during that time and celebrate with food, music, and wine during that time between Passover and Shavuot, which is why they have the Feast of Weeks (side note: maybe we should have a potluck every single day after Easter until Pentecost. Good idea. Bad idea. I'll let you decide.)

Similarly, Easter represents freedom from the oppression of sin and Pentecost represents the pouring out of the Holy Spirit to help guide us to live out the Great Commandments and Commission. But, as a Protestant Christian, what should we do in between these Holy Days? When we look at the opening chapter in Acts, the disciples did three things: Wait, Pray, and find Judas' replacement. Since the Holy Spirit has already poured itself out, we don't need to wait for it. However, I would say that we may need a renewing of the Spirit in our lives and in the church.

So my challenge is that we devote ourselves to prayer during this time between Easter and Pentecost and ask for the Holy Spirit to revive use, to renew us, and to light a fire in our souls to make an impact for the Kingdom of Heaven.



Have you ever traveled the Emmaus Road? Maybe not the Emmaus Road a few miles from Jerusalem, but your own "Emmaus" Road. The road where plans didn't pan out how you thought and you are left feeling like you don't know where the road is taking you as you pick up the pieces of shattered dreams and brokenness.

That's how the two felt that day as they walked along the Emmaus Road beginning in Luke 24:13-35 with their sudden encounter with the risen Jesus. Jesus reminded them of what they knew about Jesus, he even reprimanded them in Luke 24:25. The two did not turn from him or run away. Rather, as Jesus seemed to be traveling on from their destination, they urged Jesus to stay with them.

Oh what an encounter that turned out to be! As they were at the table with Jesus, Jesus broke the bread and gave it to them. Luke 24:31: *"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight"*.

On our own "Emmaus" Road travels, a powerful prayer would be that our eyes be open to what God has for us. The divine directional signs on that road can be hope, perseverance, integrity.....it may simply be that we recognize that God is right there in the midst and for that reason we choose to travel with him in peace!

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 1:18-20 (NIV)



A Note from the Elder Board

Service of Installation for Pastor Scott Stedman

Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 3pm.

There will be refreshments after the service.

The Elder Board,
Jamie Hendricks, Chair
Debbie Brown, Secretary
Terry Morris
Wanda Saufley
Nathan Simmons
Bernie Wolcott



...Her Special
Missions
Rev. Debbie Brown



Operation Christmas Child

Last year we surprise **81** children somewhere in the world with a special shoebox filled with toys, school supplies, candy, tooth brushes , toothpaste, soap and wash clothes.

Now **81** is good but I think we can do a lot better. Our goal is **100**. Make it a priority this year to give a gift of love to a poor child somewhere in the world. We have so much, they have so little. Make Christmas special !!!!

Create your own shoe boxes and bring a little extra that we can create a few more. A box will be in the narthex to collect the extra things you bring!

Monthly Target Items

April - small toys, cars doll, marbles, slinky, etc

May - plastic shoe box

July - Candy (no chocolate) lollipops, gum, smarties, sweet tarts, etc

Sept. - school supplies pencils, crayons, coloring books, paper etc.

(They are on sale late August into Sept !!!!)

Oct. - Tooth brushes , tooth paste

Nov. - It's party time ! Come pack an extra shoe box !!!!!

Questions? See Debbie Brown



HAVE A HEART

There are still many struggling to put food on the table for their families. The Food Bank has a great need for all items.

So, let's have a heart and fill the Food Barrel in the narthex.

Don't forget to have a heart !



We want to thank all of those who helped out in the concession stand during the Upward Sports games.

Also, we want to thank all of those who helped with the supper for our neighbors in need classes.

We will be having a chicken barbecue Saturday, April 18th to support LOVE INC. All proceeds, after expenses, will be given to LOVE INC. The chicken halves will be \$4.00. We need to pre-sale as much as possible before the 18th. We really need as many men as possible to cook the chicken and ladies we need you as wrappers. Please let Terry know as soon as possible if you can help. We really need to support LOVE INC to help our neighbors in need.

The TLC will be having a chicken barbecue on May 23rd. The proceeds from this barbecue will go to help families in the church. The cost will be the same (\$4.00 per half).

Dates to Remember: For APRIL 2015

April 5, 2014

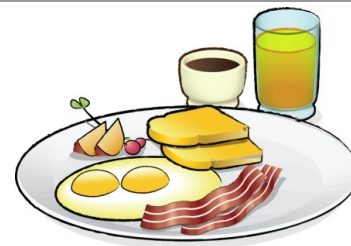
Easter Sunday



April 11, 2014

Family Prayer Breakfast

8:00 am



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Free Complete Breakfast Vector

April 13, 2014

CWC 7:00 pm

We will be having a presentation by the LOVE INC team. Everyone is Invited to attend if they are interested.



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Our Vision

Is to impact our community with the Love of God
and to provide a Spirit-filled harbor for the lost and the hurting.

WEEKLY SEVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School

9:45AM

For All Ages

Worship Service

10:45 AM

Everyone Welcome

AWANA

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

7 PM

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Adult Bible Study

Have you remembered to "cross" someone?
Remember the cross cards are available in the narthex.
Take a few cards with you, do little acts of kindness and
give them a cross card.
Be a blessing to others and share the love of Christ!!



"Jesus on the Main Line" Newsletter Published Monthly. To Submit an article or idea
contact: Judy Huffer: jhuffer@staunton.k12.va.us or 540-290-1374
All Articles must be turned by the 20th of each month. Thank you.

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary

SUN	MON	THUS	WED	THRUS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday!! Hilda Huffer	10 Happy Birthday!! Janet Wise- man and Jerry Hendricks	11
12	13	14 Happy Birthday!! Becky Fitz- gerald	15 Happy Birthday!! Dennis Fitz- gerald	16	17	18 Happy An- niversary!! Ron & Wanda Sau- fley
19	20	21 Happy Birthday!! Shauna Douglass Happy An- niversary!! Jerry & Judy Huffer	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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5 EASTER SUNDAY	6	7	8	9	10	11 Family Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
12	13 CWC 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17	18 Chicken Barbecue For LOVE INC
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		