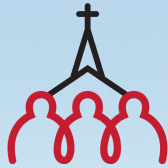


News from the Mountain

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
GLEN ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH



GOOD NEWS... HE IS RISEN!

By Melissa Fallen

The first week of April marks the journey of Holy Week. We started 2021 off by talking about the beginning of the book of Mark where he says he's about to tell the good news of Jesus Christ. The story ends in Mark with women leaving the tomb with fear and trembling. It's hard to see exactly how that fear could be good news. But that's exactly the story we will tell again on Easter Sunday morning. We'll discover how their fear moved to faith to tell the greatest story ever told.

I know Easter continues to look a little differently this year, but I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity provided for you during Holy Week from the Maundy Thursday video compiled by church members to the Good Friday service at the cross to the Easter Sunday worship at the cross and the flowering of the cross.

In every remembrance, we proclaim with our lives that the Easter story matters and it has withstood the test of time. No matter what form we may celebrate, let us proclaim with all that we have that Mark was right...this Jesus Christ is good news for all the world!

THIS MONTH AT GABC

April 2 Good Friday
1pm Outdoor Worship

April 4 Easter Sunday
8am Outdoor Worship
9am Sunday School
10:30am Indoor/Zoom
Worship

April 14 Wednesday
Dinners Resume
5:45pm Outdoor/Takeout
Dinner
6:30pm Adult and Youth
Programming

April 21, 6:30pm
Quarterly Business
Meeting



Good Friday Worship
April 2, 1pm
Outside at the cross

Please bring a chair for outdoor seating on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We will wear masks and sing together for both outdoor services.

We will share donuts together after the 8am service.

We encourage you to bring flowers on Easter Sunday to place on the cross.

Maundy Thursday - See online
video emailed on 4/1.



Easter Sunday
Worship

8am outside at the cross
10:30am indoors or Zoom

All socially distanced. Please wear a mask.

Please only attend one of the worship services on Easter Sunday to accommodate large crowds. If you have a large family we *highly encourage* you to attend the 8am service.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RETURN

We are very excited to announce our outdoor Wednesday night dinners are back! Please see the menu below for April. Please sign up ahead of time by completing the form on our [website](#) or by contacting the church office. Take out is available, but please let us know ahead of time so we can package your meals. Dinner begins at 5:45pm and programs begin at 6:30pm all in the pavilion.

April Menu

April 14 - Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls

Kids: chicken nuggets, fruit and chips

April 21 - Fried Chicken, Mac and cheese, green beans and biscuits

Kids: Chicken legs, fruit and chips

April 28 - Roast Pork, Cheesy Mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls

Kids: Hot Dogs, chips and fruit

Adult Programming

We have an outstanding line up of programming that will lead us into the summer and focus around some of our recent and new ministries. See below for details...

April 14 - "Understanding the Bible 101", Dr. Mark Biddle

April 21 - Quarterly Business Meeting

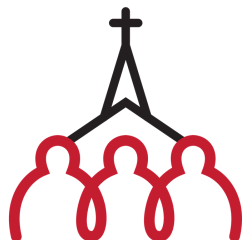
April 28 - "Understanding the Bible 102", Dr. Mark Biddle

May 5 - Why Do Community Gardening?, Neil Zahradka

May 12 - ReEstablish Richmond, Kate Ayers

May 19 - Bible Study, Dr. Fallen

May 26 - Music by Amy Ladd



*Preaching Schedule:**4/4 Mark 16:1-8**With Fear and Trembling**4/11 Luke 24:36b-48**Fulfilled**4/18 1 John 3:1-7**Children of God**4/25 1 John 3:16-24**Love in Action**Sunday School Teachers:**4/4 Matt Davidson**4/11 Allen Jenkins**4/18 Mark Parent**4/25 Michael Duke*

CHURCH NEWS

Welcome (Home) New Members

We are excited to welcome two families back into the GABC family on transfer of their letter from a sister church.

Please welcome:

- **Nathan & Leigh Anne Weinstein with their children, Carter, and Lila**
- **Roger & Sarah Collier**



Thank You

Many thanks for the prayers, cards, food and calls as I recuperated from my broken ankle. The support of my Glen Allen family has been much appreciated.

-Sarah Collier

Sunday School

Allie Osborne continues to teach preschool and children's Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. She sends a zoom link out each Saturday. If you are not on the list to receive that link, please contact Allie at allie@glenallenbaptist.org. She would love to have your child(ren) join her.

Adult in-person Sunday School continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall most Sundays. We continue to meet through Zoom as well at 9:00 a.m. We are currently using the Lifeway literature and are studying the Book of Luke. Sunday School books are available outside the secretary's office or in the vestibule. Stop by and pick one up.

YOUTH NEWS

As we continue our Lenten journey in preparation for the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, the Youth have been heavily involved in a Bible Study called "The Cross and the Resurrection." Why did Jesus have to die? And what difference does it make if he came back to life? Those aren't just rhetorical questions - they're questions the youth and all of us as followers of Jesus must answer directly and honestly as part of our faith journey.

The four-lesson series we have been going through has helped students examine two important acts of Jesus: his crucifixion and his resurrection. The first two studies focused on the cross, and the last two studies focused on the empty tomb. Through this series students learned how these events impact their lives now and forever.

At the end of February, we gathered together as a group for a Youth Movie Night in which we had great participation and a chance to gather together and fellowship. We also fed the homeless again through Moments of Hope Outreach. We packed meals for 375 homeless, bringing our total for the year to 1,125 meals prepared and 2,250 hot dogs! A big thank you to Trey Booker and Troop 795 for participating with us this month. We had a phenomenal turnout of helping hands. Our next event will be in May if you are interested in helping.

As you can see, the Youth continue to move along with various ministries at GABC despite the circumstances. We look forward to continuing our road back to normalcy for our Youth Ministry at GABC.

In Christian Love,
Rev. Dr. B.J. Crowder

MISSIONS NEWS

The Easter offering is named in honor of Bernardine Melton, February 1909 - November 2010. Although she lived in Glen Allen all her life, Virginia Bernardine Parsons Melton was a missionary wherever she was, to whomever she came in contact with. "Dena" as she was fondly known, did not have to stand in the pulpit to preach a sermon or give a Christian witness. You did not have to be in her presence but a moment before she was sharing her Christian witness with whoever would listen. She was a walking, living, breathing missionary in the way she lived her life and witnessed to those around her. She was active in the Woman's Missionary Union and ladies circles prayer groups. At age 101, she was the oldest living church member at her death. There is a picture of her and a resolution letter in her honor across from the Church's Wall of History, in the hall of the 1941 building. Dena had many sayings and clippings in her Bible. One which is appropriate for current times: "Worldliness is what any culture does to make sin look normal and righteousness strange."

- Forrest Melton, nephew

The Missions Committee delivered 150 Easter cards and packages of cookies to Elizabeth Crump Assisted Living/Crump House for residents. As you know Covid has been devastating for residents of nursing homes. It is our hope that these cards and cookies will bring some cheer into their lives.

Lamb's Basket Continue to support Lamb's Basket with your donations. Hunger never stops.