

Grounds Work
Day for April
4 has been
cancelled!

How Can We
Help You?

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Worship
PREVIEW
SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday, April 5

How Long, O Lord?

Psalm 13



Drive Thru **STATIONS of the CROSS**

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9 | 4:30 - 6:30PM

We will host a drive-thru the stations of the cross for this Maundy Thursday Service. The journey will take place between 4:30 and 6:30pm. Start by turning into the Gym/Cammack/Children's Side parking lot from Greenland Drive where you will then be given a map of the stations along with a prayer guide for 5 stations of the cross. Everyone will remain in their cars for each station. Once through with the stations, you may drive to the back Fellowship Hall parking lot to pick up a Spaghetti meal for \$5 each (exact change only, please!). This take-out meal will be distributed from the Fellowship Hall door next to the kitchen. You can also buy a second meal for \$5 to deliver to a shut-in or neighbor. Please reserve your meal by calling the Church Office at (910) 484-3191 as this is the only way we will know how many meals to prepare. Join us for this special time!

Masks Needed

They will take any size/style of mask that has already been made, but below is a link to a video of how to make the specific style they are most eager to have:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FB--BOyTiU>

Here are the parameters: **100% cotton** (tea-towel type material is best, but any 100% cotton is acceptable); **Needs to be two-ply** (i.e. two layers of cotton); Providing a **third (interface) layer** is great, but not essential; **Elastic ear loops** (vs. tied) **We have some elastic here at the church, please call to check before coming.**





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Pastor's Perspective

Both life and ministry have taught me the importance of managing expectations. When life doesn't play out the way we expect, it can lead to more than disappointment. It can be downright devastating. Especially when our expectations are unreasonable or uninformed. My four years at West Point profoundly shaped my life. I had lived at West Point for three years in grade school and again as a senior in high school. I knew a lot of cadets. I had talked with some of them at length about their experience. My expectations were about as informed as you can get. But there is no way anyone can fully prepare for the experience until you don the cadet uniform.

I have used the same analogy when preparing couples for marriage. You can talk to married couples. You can read a lot of good books on marriage. You can even grow up in a home where your parents have a good marriage. All of these can help. But no one fully understands what it is like to be married - and what it takes to have a good marriage - until you say "I do" and begin to build a life with someone else.

Like many of you, I find myself in very unfamiliar territory right now. One minister on our staff recently used the term "flying blind." Part of our challenge is shaping and managing expectations... even when we don't know how all of this is going to play out. What I can tell you is that we are definitely in a "new normal" for the foreseeable future. We are learning and making adjustments each week. I could not be more proud of our staff, worship leaders and tech team for all they continue to do for our church. A vast majority of you have been super affirming and appreciative of our efforts thus far.

Given that we are doing only one service to meet the needs of people that usually attend worship in either our contemporary or traditional service, you can expect our services to include music from both. This coming Sunday will not be a typical Palm Sunday service. And April 12th will definitely not be a "normal" Easter celebration with all the bells and whistles. But the bottom line is we serve a risen Savior. Every Sunday. Every day. Whatever else might happen will never change that truth or diminish our hope.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday! - John

MEMBERSHIP	
March 29	
Resident Membership	1848
Number Additions to Date	66
Number Lettered Out to Date	0
Loss by Death	20
Moved to Non-Resident/Roll	31
Total Membership	1863
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
FINANCIAL REPORT	
As of 03/27/2020	
Total Budget Gifts	53,279.83
Amount Needed	783,346.20
Given to Date	796,569.83
Over/Under Budget	13,223.63

Overseas: Benjamin Campbell, Jon Hartsock, Zach Hopkins, Seth Melton, Stuart Parsek		
Deacon of the Week: Ed Parker 910-481-0598	Christian Sympathy: is extended to Ronnie McLeod on the death of his brother, David Cannady.	Menu: 04/08/20 No Meal

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