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Passion/Palm Sunday
April 5, 2009



Maundy/Holy Thursday
April 9, 2009



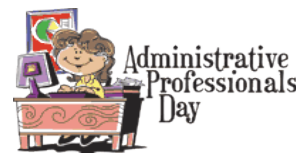
Good Friday
April 10, 2009



Easter Day
April 12, 2009



Administrative Professionals Day
April 22, 2009



2009 April Calendar

Date	Time	Meeting
1	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting @ Library Girl Scout Meeting
4	11:00 AM	Women's Ministry Tea -NBEPC
5*	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service Palm Sunday
8	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting @ Library
9	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Communion
10		Good Friday
11	10:00 AM	Praise Team
12*	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service Easter Sunday
13	7:00 PM	Session Ministry Teams
15	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting @ Library Girl Scout Meeting
16	7:00 PM	Small Group @ Aardemas
17	6 - 9 PM	Scrap Booking @ NBEPC
17 - 18		Women's Retreat - Potter's Ranch
19*	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
21	7:00 PM	Ruth Circle @ Matchetts
22	6:30 PM	Prayer Mtg. @ Library
25	8 AM - 12 Noon	Work Day
26*	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
27	7:00 PM	Session/Diaconate Mtg.
29	6:30 PM	Prayer Mtg. @ Library
30	7:00 PM	Small Group @ Aardemas

2009 April Sermon Preview (Holy Week - 5-4/12)

5-A Day of Applause – Luke 19:28-43 –
Palm Sunday - no Communion

It's amazing how much in the Gospels focus on the last week of the life of Christ which we call "Holy Week". This week represents a litany of emotions that represent the ups and downs of the week: hosanna, confrontation, betrayal, denial, trial, scourging, crucifixion and the tomb. Where does it all begin? It begins with Palm Sunday when the people are shouting: hosanna, hosanna!

9 –The Purpose of the Passion –Rom.8:1-4,
35-39 - Maundy Thursday-Communion

How many people do you know who live under the great tension and pressure of condemnation or self-condemnation? On Maundy Thursday we want to consider the purpose of the Passion: For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame and is seated on the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb.12:1-3) What was the joy that was set before Jesus?

10-Good Friday – no service

12- What a Difference Easter Makes!

Col.2:13-14 - Easter Sunday

Today is Easter Sunday! What does Easter mean and why does it matter? Those are two of the key questions that we will consider on this Triumphant holy day – the day when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and His Victory over sin and death!

New Sermon Series: God's Absolutes: Only Hope of Freedom: (4/19 – 8/30)

Why are the Absolutes so Important?
(5 reasons-5 weeks)

19 - # 1 Evil is a Horrible and Present Reality –

Matt. 6:13 In the Lord's Prayer Jesus told us to pray that God would deliver us from evil. We need God's direction, but we also need God's protection. Evil is something you don't hear people talk about in today's culture. Do you want to know why? Come join us as we begin a new series of The Cannons (standards) of God: God's moral absolutes are our only hope of freedom - as individuals and as a nation.

26 - # 2 Guess What? Ideas Have Consequences!

Jesus taught us a valuable lesson in the Gospel when He said that good trees produce good fruit and bad trees produce bad fruit. To put it another way the fruit is consistent with the root. What is the root and what is the fruit? In this sermon we'll discover what the most important thing is that we can know about anybody. You heard it said that "elections matter." Why? Because ideas have consequences!

Stuck in High School Forever!!

By: Jackie Peens

High School—some say those four years will be the best of your life, others disagree and say high school will be torture. My time in high school is almost over, and I agree with both parties. While high school was not the absolute best years of my life, (hopefully they're still coming, I mean I'm only 18) they also weren't the worst. Like any other student, I've had my ups and downs. Most of my experiences in high school have been positive though, and that's because I was raised in the Word of God. Since a young child, I've followed the "rules" of the Ten Commandments. Due to these "rules," I've had good relationships with both students and teachers. However, like any other human being, I've faced obstacles, and while some may say that my obstacles are gigantic compared to others, I believe that's not necessarily true. I don't know what obstacles others face, but I do know that no matter what problems appear, I've got God on my side. Sometime, when everything seems too overwhelming, and I count off the days until the end of the school year, I just think of the one guy that's had to suffer the joys and pitfalls of high school for far longer than I've had to. God's been in high school since it was "invented." By now, I'll bet He'd be a better history professor than some that I've had!!



2009 Contributions through February exceeded budget by \$6,381 or nearly 25%. Thanks to all for their continued faithful stewardship and financial support

Dick Hockema

Women's Retreat

A Journey of Balancing Everyday Demands with Spiritual Growth

Women: Do you ever feel that the demands of everyday life determine your spiritual growth? In others words, do the time demands dictate the time left for infusing God into your daily walk? Unfortunately many of us would answer yes to that question.

Most of us desire to grow spiritually and truly have the heart of Mary, who sat at the feet of Jesus. Yet, it seems that we live in a Martha world-busy, busy, busy. Sometimes life is a balancing act. We can help balance your scale of Mary and Martha at a very special retreat.

On the weekend of April 17 – 18, we will be offering a Women's Retreat at Potter's Ranch in Union, KY. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday evening at 6:00. You may arrive at Potter's Ranch as early as 4:30 to get yourself checked in and settled.

After dinner we will begin our journey toward finding that balance of spiritual well being and facing the challenges of everyday life. The retreat will conclude at 3:00 on Saturday. Please join us for a weekend filled with fund, activities, and fellowship. We will do all of this while growing in the grace, knowledge, and wisdom needed to balance our very hectic lives.

Forgive and Forget...

By Chris Ecklar

Some of the challenges and trials that we go through really test our capacity to forgive. I have recently been put through such a trial. An aunt of mine had said some very hurtful things to my mom (for the nth time). I had remained firmly out of these situations—until now. This time it was personal. She had hurt my mom and that hurt me.

I decided to confront my aunt, in a Christian manner, and let her know that I could no longer associate with her until the proper apology could be made. My aunt's response was that I was judging her and she continued with a tirade of invective and cussing that I had not known possible. Her boyfriend got into the act by threatening me with Kung Fu and Ninjitsu, again with a steady stream of invective. Before it all ended I was in their front yard with them screaming at me at the top of their lungs, all the neighbors witnessing. Scripture came to mind:

"And be ye kind one to another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ep 4:32

I hopped into my car and left—as soon as I got home I forgave my aunt. But I will not forget.



Forgiving should come naturally and without hesitation, for we have all been forgiven.

2009 New Hope Center

On April 25, 2009 New Hope Center will host its annual Walk for Life, a fundraising event. New Hope Center reaches out to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering life-giving alternatives and practical assistance to those in this situation. In addition, our Christian ministry offers hope of Jesus Christ to each person who comes to our doors. Please consider organizing a team of walkers and promoting our Walk for Life and Ministry with your congregation. Please join us in celebration of New Hope Center's 20th anniversary and Walk for Life Saturday, April 25, 2009 Pride Park, 5614 Taylor Mill Road, Taylor Mill KY (new location) Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Walk begins at 9:00 join the celebration of Life by: Inviting family and friends collecting \$150 in sponsor pledges/donations to receive a free t-shirt helping publicize our Walk at your church Walking 2 miles with us at Pride Park, Taylor Mill, KY

Words of Encouragement from the Worship Team

During this Lenten season, characterized by reflection, self-examination and repentance, we hope you are using the free Lenten devotional books, or other devotional materials, on a daily basis to read God's holy word and apply it to your life. We hope this becomes a daily habit for you. Some folks have difficulty making time to read each day and would prefer to hear the Word read or sung to them instead. For them, we recommend a daily dose of Christian radio (such as, 1050AM, 93.3FM, or 93.7FM), or Bible on CD. You can also log onto Biblegateway.com and, through your computer, hear Max McLean read any part of the Bible you choose in the translation of your choice (follow the "Listen to the Bible" link at the bottom of the Home page). If you want to read or hear a particular passage and don't know where it is located in the Bible, try Blueletterbible.com. This Bible search website prompts you to type in a word or phrase that you know from a Bible verse and it will show you where you can find that in the Bible (numerous Bible translations are offered).

No matter how you prefer to surround yourself with God's word, prepare to be blessed as you worship Christ every day! *"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."* Isaiah 55:11 ESV

Christian Symbols



Lily


The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.

Bible Quiz

**"This Jesus
God raised up,
and of that all
of us are
witnesses."**
Acts 2:32, NRSV

A New Testament book contains the following words spoken to a crowd: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." Who said those words?

- A. Paul
- B. Peter
- C. John
- D. Luke




OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you ..."

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