

*"I Have Called You Friends." John 15:15*

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*Newsletter:*

**March**

Letter from the Pastor:

**"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." - Luke 24:5-6a**

Do you remember the Johnny Lee song, "Lookin' for Love in All the Wrong Places"? I grew up hearing this song everywhere, especially in movies. The song recounts the singer's journey to find love while searching in all the wrong places, finally finding love in the arms of his girl. I think I identify with this song so much, not because I identify exactly with the same journey, but because I constantly look in the wrong places for validation or joy.

When the women approached the tomb that Sunday morning after Jesus' death, they were going about their duty of finishing the preparation of Jesus' body for burial. They were sad, frightened, looking for comfort and joy. For those of us who have lost a loved one, we know that we can find some comfort and joy in taking care of the arrangements for their final resting place. But instead of finding some comfort in these preparations, they found a pair of heavenly messengers, who remarked: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" This question redirects these women to the proper place to find comfort and joy. Comfort is not found in a coffin. Pleasure is not found in a plot. Gladness is not found in a grave. Death brings devastation and despair. But on this Sunday morning, their joy, comfort, pleasure, gladness, and ultimately their salvation had been realized because Jesus had defeated death. I feel so much like these women and like this Johnny Lee song: looking for love, joy, peace, salvation in all the wrong places. I pray that this Easter season, we can ask ourselves the very question that the angels asked that first Easter morning, "Why do we seek the living among the dead?"

## Easter at New Hope

### Services and Activities

**Good Friday Service:** Friday, March 29th at 7:00 PM

**Easter Sunrise Service:** Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 AM

**Easter Breakfast:** Immediately following sunrise service

**Easter Celebration:** Sunday, March 31st at 10:30 AM

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Immediately following Easter Celebration

Jesus said to her, "I am the **resurrection** and the **life**. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." -John 11:25

# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Worship 10:30AM	4 Church Family 6PM Choir Practice 7PM	5 Precept 9AM Outreach 11:30AM - Western Sizzlin' FLC Reserved - Voting NHFC Vs True Deliverance 8:15PM	6 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	7 Men's Club - Western Sizzlin' 6:30PM	1 1	2
10 Worship 10:30AM March Madness 4PM	11 Choir Practice 7PM	12 Precept 9AM Ministry & Counsel 7PM NHFC VS TLT 7:15PM	13 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	14 The Well 6:30PM	15	16
17 Worship 10:30AM	18 Choir Practice 7PM	19 Precept 9AM Monthly Meeting 7PM	20 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	21 NHFC Vs Grace 7:15PM	22	23
24 Worship 10:30AM FLC Reserved	25 Choir Practice 7PM	26 Precept 9AM NHFC Vs Faith 6:15PM USFW 6:30PM	27 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	28 Single Seniors 12PM	29 Good Friday Service 7PM	30
31 Sunrise Service 7AM Breakfast to follow Easter Service 10:30AM Easter Egg hunt to follow						

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ~James 5:7

## Celebrating Milestones

### Birthdays:

- 1st Cole Dawson, Doug Silker
- 2nd Charles Taylor
- 4th Linda Sutton, Lisa Williams
- 6th Wesley Case
- 10th Crosby Perkinson
- 12th Will Eberwein
- 13th Tonya Best
- 14th Jerry Smith
- 15th Landry Harrell, Noah Meinecke, Connie Vazquez
- 16th Julian Hicks
- 18th Bobby Smith
- 21st Denny Sutton
- 22nd Amber Trivette
- 23rd Amauriana Singleton
- 24th Cameron Howell
- 25th Gail Mewborn
- 26th Al Joyner
- 27th Phillip Grant, Arlynn Hines, Ezra Hise, Elizabeth Maples, Lou Ann Pridgen
- 28th Kaleb Ayres
- 31st Albert Paley

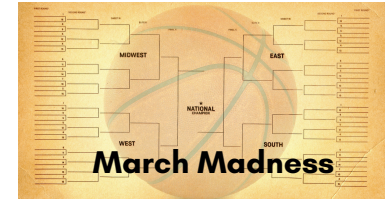
### Anniversaries:

- 7th David & Julia Trivette
- 9th Keith & Robin Carmack
- 16th Todd & Dannie Williams
- 21st Denny & Linda Sutton
- 23rd Jack & Earlene Worrell

### March Connect Team:

Prentice Uzzell, Clyde Daly, Judy Taylor, Bronnie Quinn

## Announcements



Sunday, March 10th at 4:00 PM we will be hosting a free March Madness event. The event will include two games, one for youth and one for the adults. Concessions will be sold including hot dogs and baked goods. We will also hold a sign up sheet for the baked goods needed for this event. All are welcome and encouraged to come and participate.

Easter brings lots of activities and excitement. The new season of spring reminds us of the new life that Jesus offers us from the promise of the resurrection. As we move into this season, let us prepare our hearts for the true celebration in Christ Jesus.

Easter Lilies will be available for purchase and dedication again this year on March 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Lilies will be in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The cost will be \$25.