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A CELEBRATION OF HIS RESURRECTION ON THE NEW PROPERTY

"Sorrow no longer, ye mourners, around the grave, as those that are without hope; for since Jesus Christ is risen, the dead in Christ shall rise also. Wipe away those tears, for the believer's grave is no longer the place for lamentations, it is but the passage to immortality." - C. H. Spurgeon

Easter is the culmination of God's redemptive story, and a fundamental cornerstone of our faith. Charles Spurgeon beautifully captured the glorious significance of why we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead: because of his resurrection, death has been conquered forever, and we also will rise again.

The Bible says, "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Cor. 15:21-22). This is the Christian's incredible reality worth celebrating!

So join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and King with a special Easter service on the grounds of our new property on Rt. 311. Options will be available for either drive-in or on the grounds seating if you bring your own blanket or chair. We'd love to reconnect with you on this special day. We hope to see you there!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 | 10:30am

at the New Property on Rt. 311

9:45am | Coffee & Donuts Provided
*Food station will close 10 minutes prior to service time.

10:30am | Easter Celebration Service



CATALYST

UPCOMING CATALYST: "ENDURE OR EMBRACE"

A SURVEY OF POLITICS THROUGHOUT CHURCH HISTORY

Off-limits, taboo, awkward . . . these are just some of the things people describe politics in a church setting. "We can't talk about politics in church", some say. Others however, go to the opposite extreme and use the church as platform for their political agenda. Individual Christians find themselves spread wide across this politically charged landscape. The thing to remember is that this is not anything new. Sure, every generation faces their specific issues, but the struggle of how a Christian is to be involved in government has existed for a long time. Furthermore, the response from the Church has varied greatly through the centuries, sometimes for better, others for worse. In this Catalyst we will be diving into the study of Church History with politics and the church as our guiding thoughts. Join us as we learn from those who have gone before us.

If you would like more information about Catalysts or help registering for an upcoming course please visit our website. Additionally, you may contact the Church Office with specific questions or assistance with registration.



MARCH MINISTRY RECAP

A MONTH OF MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

March was a tremendous month of ministry opportunities within and outside of our faith family. Below are a few of the ways that God has been working in us and through us over the last month!



Pastor & Deacon Retreat 2021

Our pastors & deacons were able to go on a spiritual leadership retreat for refreshment and fellowship with one another. They spent a weekend at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA seeking God together, and doing team building activities like the escape room. We're so grateful that these faithful men have returned with renewed energy to continue serving our faith family well!



Supporting SHIELD Chaplaincy

Our missions committee recently provided refreshments for two law enforcement resiliency seminars in March, hosted by Chaplain Darren Potter with SHIELD Chaplaincy. The mission of SHIELD is to develop strategies to assist law enforcement officers in finding fulfillment at work and at home through biblical principles and practices. Additionally, a surplus in our missions giving allowed us to donate a special gift of \$1000 to Chaplain Potter's ministry.



Ladies' Prayer Advance

A group of eight ladies from our faith family attended this year's Ladies' Prayer Advance. Many of them were exposed to COVID the week before the advance, but thanks to the virtual option, nobody who registered had to miss out on this deeply impactful event. The theme was "Revitalize!" and we are looking forward to the ladies' personal testimonies of how God used this weekend to rejuvenate their hearts, prayer life, and daily walk with Christ.



40 FOR THE 10/40

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR INDIGENOUS MISSIONS IN THE 10/40 WINDOW

2 Billion people around the world have still not heard the gospel. They are the unreached people groups of the world, meaning they have little to no access to the gospel, zero christian witness, or to other believers. 90% of the world's unreached people groups live in the 10/40 window.

What is the 10/40 Window?

The 10/40 Window is the area of the world located between 10° and 40° latitude with countries that are majority Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist. This is an incredibly difficult place for spreading the gospel message, due to persecution from the government and communities, lack of access to scripture, and extreme poverty levels. Though 90% of unreached people are living in countries in the 10/40 Window, **less than <1% of all missions giving** goes to these countries to further the spread of the gospel.

You can help change that.

What is 40 for the 10/40 missions campaign?

40 for the 10/40 is a campaign through **Partners International** that sets aside a period of forty days to mobilize churches to make a significant gospel impact worldwide. For four Sundays, beginning April 11th, we will be watching four videos that outline the global missions needs for the 10/40 window, and how our giving can make an impact in the least reached areas of the world. On **April 25th**, we will be hosting Rob Mullen from Partners International as a guest speaker during our morning worship service to consider how our church can make an impact in building the church in the least reached places.

Make a One-time Gift for Gospel Work in the 10/40 Window

On Sunday May 2nd, every church member will be challenged to give 40% of one day's income dedicated toward global gospel outreach within the 10/40 window. All gifts will go directly to dedicated ministry partners who are actively working to reach the unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



SECRET CHURCH

ONE NIGHT OF STUDY, PRAYER, AND ACTION

“Go and make disciples of all nations. A clear command and monumental charge from Jesus. Yet what if, despite our best intentions and sincerest efforts as the church to obey Jesus, we are actually ignoring what he said? At best, what if we have misunderstood him? And what if much of our efforts are unknowingly keeping millions upon millions of people around the world from eternal life? Further, what if much of our efforts are keeping you and me from experiencing God’s purpose for our lives? Unlike any Secret Church we have ever done, Secret Church 21 is designed to be a ground-breaking journey through God’s Word and around the world that leads to a tectonic shift in the way you view your life, your family, and God’s design for the church. For your eyes will be open not only to **a great imbalance** that is affecting countless people for eternity, but also to the bold opportunity you have to change it with your time on this earth.”

On **Friday April 23rd**, a group in our church will be participating in this live-stream event **from 7:00pm-1:00am**. We will gather at the church where the event will be lead by David Platt via livestream. Secret Church is designed for those looking to go deeper – not only in their relationship with God, but in their relationship with persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide. The deadline to register for Secret Church is **Sunday, April 4th**. The registration fee is \$13 per person, and will cover the cost of the Bible study materials we will use that night, and must be paid at the time you sign up. Please contact Morgan McClure for more information and to register for this opportunity.

RT. 311 PROPERTY UPDATES

THE LORD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE!



Since our down payment on the new property nearly one year ago, the Lord has provided an additional **\$22,000.00** for the project through the generous giving of His people! The property is already 1/3 of the way paid off! In the coming days, we plan to continue to use this property for outreach and ministry. In addition to hosting our upcoming Easter service on this beautiful, accessible, and visible piece of property - we look forward to utilizing this property this coming summer on Wednesday nights for our midweek ministries, as well as numerous student activities. Thank you to all who have generously given toward the pay off and future development of this property. We are trusting the Lord to do great things with this gift in the days, months, and years ahead!

JUNIOR & TEEN SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTRATION & CAMP INFORMATION

Teen Camp | June 21-26

The Vaughans will be taking eight students (7th-12th grade) to the Wilds Christian Camp in Brevard, NC. This is an exciting camp that offers many fun, unique opportunities for teenagers that create an unforgettable experience. Registration is closed, but there is a waiting list. The speaker for this week will be Pastor Kurt Shelly.

Student Prayer Advance | July 22-24

This is an incredible opportunity for our 7th-12th graders, and one of the most spiritually challenging events we have all year. This is not for the faint of heart! This year's advance will be held at Ferrum College with guest speaker Bryan Samms. This is one of the most spiritually impactful events we offer students all year. Registration is now open, please contact Pastor Stephen for more information.

Junior Camp | July 26-30

For all 8-12 year olds, this week-long overnight camp is fun, fun, fun! Your camper will experience action, laughter, a chance to make new friends, and most importantly, a lifelong spiritual impact. Camp Eagle is the perfect place to unplug and enjoy "The Blob," climbing tower, basketball courts, sports fields, Tarzan swing, archery and BB gun ranges, hay rides, bonfires, great food, and all the other ingredients for a perfect week! Pastor Stephen will be the guest speaker that week, so your camper will have the comfort of a familiar face nearby. The cost is \$350 and scholarships are available. With a scholarship, students pay a \$50 registration fee. Registration is now open, so contact Pastor Stephen for details!

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

APRIL

4 | Easter Sunday @ New Property

MAY

9 | Mother's Day
16 | Youth Emphasis Sunday
22 | Catalyst

JUNE

20 | Father's Day
21-26 | Teen Camp @ the Wilds

JULY

11-14 | Vacation Bible School
22-24 | Student Prayer Advance
26-30 | Junior Camp @ Camp Eagle

AUGUST

14 | Student Ministry Training Day

SEPTEMBER

5 | Homecoming Sunday
15-19 | Missions Conference
25 | Catalyst