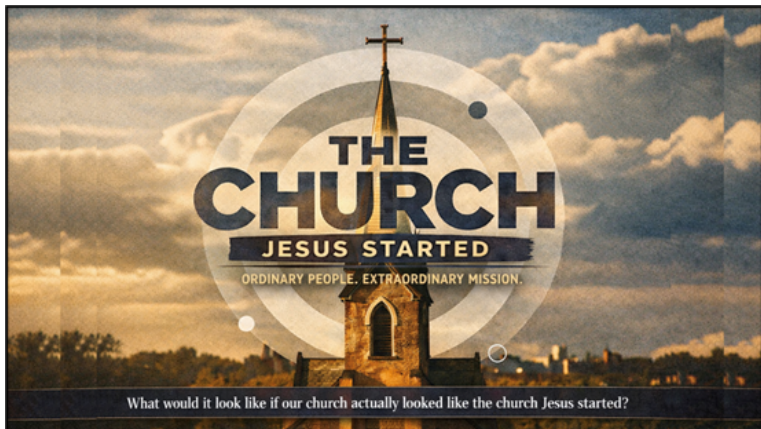




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Tabernacle Methodist

Monthly Newsletter



*What if Easter wasn't the finish line... but the starting point?*

Easter reminds us of the most important truth in history: Jesus is alive. Death is defeated. Hope is real. But if we stop there, we miss what Jesus intended next. After the resurrection, Jesus didn't gather His followers to celebrate and settle in. He gave them a direction. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says:

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."*

That one sentence changed everything. The resurrection proved who Jesus is. Acts 1:8 defines what His people are to do. The early church didn't organize around comfort or convenience. They organized around calling. They didn't just believe something—they became something. A people sent. A people empowered. A people living differently in the world. And here's the question we can't ignore:

What would it look like if our church actually looked like the church Jesus started?

That question is both exciting and a little uncomfortable. Because when we compare ourselves to the early church, we don't just see similarities—we see gaps. They lived with urgency. They expected God to move. They saw themselves as witnesses everywhere they went—not just attenders once a week.

But this isn't meant to discourage us—it's meant to awaken us. The same Spirit that empowered them is available to us. The same mission they carried has been entrusted to us. The same Jesus who sent them is still sending His church today.

Our new series, **"The Church Jesus Started,"** is an invitation—not to feel guilty about what we're not—but to step into what we could be. Imagine a church where people don't just show up—they are sent. Where relationships are real, not surface-level. Where lives are being transformed, not just informed. Where generosity flows freely and faith spreads naturally.

That's not a dream church. That's the church Jesus started. And maybe—just maybe—that's the church we're becoming. So as we move beyond Easter, don't leave the story behind. Step into it. Because the resurrection wasn't the end of the story. It was the beginning. And you are part of it.

*~ Pastor Matt*

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# KIDS MINISTRY UPDATE

Throughout the Lenten season, our children have been learning about Jesus' love and how we can draw closer to Him and grow to be more like Him. In Kids Worship, we've shared a wonderful time of crafts, games, and meaningful lessons that bring these stories to life.

I am so thankful for our incredible team who faithfully pours their hearts into serving the children at Tabernacle. What a blessing it is to be part of a church family that cares so deeply for our kids and families! We would love for you to partner with us on Sunday mornings—please let me know if you're interested in learning more about available volunteer opportunities.

-Allie Roth



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
What a blast! Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make this such a fun and memorable event for our kiddos.

**May 31 Graduation Sunday**  
Join us as we celebrate our graduates! We will have a special brunch between services in their honor. More details to come.

**June 22-25 VBS Week, Mission: Deep Sea**  
Join us as we **DIVE DEEP** into our relationship with Jesus!

The ocean is big. Like, really **BIG**. It's full of mysterious creatures, secret treasures, and hidden places no one's ever seen before. Exploring it takes courage, curiosity, and the right tools.

Know what else is like that? Faith.

In Mission: Deep Sea, kids will become underwater explorers on a mission and dive deep into the stories of Moses, Jonah, and Jesus to discover spiritual habits that help our faith grow deeper: learning from other people of faith, using our gifts, sharing our story, and spending time with God!



## WHO HAS TALENT OR A HOBBY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OUR SUMMER CAMP KIDS?

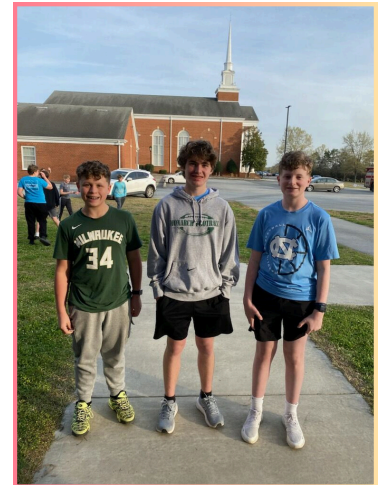
We would love to host a variety of activities this summer to make the time together more special and exciting. We will provide any materials that you need. Please contact Cindy at (336) 674-0335 so that we can set up a day and time for you to share your talents with the next generation.



## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



Playschool program has started enrolling for the 26-27 school year, August-May. We accept potty trained 3yo's on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30am. 4yo's M-W-F 8:30-11:30am. Please call the daycare office for more information.



## APRIL STUDENT MINISTRY CALENDAR

**Sundays @ 10:00 AM**

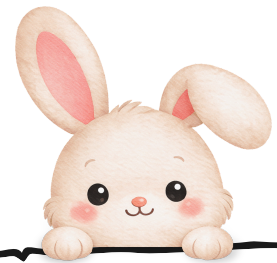
Downstairs in Student Ministry Rooms

- April 5 • April 12 • April 19 • April 26

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM**

In the CLC

- April 1 – OFF (no joke 😊)
- April 8 • April 15 • April 22 • April 29



Dinner, drinks, and snacks are always provided. New friends are always welcome! We'll have exciting guest speakers all month long-so bring a friend and join us for food, fun, and the Word!

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**SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!**

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click the link below to shop: <https://rb.gy/7vtgy>

or scan the QR code below:

Contact Vicky Wheeler at 336.207.7025 or Paula Ginn at 336.908.5019 for questions or assistance. Thank you for your support.

**GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY**

Expressing the love of God to people in need in the Greater Greensboro area since 1967

**Tabernacle MC Food Drive**

**April 18**

**8a – 6p**

**FOOD LION – Woody Mill Rd.**

- \*Serve a Shift
- \*Serve w/a Friend

Contact: Pastor Joe  
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 336.355.0539

# UPCOMING Events & Celebrations

TO HELP KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER CURRENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE UPDATES OR NOTICE ANYTHING WE MAY HAVE MISSED.



## April

- 1 April Fools Day**  
2026 MM Scholarship Deadline: 4pm  
No Youth Group; Resumes 4/8
- 2 Maundy Thursday Open Communion Drop-in:**  
11:30am-12pm & 5:30pm-6:30pm Chapel
- 3 Good Friday Service: 6:30-7:30pm Chapel**
- 5 Easter Sunday Sunrise: 7-8am Ballfield**
- 8 Our Table @ Tabernacle: 5-6:30 pm CLC**
- 11 Festival of Tables: 5:30pm CLC**
- 12 Church Council Dinner & Prayer: 5:30pm FH
- 18 Alamance Fire Dept BBQ Fundraiser: TBA CLC
- 18 G.U.M Food Drive: 8am-4pm Food Lion**
- 20 Newsletter Content Due
- 22 Our Table @ Tabernacle: 5 - 6:30 pm CLC**
- 23 Senior Adult Lunch: 11am Village Tavern**
- 26 Kid's Choir Spring Musical: 5-8pm CLC**

## Church office & TWDS CLOSED

- Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>

## Church Council Meeting 2026

5:30 PM Fellowship Hall - Dinner Served  
April 12<sup>th</sup> | May TBA | June TBA

## Monthly

- Kids Choir Practice - **Sundays 11 am Rm132**
- Alive Praise Band practice - **Sundays 7pm CLC**
- A "Good Start" Bible Study - **Mondays 6am CLC**
- Women's Fitness Fellowship - **Mondays 5:30 pm CLC**
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts - **Mondays 6:30 / 7:30 pm FH**
- Sunshine Circle - **3rd Monday 7pm Rm 130**
- Men's Basketball Fellowship - **Tues/Thurs 6:30 pm CLC**
- Kids' Tumbling - **Tuesdays 4:15 pm CLC**
- Backpack Ministry - **Wednesdays Basement**
- Quilt Ministry - **2nd Wednesday 10 am Basement**
- Youth Group - **Wednesdays 6:30 pm (no summer) CLC**
- Chancel Choir practice - **Wednesday 6:30 pm Sanctuary**
- Our Table @ Tabernacle - **4th Wednesday 5 - 6:30 pm CLC**
- Methodist Men - **2nd Sunday 8 am (no summer) FH**
- Fellowship & Friendship Circle - **2nd Thursday 2 pm Rm 130**

## May

- 2 MM Yard Sale: 7am-1pm**
- 5 Cinco De Mayo
- 10 Mother's Day**
- 17 Memorial Sunday**
- 19 TWDS End of Year Program 6-10pm CLC**
- 20 Newsletter Content Due
- 25 Memorial Day**
- 27 Our Table @ Tabernacle: 5 - 6:30 pm CLC**
- 31 Graduation Sunday**  
SEHS Band Booster Club Car Wash: 1-5pm CLC P/L

## Adult Sunday Classes ~ Classes Start at 10-10:45am ~

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Rm 130</b> Adult Disciples  | <b>Rm 134</b> Curiosity Class    |
| <b>CLC</b> Men's Bible Study   | <b>Rm 126</b> The Parables Class |
| <b>CLC</b> Women's Bible Study | <b>Parlor</b> The Amor of God    |

## Birthdays

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|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Gil Strader    | 9 Bailey Dunn      | 13 Jerry Brothers  |
| 1 Ruth Winqvist  | 10 Paul Wheeler    | 13 Dan Cockman     |
| 2 John Hoskins   | 10 Jennifer Morrow | 14 Leo Brown       |
| 2 Megan Griffin  | 10 Matt Jones      | 14 Dianne Smith    |
| 2 Linda Zane     | 10 Chase Jones     | 14 Bonnie Harris   |
| 3 Owen Shell     | 11 Diane Hancock   | 16 Amanda Griffin  |
| 6 Pochie Neece   | 11 Ambrous Archie  | 18 Debbie Brown    |
| 7 Dean Kiger     | 12 Eva Lee         | 20 Kim Payne       |
| 7 Ashley Martin  | 12 Rebecca Stewart | 21 Brandon Kiger   |
| 9 Mitzi Brown    | 12 Jimmy Collins   | 21 Alexia Kimbro   |
| 9 Linda Billings | 12 Mike Lee        | 22 Sophia McKnight |

- 22 Jane Kirby
- 23 Joyce Ensley
- 25 Nicholas Phillips
- 26 Nancy Starnes
- 26 William Stewart
- 28 Ron Hedrick
- 28 Adam Smith
- 28 Adeline Nelson
- 29 Zelia Morris
- 29 Kristin Golden
- 30 Maddie Vaught

## Anniversaries

- 2 Ronnie & Glenda Stout
- 4 Nick & Britney Goodwin
- 8 Joy & Mike Wicker
- 9 Kevin & Alicia Keeton
- 18 Mike & Barbie Garrett
- 19 Randy & Phyllis Love
- 24 Russ & Gina Sweeney
- 24 Jeff & Angie Greeson



# HOLY WEEK



## Maundy Thursday

April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Chapel  
Open Communion

Drop in any time between 11:30 am-12:30 pm, 5:30-6:30 pm

## Good Friday Service, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chapel 6:30 - 7:30 pm



## —Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>—

Community Sunrise @ 7 am - Stewart Ballfield

✽ Bring a flower to place on the outside cross ✽

Modern Worship @ 9am - Traditional Worship @ 11am



Sat, April 11  
5:30pm CLC  
\*DINNER  
\*FELLOWSHIP  
\*ENTERTAINMENT  
**RESERVATIONS  
by March 29**

Contact Janice Horney to host a table or attend:  
336.312.3952 or 336.685.4245



Contact Jay Gordon at (336) 681-2682  
or [jdgordon60@gmail.com](mailto:jdgordon60@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026**

**7AM - 1PM  
BUY OR SELL**

**Reserve Your Space**

**Parking Space Rental \$10**

**Table Rental \$ 5 or BYOT**

**BREAKFAST BUSCUIT  
& HOT DOGS**  
while supplies last.  
Hot Dogs ready by  
10:30am



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



**In Loving Memory of Kay Kiger by**  
Bryan & Tami Fields

**In Loving Memory of Neil Horney by**  
Ellen Blake  
Charlotte Fogleman  
David & Cathy Wray  
Dean & Sandra Kiger  
Harry & Mary Griffin  
June Sofley

**In Loving Memory of Mike Nelson by**  
Ed & Peggy Christenbury

**In Loving Memory of Michael Burke by**  
Ed & Peggy Christenbury  
Gil & Kim Strader

**In Loving Memory of Nancy Royal by**  
Tabernacle Card Group

Our hearts are with the family of John Dyson during this difficult time. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

A service to celebrate John's life will be held Wednesday, April 8 at 12:00 pm in the Tabernacle Sanctuary, with visitation one hour prior.

A committal service will follow at 2:00 pm in Denton. All are invited to join in love and remembrance.

Please continue to lift the Dyson family up in prayer in the days ahead.