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# Messenger

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## **The Role of the Cross**

If the cross is the place where the worst thing that could happen happened,  
it is also the place where the best thing that could happen happened.  
Ultimate hatred and ultimate love met on those two crosspieces of wood.  
Suffering and love were brought into harmony.

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To be “saved” requires a severance from the former life as clean and sharp  
as though made by a knife. There must be a wall of separation between  
the old life and the new, a radical break. That means death—death to the  
old life, in order for the new to begin... This all of separation, this barrier,  
is the cross.

Elizabeth Elliot, *A Path Through Suffering*

# APRIL

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

## MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

3. Hayley Martin, Tim Tranmell
4. Gloria Kirk, Jase Patterson
6. Charles Davis, Carter Ketchum, Matt King
7. Christy Vandevere, Tate Potter, Hayes Kyle
8. Luke Richards
12. Jason Smith
13. Daniel Pender
15. Ardis Russell
20. Joe Ed Woodard
21. Craig Paul, Jake Louis Paul
24. Myla Wallace



*Elijah Thomas Matrick, infant son of Hannah and Matt Matrick was baptized Sunday, April 14.*



So, so sorry, but Bill Kyle was left off the list of those who helped with the Lenten lunches. Thank you Bill!



*David Varner*

Don & Kay Varner

## Congratulations

This past week a devotional in The Upper Room was written by a former member, Roxie Ewing. What a joy!

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HANDS AND FEET

READ Matthew 25:31-40

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
— Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Today's scripture reading means the world to me. This passage helped me to realize that Jesus wants us to be his hands and feet.

I have found different ways to honor Christ through acts of service. Some years back, I began visiting a 94-year-old woman in a local nursing home every Wednesday. I found joy in hearing her talk about cooking on a wood-burning stove and other memories from her younger days. She went to be with Jesus at age 96. Now I help with our church's food ministry. We give food to those in need and also make coffee at the church on Sunday mornings. I enjoy smiling, hugging people, and simply saying, "Good morning!"

There is always a need that can be met. You might volunteer at the hospital, drive someone to a doctor's appointment, or send a birthday card to a church member. Even holding a door open for someone can be a way to serve Christ. We bless others with each act of service, and we are blessed as well when we honor Jesus with our hands and feet.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
Today I will allow Christ to love someone through me.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for allowing us to be your hands and feet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

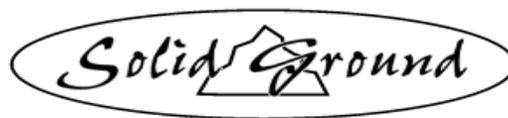
Roxie Ewing (Alabama, USA)



This Sunday is our second lesson in the series *A Time for Concern*. Last week we were introduced to Elisha, the friend and helper that God sent to Elijah. The lesson on Sunday is called "Help Each Other." God took Elijah up to heaven and Elisha continued to do God's work. As he was traveling, a woman and her husband helped Elisha by offering him a place to stay. Later, when they faced a difficult trial, Elisha was able to help them.

### **W.O.W. Wednesday**

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> continues to meet at 5:30 p.m. We only have a few more meetings left before we break for summer. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. We are currently studying about the story and life of Moses. We will soon complete the Book of Genesis and study a little from Exodus. Learning about all of God's faithful followers has been so fun and learning through arts and crafts has kept it hands on and interesting.



### **Youth Bible Study and Small Group**

As Youth Bible study continues to meet on Sunday and Wednesday nights, we will continue our study concerning entertainment, music, and social media. We will be discussing the progression of the types of entertainment throughout the past decades and how we have been manipulated to accept, become numb to, or just ignore the fact that wrong is being presented as right. We will connect scripture to these facts and talk about how/what we can avoid being too pulled in.

### **Senior Sunday**

We will recognize our High School Seniors on Sunday, May 5 during the 11:00 worship service. Parents will be contacted with more information.

### **M28 CAMP**

Camp dates are Friday, July 5- Tuesday, July 9. The total cost is \$350. A payment of \$75 must be made by Sunday, April 17. Each participant must have paid a total of \$150 by Sunday, May 5. Final payment must be made by June 16.

# Kairos News

We need cookies! If you would like to donate homemade or store bought cookies for Kairos #46, please leave them in the box in the Fellowship Hall by Wednesday, April 24th.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, you may turn it in to the church office and indicate it is for Kairos.

Thank you! Allison Hughes

## Sunday, April 21, 2024

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|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Greeters  | D'Ann Adams/Patsy Clark             |
| Scripture | Matthew 28:16-20                    |
| Sermon    | <b>"The Disciple-Making Church"</b> |
| Flowers   | Sallie Pender                       |

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### APRIL

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 21. <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> | <b>John 21:1-19</b> |
| 22. Tend God's flock            | 1 Peter 5:1-4       |
| 23. Because of unbelief         | Matthew 13:54-58    |
| 24. The words of life           | John 6:54-68        |
| 25. Many believed               | Acts 9:36-43        |
| 26. Secure in God's care        | Psalms 23           |
| 27. From every nation           | Revelations 7:9-17  |