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Often when we think of that first Resurrection Day we stop the retelling of the story too soon. Oh sure, we get the story of the empty tomb. “He is risen, He is not here,” the angelic announcement comes. However, that is not the end of the story, even of that first day.

Surprisingly, **Matthew** tells us the least about that day. Matthew gives a dramatic interpretation of the resurrection (chapter 28) with the angelic announcement of the resurrection to the women. As they are on their way to tell the disciples, Jesus makes His first appearance, giving the women instructions to pass on to the disciples.

**Mark**, however, gives us a brief but fuller explanation of the events of the day. Since Mark was probably written first, it is reasonable to think that Matthew simply wanted to tell a different side of the story. In Mark’s telling of the story in the shorter older version there is no Jesus appearance. In the longer version, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, then two of His followers and later to the eleven. Very sketchy storytelling, if you ask me. Where are the details?

**Luke** adds some of them. The angelic announcement is longer. Luke tells us the disciples did NOT believe the women. Luke adds that Peter ran to the tomb to see for himself. Then, we are told more about Jesus appearance to two of His followers on the road to Emmaus. When they

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## While I’m On My Feet!

finally recognized Jesus, He left, so they went to tell the others. Jesus shows up as they tell their story. (He often shows up when people tell His story). As Jesus arrives, He speaks words of comfort and peace, eats some fish, and teaches them from the scriptures.

Then years later, **John** thinks we need to know more about that day. However, note that in **John 20** there is no angelic announcement. Maybe it was just such a part of the telling of the day that John doesn’t think it needs to be retold. Peter runs to the tomb after being told that Jesus isn’t there and is joined by “the other disciples.” They see for themselves and leave. Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene is confronted/comforted by gardener Jesus. John fast-forwards to the evening meeting of Jesus and the disciples.

When we put them all together we get the picture of a very busy Savior. Jesus is resurrected, appears to Mary, walks the seven miles the Emmaus, teaching and breaking bread, then makes an appearance that evening for “dinner and Bible study” with His confused followers.

Actually, my point is this, we often miss seeing the Savior (Jesus) at work. His work didn’t end when He rose from the dead. His work didn’t end when he ascended to heaven 40 days later. Jesus is still at work in our world, and most often He is at work through His followers. Where is Jesus at work in our world and lives? What is Jesus calling you to do? If He hasn’t called you home to heaven, He still has work for you to do. This year, as we approach Easter let each of us ask Jesus what He wants to do through us and then do it!

**-Pastor Cliff**

*If you would like to follow along with Pastor Cliff for the Scriptures each week they are...* April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter) “Does Easter Really Matter?” **John 20:1-9, Mark 16:1-8** (Reader Justin Chastain). April 8<sup>th</sup> “From Fear to Overflowing Joy” **John 20:19-31** (Reader Marci Palar). April 15<sup>th</sup> “Please Pass the Resurrection Biscuits” **Luke 24:35-48** (Reader Dan Crum). April 22<sup>nd</sup> “All For Some Dumb Sheep” **John 10:11-18** (Reader ?) April 29<sup>th</sup> “Have You Been Pruned?” **John 15:1-8** (Reader Ethan Overton).



**CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS...**



**“As the season of Lent Begins, we will have a Bible Study beginning on Fat Tuesday (Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>) And continuing each Tuesday at 6:30 pm until March 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>) Service is at 6:00 pm. The Community Good Friday Service (March 30<sup>th</sup>) this Year is at Middle River Friends Church at 7:00 pm”**



**“The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm this month due to Ash Wednesday. You are invited to attend this meeting if you have ideas to share or would like to learn about the new Video Screen System.”**

**THANK YOU**

In December, after 7 trips to the E.R. for extremely high blood pressure, I was finally admitted to the hospital for observation and evaluation. The diagnosis was that diseased kidneys are causing the high blood pressure. At present both are being controlled with medication. Being on a heart-healthy (no salt) and a no potassium (no chocolate, fruit, potatoes, and only ¼ cup of dairy per day) diet certainly limited my food intake...one way to lose weight!

I want to thank you all for your cards, visits from Joe and Pastor Cliff, but especially for your prayers for both Kay and me. I believe that it was answered prayers that made it possible for Kay to pick me up from the hospital/rehab and take me to Mississippi in time to surprise the grandkids for Christmas. We called it our Christmas miracle. Thanks again for your love and prayers. – **Greg Tilton**

**BLESSING JARS**

Our “Blessing Jars” that were distributed in the fall totaled \$761.00. Thank you to everyone for your contributions!

We have many blessings to be thankful for! – **Kayla Price, CWF Treasurer**

**SENIOR LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Twenty-one ladies gathered for the annual CWF Senior Ladies Christmas Party in December. As always, there was plenty of laughter and plenty of delicious treats. The BINGO game always proves to be entertaining and although the prizes do tend to travel around the table, everyone always goes home with a prize! It was a great afternoon! –**Kayla**

**MITTEN TREE**

Thank you for donating to our annual “MITTEN TREE.” 85 pairs of gloves, 70 stocking caps, 10 scarves, and a variety of socks were delivered to the Carlisle Community School Guidance Office.

Snowy days mean lots of wet mittens – so dry mittens/gloves are always appreciated!

–**Kayla Price, Evangelism Chair**

**CCA SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Eighty-three families were part of the “2017 CCA SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM,” making it our largest Christmas project ever. Our church assisted four families this year. Your generous hearts make this program possible. Thank you again for making Christmas special for these families. –**Kayla Price, CCA Chair**

**VALENTINE BOXES FOR COLLEGE**

**STUDENTS**

The Evangelism Committee will once again be sending Care Packages to our two college students. Ideas include – hot chocolate packets, popcorn, candy, gum, granola bars, nuts, chips, microwave soups, microwave macaroni & cheese. No fruit please – it is heavy and crushes the other items. Thank you! –**Kayla**

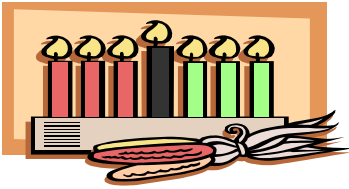
**ETHAN IN “TRUTH & CONSEQUENCES”**

Our own **Ethan Overton** will act in the play “Truth & Consequences” at the **Randleman House the last weekend in February and first weekend in March.** Tickets are \$10.00!

**CONGRATULATIONS RANDY ROTHFUS**

**Rodger & Laura Rothfus’** son Randy and his sister-in-law Jennifer Brick-Sullivan earned a \$400,000 deal on the T.V. show “Shark Tank” for their “Guzzle Buddy” invention. Randy and Jennifer’s invention was accepted on the **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** airing of the show in which people present their ideas for businesses to a panel of judges who are successful businessmen and women.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!



**Happy Anniversary!**  
**Mike & Linda Robinson**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

April 1st

Kathy Betzer

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jenny Lee

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Judy Watkins

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Mike Hamm

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Steve Thompson

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Abbie Molina

April 10<sup>th</sup>

Jenna Thompson

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Berenice Chastain

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Phyllis Mann

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Sherril Owens

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Donna Smith

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Margaret Cummings

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Jason Ekstrom

April 18<sup>th</sup>

Scott McMaster

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tom Hall

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Megan Anderson

April 25<sup>th</sup>

AJ Killen

April 28<sup>th</sup>

Marirose Weaver

April 30<sup>th</sup>

John Graham

Please keep in your prayers

Twyla Cooper

Katie Hakes

Friday Family

Jerry Mayes

Rees

Greg Tilton

De Wilbur

Quinn Delaet

Flaws Family

Isley Family

Joan Mills

Beverly Ross

Dave Walker

In the military

Niklas Polson

Joshua Wesner

Tara Wesner

Arthur

Blayze Theesfeld

Max Warren

Deacons

Elders

**Team 1:** Gerry Baker, Jim Watkins, Marilyn Hayes, Judy Watkins. **Team 2:** Marci Palar, Laura Rothfus, Rodger Rothfus, Mike Killen. **Team 3:** Bob Stuyvesant, Gloria Graham, Steve Thompson, Andrea Hamm. **Team 4:** Shirley Patterson, Louanna Pezzetti, Sherril Owens, Patsy Overton. **Team 5:** Cindy Berg, Craig Price, Diana Prall, Kayla Price.  
**Alternates:** Berenice Chastain (848-3465) or Becky Rickabaugh (989-2014)

**April 1<sup>st</sup> : Team 2**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup> : Team 3**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup> : Team 4**  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup> : Team 5**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup> : Team 1**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> :**  
**Joe Lang & Justin Chastain**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Kathy Betzer & Dan Crum**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Joan Mills & Sharon Bittner**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> :**  
**Justin Chastain & Joe Lang**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> :**  
**Dan Crum & Kathy Betzer**

(1<sup>st</sup> person listed is Communion Elder)



***“On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after Worship we will have a Birthday Dinner in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Joan Mills’ 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Please stay after church and help us celebrate!*”**

## WEEK OF COMPASSION FOR 2018

How is it that there are enough resources on our planet to feed the entire world, and yet so many hunger? As people of faith, what is our role in a world where the gap between the rich and the poor only seems to widen? How do we ensure that all of God's children get their fair share? When the apostle Paul visited the early churches in Macedonia, they became excited about the ministry opportunities laid before them. These early followers of Jesus couldn't help but get caught up in Paul's zeal for the ways God was working in their midst. They actually pleaded to be a part of the "service to the saints" Paul spoke of while visiting their community—despite their own poverty. This "ministry to the saints," referred to in his second letter to the Corinthians is another name for the offering Paul and the early churches were organizing for those in Jerusalem suffering from a devastating famine. The offering was considered a living out of one's faith, a spiritual calling—a ministry.

To organize a church-wide offering, a relief fund if you will (Week of Compassion is not original!) was not only practical, it was also a visible expression of their Christian unity. This offering was a way for Paul to unite all believers and to provide a way for them to care for one another—even if they did not know each other personally. For the churches in Macedonia and Corinth, many of them would never see or meet the Christians they were helping in Jerusalem. So their ecumenical offering was a concrete representation of the Gospel: that in Christ there truly was no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, rich or poor—no longer separation or division, but unity in Christ.

Everyone, regardless of economic or social location, has a gift to give. God supplies the gifts and resources so that we can give back. After all, none of what the early followers of Jesus gave was really theirs, right? Because all that we have is God's! We're simply giving back to God what is already God's. In giving to God, we give to others. Our gifts will be part of transforming a life, a community, and indeed, the whole world.

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus the Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). This is what God has given; through our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ the Good News has been shared with us so that we never doubt that we have all we need, and in turn ensure that others get what they need. "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance" (2 Cor 8:12-13).

Our abundance becomes their need and their need becomes our abundance. Have you ever thought of it this way? We could achieve a fair balance across the globe by sharing what we have, out of our abundance. "It is not with your own wealth that you give alms to the poor," asserted St. Ambrose, "But with a fraction of their own which you give back; for you are usurping for yourself something meant for the common good of all. The earth is for everyone, not only for the rich."

Through Week of Compassion we have the opportunity to act as the body of Christ by giving what we have. This is the offering, the "ministry to the saints" that Paul was promoting.

This is still our ministry, all these centuries later, through Week of Compassion—not only by this church family, but across the country by Christians of many denominations contributing to an ecumenical offering which has shared abundance for the meeting of needs for almost 70 years.

Together, we can make sure that everyone—yes, every single one of God's children, our sisters and brothers—get their fair share, bringing about a world the way God intended it to be. Ready to change the world?

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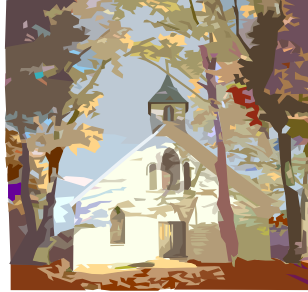
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**HOLY WEEK**

- Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm Prayer vigil starts
- Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm Prayer Vigil ends
- Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service at Middle River Church at 7 pm
- Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunrise Service at Hartford 7am, breakfast served following Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter

**Worship Service at 10am at Carlisle Christian Church**

**CARE CENTER**

**Pastor Cliff, Marci Palar, and Justin Chastain** will be at the Carlisle Care Center on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm for the Worship Service. Anyone who would like to come along is welcome!

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those who prepared and/or attended the **Free Community Dinner** held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Community Center! The chicken and biscuits were delicious! Our next Free Community Dinner will be held on **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 7:00**

pm. Please come along and bring a friend!

**PLANNING MEETING**

There will be a Planning Meeting of the Church Board on **Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** right after the Worship Service.

**CHURCH CAMP 2018**

FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO, OR KNOWS SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND CHURCH CAMP, **PLEASE LET BECCA MILLER (641-990-0427) OR THE CHURCH OFFICE (515-989-0176) KNOW!**

**ANDREA & MIKE HAMM NEED 2 YEAR OLD BOY CLOTHES! IF YOU COULD HELP PLEASE LEAVE THEM AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CALL ANDREA (240-8008)**

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