

ROAD TO RESURRECTION: THE EASTER EVENT FOR EVERYONE!

Join us on **Sunday, March 25 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.** for a family-friendly, all-age event that gets your family talking and walking with Jesus! Scripture from the Gospels will guide you through the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection. Travel the path Jesus journeyed: taste the Passover meal, visit Barabbas in his jail cell, hear a Roman's soldier's remorse, and join in other powerful experiences! Along the journey, collect unique keepsakes to remind you that Jesus is alive and is always with you! Invite your friends and neighbors and join us on the Road to Resurrection. Registration will open soon. More information to come.



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MY PREPARATION FOR EASTER CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

Outward and Social Disciplines

- ___ Take on some loving task.
- ___ Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched your life.
- ___ Listen and respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service.
- ___ Go to coffee or dinner with someone you want to know better.
- ___ Give blood and recall the cross.
- ___ Say "NO" to something that is a waste of money and time.
- ___ Pray to God to help you resist racial prejudice and to give you courage in opposing it.
- ___ Decide to become a member of the church.
- ___ Rebuke the spirit of criticism and your own tongue when it is out of control.

Prepare now for a meaningful Lent,

Pastor Ross

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MY PREPARATION FOR EASTER

On February 14 we will have joined together for the Ash Wednesday service as we intentionally enter into the holy season of Lent. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. It is a necessary prelude. The death and resurrection of Christ are true whether or not I prepare. However, without my heart and life being ready, I may not experience the depth and power of Christ's death and resurrection.

Many people choose to give up something for Lent. The sacrifice gives opportunity to reflect upon the sacrifice of Christ. However, you may also choose to take on a practice. Below is a list of suggested practices that you may find helpful as you seek to cultivate a deeper relationship with, and appreciation for, Jesus Christ. I invite you to join me in taking up one or more of the following practices.

(Check the ones you desire or feel prompted to do; perhaps you can place the list in your Bible or on the refrigerator as a reminder.)

Inward and Personal Disciplines

- ___ Spend time in solitude focused on God each day.
- ___ Begin to keep a Prayer and/or Gratitude Journal.
- ___ Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
- ___ Give yourself a gift of three hours to do something you always say you don't have time to do.
- ___ Make a list of people with whom you need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide you in your thinking and feeling toward them.
- ___ Go to all of the Holy Week services as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.
- ___ Take one hour to inventory your priorities and plan how you will reorder them.
- ___ Give up a grudge or a rehearsal of a past event.
- ___ Forgive someone who has hurt you.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

GROWING IN CHRIST

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD A SMALL GROUP STUDY FOR WOMEN

Do you feel that the ability to hear God's voice is for other people and not for you? Is it only for people who lived in Biblical times? Not at all! The God who loved you enough to die for you loves you enough to talk to you. And wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God will find a way to speak to you in a way you will understand. Through seven sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. This class is facilitated by Marlee Beckcom and meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 21**. Space is limited to 20 participants. Learn more and register by visiting www.frontstreetumc.org/features.



SHARING CHRIST

YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT SUNDAY

The third Sunday of each month is designated as Youth Outreach Project Sunday. To learn more about this project visit www.frontstreetumc.org. A list of items we are collecting for this project is available on the church website or from the Welcome Center. Please bring items on **Sunday, February 18** and deposit them on the table in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continuous support of this youth project.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY PANCAKE SUPPER

Sunday, February 18, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall



Bring all your family and eat your fill of pancakes, sausage and/or bacon. The price is right—\$6 for an individual and \$16 for a family. Tickets can be purchased from team members in the Welcome Center before, after, and between services on Sunday mornings and at the door on February 18.

This is the Men's Bible Study big fundraising event of the year, where the net proceeds increase our annual gifts for mission purposes. We urge you to come and enjoy good fellowship, good food, and contribute to a great purpose.

SILENT AUCTION

There will be a silent auction on **Sunday, February 18** during the Men's Breakfast Bible Study Pancake Supper. All proceeds will go to youth missions.

BLOOD DRIVE

Front Street will have a blood drive on **Sunday, March 4**, from **8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in Aldersgate Hall. Note: donors can go ahead and sign up now online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Front Street. Also, donors may text or call Gene Fonville at 336-260-8114 or email at gfonville@triad.rr.com for more information or to schedule your appointment.



FILL A DOZEN EASTER EGGS

Want to bring joy to children in our Front Street community this Easter? Fill one or two dozen eggs with candy, and the occasional \$1 bill (no coins please), and bring them to the church office by **March 12**. They will be hidden for the children to find at our Easter egg hunt on March 17 at Lake Mackintosh. This event is sponsored by our Children's Ministry. Thank you for your support.

EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 17

Everyone is invited to come out for an afternoon of fun and games, including an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** at Lake Mackintosh (Burlington). Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend this event. Bring a basket and a friend! We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact Marcy McAdams.



SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER



On **Sunday, March 11**, after the 11 o'clock service, the Youth will provide a spaghetti lunch - a fundraiser for summer youth mission trips.

Prayers

- **Carol Brown** who has been at Duke and is suffering from a recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- **Devair Vickery** upon the death of her stepmother, Louise Cater, on 2/3
- **Sue Watson** was in ARMC with complications from the flu

Congratulations

Congratulations to Anna and David Cross upon the birth of their daughter, Eva Elizabeth, born on February 6. Proud grandparents are Mike and Mary Ellen Cross and Mark and Marie Crissman.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought food in January for Front Street's Backpack Ministry for Eastlawn students. We collected 620 lbs. of food.



Marcy McAdams and Doug Wilson delivering food to Eastlawn.

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