

The Channel

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It is a long journey from the United States to the Holy Land (approximately a 12 hour flight). As we prepared for our pilgrimage on February 12-22, some folks questioned the need to visit the actual place. "Well, you can worship God anywhere. There's nothing more 'holy' about that land as opposed to any other land. God is everywhere, and thus every land is 'holy land.'"

That's true I guess, but on our second day when I knelt and touched the star marking the spot of Jesus' birth, it felt different to me. The Holy Land has a way of working its magic on the pilgrim. Before long you find yourself lost in the wonder of it all and drawn so much closer to God. I will never forget the strong presence of God on the Sea of Galilee when we stopped the boat and offered our worship and praise to God in that special place. I still tingle thinking about walking out of the Garden Tomb and partaking of the Lord's Supper with my fellow pilgrims.

Truthfully, some things Jesus says in the Gospels just make more sense when they are read in the Holy Land. For example, in Mark's Gospel (11:20-25) Jesus and his disciples, staying in Bethany, travel back and forth from Bethany and Bethphage over the Mount of Olives down through the Kidron Valley to Jerusalem, where Jesus engages his critics in the temple. On his first such visit, Jesus "cleansed" the temple, creating quite a stir by overturning the tables of the money-changers. On the way to the temple, Jesus had pronounced a curse on an unproductive fig tree. The two actions were related: the temple, like the fig tree, stood "cursed" by Jesus because they were failing to do what was intended of them.

On the next day, Jesus and his disciples pass the fig tree that had been cursed to find it had withered away at its roots. Jesus, sensing a teachable moment, said something to his disciples that has always puzzled me: "Have faith in God... Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them" (Mark 11:22-23).

On the Mount of Olives this passage started to make sense to me. We walked the path Jesus and his disciples walked that takes you over the Mount of Olives, at the

summit of which, on a clear day we were told, you can see both the Herodian and the Dead Sea (places we had visited earlier on our pilgrimage). The Herodian is the tomb of Herod the Great, which Herod built by excavating one mountain and using the excavated material to build another – his Herodian. At the time, it was regarded as such a feat of engineering that it was said of Herod that he could literally move mountains. And Jesus, standing on the Mount of Olives, looking at Herod's mountain, uses it as an on-site object lesson and says, in effect, "You think that's something? That's nothing. If you have the faith of God, you can say to Herod's mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the Dead Sea,' and it will be as you've said;" Standing in that place, and only in that place, Jesus' seemingly nonsensical statement suddenly makes perfect sense.

On Wednesday night, March 14, those who made this pilgrimage look forward to sharing with the church our stories from the Holy Land – the place where Jesus walked.

DuPre



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**NC BAPTIST
SINGERS &
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**IN CONCERT
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018
@ 7:00PM**

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NC Baptist Singers & Orchestra is comprised of church musicians from across North Carolina



Community Lenten Luncheons

Everyone is invited to participate in the Community Lenten Luncheons at Long Memorial United Methodist Church each Wednesday from February 21 until March 21. Lunch begins at 12:00 p.m., followed by a time of worship. The service concludes at 1:00 pm.

- March 7 – Roxboro Baptist Church
- March 14 – Roxboro Presbyterian Church
- March 21 – St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Habitat for Humanity House Dedication

House Dedication will be Saturday, March 10 at 3:00. Address is 309 Reade Dr. Everyone is invited to attend.



Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch

For children ages Preschool through Grade 5 will be Sunday, March 25 right after church. Families are welcome to attend. A church-wide lunch will be provided. We need donations of plastic eggs and wrapped Easter candy and/or filled eggs, and some desserts. Please call the church office to sign up for the meal and to bring a dessert. Donations of candy can be left in the church office.



Red Springs Mission Camp

April 19 – 21, 2018

Hurricane Matthew Rebuild Mission Trip

June 14 – June 16, 2018

If you have any questions about these two mission opportunities, please see Kathryn Simons. You may sign up to participate in the church office.

March Collections

We are collecting items for the orphanage in Guatemala. Items needed are:

- Old suitcases with wheels (non-returnable)
- Toddler size and school aged clothing (smaller sizes) new and gently used
- Socks and underwear
- Books in Spanish
- Ensure
- PediaSure
- Vitamin D3 2000 iu or 5000 iu
- Nasacort (generic cheaper)
- Infant Vitamin Drops with Iron
- Liquid Tears

These items will be sent with Stephanie Gilliam who will be volunteering her time this summer working at the orphanage.

Order Your Easter Lilies



Please help decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday by placing an Easter Lily in memory or honor of a loved one. You may fill out this form, enclose it in an envelope with a check (\$15.00 for each lily), mail it to us or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Deadline for order and money is **Sunday, March 18**. You may pick up your flower following worship on Easter Sunday. Thank you.

_____ In Memory of

_____ In Honor of

(please specify relationship of this person to you: father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, friend, etc.)

Given by:

Deadline is Sunday, March 18

Remember in Prayer

Ken Childers, Bubba Garrett, Lori Featherston, Steve Garrett, Keith Hobgood, Margaret Johnston, Hilna Long, Linda Masten, Ken Medlin, Polly Puett, Jimmy Wilkins, Mike Wilkins, Darcus Woody, Ruffin Woody



DUKE – Diane Austin

PMH Ext Care – Carol Siebert

Cambridge Hills – Ruby Hall, Calvin & Olena McMillan

Roxboro Nursing Center – Dolian Harris, Edith Merritt, Evelyn Walker, Esther Warren

Christian Sympathy to Russ & Marge Parker in the death of their son, Russ Jr. on February 23.

Christian Sympathy to Vickie Carver in the death of her dad, James Fortner on 3/2.

Sunday Attendance

February 25, 2018

Sunday School – 104 Worship – 162

March 4, 2018

Sunday School – 108 Worship – 168

Our Ministry of Giving

February 25, 2018

Weekly amount needed to meet budget \$9,667.28

Budget \$9,971.01

Designated

Heck Jones Offering 545.00

Sales Tax Refund 1,565.56

Baptist Men's Breakfast 76.10

Building in Faith (BIF) \$425.00

March 4, 2018

Weekly amount needed to meet budget \$9,667.28

Budget \$9,778.88

Designated

Flowers 75.00

Rent 50.00

Building in Faith (BIF) \$380.00



Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

March 7: Spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad bar

March 14: Pork Loin, rice & gravy, stewed apples, and salad bar

March 21: Taco soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and salad bar

Volunteers:

March 7: John Lee, Barbara Jones, Norman & Joyce Hall, Esther Warren, Graydon & Judy Spivey

March 14: Nancy Garrett, Nancy Berryhill, Ken Childers, Jean Featherston, Jessie Walker

March 21: Janice Johnson, Betty Fuller, Ken & Judy Medlin, Richard & Alice Whitfield, Alta Winstead

Youth Supper Volunteers

Sunday, March 11	Michael & Lori Stacey
Sunday, March 18	Wallace & Pam Bradsher
Sunday, March 25	Troy & Sharon Bradsher

Christian Help Center Volunteers

Prepare & Serve a Meal

Thursday, April 5

Bill & Judy Hodgin
Robby & Claudette Phillips



Nursery and Extended Session

Sunday, March 11

Mary Harris (Nursery)

Kyle & Suzanne Boyette (Extended Session)

Donna King & Laura Grinstead (Special Needs)

Sunday, March 18

Jenny Eggleston (Nursery)

Judy Evans & Christy Puett (Extended Session)

Alisa Montgomery & Carla Garrett (Special Needs)



Holy Land Presentation

Wednesday, March 14

6:00 p.m.

Youth Events Sign-ups

The deadline to sign-up to participate in the following Youth Events is **March 11**.

Spring Retreat to Fort Caswell, NC
Cost \$65 person



Summer Camps

Middle School
Passport Choices, Greensboro, NC
+ Trip to Wet n' Wild Emerald Pointe
June 24-29

High School
Unidiversity, Knoxville, TN
+ Trip to Dollywood
July 23-28

Camp Cost \$240 person/ Sign up with \$100 deposit



Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for church members are available in the office. Awards will be given to students attending college in the fall of 2018. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 26.



Homebound and Seniors Away

Please make contact with our homebound this week.

Jimmy & Tillie Currier

404 Longwood Terrace, Roxboro

Ken Durham

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Durham, NC 27713-2282

Ruby Hall – Cambridge Hills, Rm#121
5660 Durham Rd., Roxboro, 27574

Katie Lee Kimbrough

420 S. Main St., Roxboro