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*"Sing to Him,
sing praise to
Him."*

1 Chronicles 16:9a



When the Fog Lifts

Several years ago I read a sermon by Michael Brown, a United Methodist colleague. In it he recalls the battle at Waterloo which had Wellington and Napoleon locked in battle. *Semaphore, a light relay system something like a visual Morse Code with flashing lights spelling out messages letter by letter and word by word*, (Brown) was being used to communicate the outcome of the battle to the English.

The message, picked up by a sentry on a high post atop Winchester Cathedral, came to England letter by letter. The first word, "Wellington," was received; the second word came, "Defeated." Suddenly a dense fog settled on London and no more signals were received. The fog shrouded the city for a full day. The English had been left with two words: "Wellington Defeated." Those words seemed to have said it all. What more was there to know? It was done.

When the fog finally cleared, the sentry returned to his post and was able to receive the entire message. The whole story was, "Wellington Defeated the Enemy!" What at first appeared to be bad news was revealed to be good news. An assumed defeat was, in reality, a victory.

We plow through Holy Week each year, recalling all the evidences of defeat. The message of Jesus seems to have been defeated when people called for his death. His power seems to have been trumped when they convicted him and crucified him. His kingdom on earth is in question as his disciples deserted him. His presence on earth seemed to have come to an end when they placed his body in the tomb.

Then the fog lifts. Easter comes. We see more clearly. God's apparent defeat is victory, death does not have the final word, despair gives way to hope, and we see that that love conquers evil.

Friends, do you know anyone who only knows the part of the Jesus story about death, disappointment, and presumed condemnation? Invite them to worship with you this Easter Sunday so that they may experience their own resurrection.

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Thoughts and Prayers

Birth

...Lillian Walton Murray, April 4th, daughter of Luke and Virginia Murray

Death

...York Kiker, April 13th
...mother of Loyd Graves, April 10th
...sister of Edith Toussaint, April 14th
...brother of Susan McGuire, April 17th
...brother of Amy Dameron, April 15th
...mother of Nancy Gilbert, January 9th, grandmother of Ann Virginia Gilbert and Bill Gilbert, great grandmother of Scott Gilbert

Congratulations

...Bob and Clarice Kennedy on their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married April 27, 1946 in St. Mary's Chapel.

Children's Spring Musical May 4th

Table for Five... Thousand

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Children's Musical Spring Program on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Kerr Hall. This year, our presentation is centered around the Gospel story where Jesus feeds the 5,000 people with 2 small loaves and 5 small fish. The Cherub, Celtic, and Crusader Choirs, as well as the Sacred Dancers and the Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir have been working very diligently. This event promises to be a wonderful and moving program.

Daughters of the King Banquet

Pearls of Wisdom

The 10th Annual Daughters of the King Banquet will be Tuesday, May 10th in Kerr Hall at 6:00 pm. Enjoy great food and fellowship with your sisters in Christ! You will be inspired as three generations from our own ESUMC family, Becky Roberts, Allison Cain and Stephanie Jones share "pearls" from their spiritual journeys. Special music will be provided by Jordan Holoman, Katie Payne and Georgia Lee. Dinner \$10.00 RSVP to the church office by May 3.

UMW Book Study –

Monday, May 8th 11:00 am

Our speaker is Dr. Minrose Gwin, English Professor at UNC - CH. THE QUEEN OF PALMYRA is set in the South in early desegregation days. Join us for this last study before we take a break.

Sunday Worship

April 24, 2011
Easter Sunday
8:40 and 10:55
Worship Service

Prelude

Fantasy on "Christ the Lord Is Risen"

Peeters

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Johnson

Postlude

Praise the Lord

Karg-Elert

Hymns

302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

322 Up from the Grave He Arose

308 Thine Be the Glory

Worship in Music

Easter Introit

Faxon

Alleluia

Manuel

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

Matthias

The Chancel Choir

Orchestra

Hallelujah Chorus

From *Messiah* Handel

Scripture:

Matthew 28:1-10 and 11-15

Sermon:

You Can't Buy a Good Rumor

Rev. Edward F. Hill, II

Senior Pastor

Sunday Servants

Pianists: ** Ray Starling

* Gaynelle Glass and

Cynthia Van Der Wiele, saxophone

Greeters

8:40 Sean Threewitts, Frank and Lynda Bridger

10:55 Jerry Batchelor, Sandy Peele, Robert and Alice Sharpe

Ushers

8:40 Keith Lee, Bubba Watts, Howard Cummings, Stuart Matthews

10:55 Grayson Hodge, James Brantley, Doug Cowan, Nikki Ellerbe, Carol Griffin, George Hearn, Tommy Roach, Willis Smith, Perry Dunstan, Finch Monson, Henry Barnette, Everette Knight, Tom West

Nursery Coordinator: Emily Russell
Matt and Anna Sink, Cate Jordan, Thomas and Erika High, Scott and Kristin Selby, Claire Herring, Randy See, Ruthie Jones, Morgan Morgan,

Van Driver:

Reception Desk: Prayer Committee

Parking Group: Clay

Hospitality Team Captains:

Chip and Karen Barber

Sunday Dinner: No Sunday Dinner

** 8:40 * 10:55

The Gathering Worship Service

9:30 and 11:11 am Kerr Hall

Easter Sunday Cardboard Stories Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: Good News In the Graveyard

Rev. Lisa Yebuah

Broadcast Ministry

Sundays, 10:55 am service

TV: (one week delay) 12:00 pm on
Raleigh CTV Channel 22

Radio: (live) WPTF 680 AM

If you are interested in sponsoring the Broadcast Ministry for a specific Sunday, contact the church at ext. 215.

Internet: We stream live online each

Sunday morning. www.esumc.org:

Worship/Online & Broadcast

Stewardship Report

General Budget – April 10, 2011

Received yr.-to-date \$985,628.40
Received this week \$63,463.01

Attendance April 17, 2011

Sunday School	537	
Worship	8:40	341
	9:30	315
	10:55	628
	11:11	<u>166</u>
		1450

New Members April 17th

By Baptism: Samantha Younker

By Profession: Jason Galloway,
Suzanne Little

By Transfer: Carolyn Galloway,
Molly Galloway, Jeff Hardy, Jim
Richmond, Lynda Richmond,
Michelle Richmond, Stephen
Richmond, Walter and Bonnie
Shackelford

Prospective & New

Members, you're invited to this session of Roots of Faith at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor (Room 204, 2nd Floor).

Apr 24 - History of ESUMC

May 1 - Ministries and Missions

May 8 - Orientation Breakfast

Each class is independent of another, so you are welcome to join us on the Sundays that fit your schedule. For more information, please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at jowen@esumc.org or 832-7535 ext. 350. You may also visit our website: Learning and Growing/Sunday School/Visitors and New Members.

This Easter, April 24th, here are some things you can do to invite our neighbors to encounter Jesus:

- Invite someone to join you and worship together.
- Wear your nametags.
- If you see someone who looks lost, show them around or direct them to a hospitality team member.
- Consider going to the 8:40 service if you usually attend the 10:55 service.
- Finally, greet people you do not know and welcome them in the name and spirit of the Risen Lord!

Plan Ahead Dates

May 4 – Children's Spring Music Program

May 5 – National Day of Prayer

May 9 – UMW Book Study, Administrative Board

May 10 – Daughters of the King Banquet

May 11 - UMW Missions Dinner

May 17 – EStreeters Fellowship

Invitation to Experience Holy Week

Thursday, April 21

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship and Holy Communion

Friday, April 22

12:00 - 3:00 Stations of the Cross, handmade in Haiti (self-guided)

7:00 pm "The Passion of the Christ" film
(This film is not suitable for children.)

7:30 pm Good Friday Service and Performance of Maurice Durufle's *Requiem*
(choir, orchestra and organ)

Sunday, April 24 Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service (offsite –East lawn State Capitol)

8:40 and 10:55 Traditional Worship Celebration

9:30 and 11:11 The Gathering Contemporary Worship Celebration

UMW Mission Event / Meeting & Dinner Wednesday, May 11 6:30 p.m.

Because of the changing season and approaching hurricane season, the MERCI Center is in desperate need of cleaning/flood buckets. All women of the church are invited to help assemble these buckets. Bob Pavone of the MERCI Center will be our guest speaker. Make your dinner (\$6.00) and child care reservations by calling the church (832-7535) before Noon, Monday, May 9.

Pacific Emergency

Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Japan in your prayers for safety and recovery. If you would like to make a donation to the relief efforts, please make your check to ESUMC and mark UMCOR in the notes. In response to the Earthquake on March 10, 2011 that struck Japan, we have collected \$5370 for UMCOR.

8th Annual Race of Grace Weekend April 29 – May 1

Run. Walk. Bike. Golf. Volunteer. Donate.
Together, we can make a difference!

This year's proceeds will benefit: Haven House Services, Women's Center of Wake County, and Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine.

Register: www.raceofgrace.org

- **Race of Grace 5K Walk/Run begins at 4 PM on Sunday, May 1, here at ESUMC.**
- **Volunteer.** Contact Early Iannello at toearly@nc.rr.com to get involved.
- **Links of Grace Golf Tournament** Friday, April 29, at the Neuse Golf Club in Clayton.
- **Tour de Grace Bike Ride** Saturday, April 30.
- **New this year: The Couch Potato relay.**

Youth News

April 29 – Confirmation Retreat

May 1 – Confirmation Sunday

May 10 – Daughters of the King Banquet

May 22 – Youth Sunday and High School Senior Sunday

June 20-24 – Camp Shalom

July 3-8 – Savannah Youth Mission Trip

July 11-15 – Daytona Youth Beach Camp

Children's News

Vacation Bible School

DEADLINE APRIL 30th for Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! Don't miss this amazing week. Shake It Up Cafe will be held July 18-22, from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. It is open to all children ages 3 (by August 31st, 2010) to rising fifth graders. To register, go to the church website. Please don't forget to register to volunteer too!

E-Streeters Day Trips and Adventures 2011

Duke Gardens and Chapel Tour with Lunch

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Leave 9:30 AM Return 5 PM
Transportation ESUMC motor coach

Tour Duke Chapel 10:30 AM
Includes lunch at noon at Parizade Restaurant

Tour Duke Gardens 2:00 PM

Cost \$25.00 per person

Pine Knoll Shores, Trinity Center (minimum 30)

September 21-23, 2011

Wednesday September 21 at 7:00 AM return Friday, September 23 at 5:00 PM

Includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two lunches and two unique dinners, transportation via ESUMC motor coach, trip to Beaufort, Fort Macon, and NC Aquarium

Cost: \$200 double occupancy per person or \$240 single occupancy
Return to Robin Ellison no later than April 15, 2011. (All trips are pending number of attendees)

CHECK**YOUR****CALENDAR****SUNDAY, APRIL 24th**

8:40 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary
 Worship Service (Kerr)
 9:45 am Sunday School, New Member
 Class, Roots (Parlor, rm 204)
 10:45 am Sermon Discussion (164)
 10:55 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary
 Worship Service (Kerr)

**MONDAY, APRIL 25th
Church Office Closed****TUESDAY, APRIL 26th**

7:00 am Design for Discipleship (251)
 1:30 pm National Day of Prayer
 Committee Mtg (161)
 2:00 pm Disciple III (167)
 5:00 pm SALDT Group (offsite)
 6:00 pm Young All Stars Rehearsal
 (Sanct.)
 7:00 pm Young Adult BB (Bulla)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th

8:00 am Walking Club (offsite)
 9:15 am Dwell Study (163)
 9:45 am Physical fitness (357)
 10:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible
 Study (Chp Annex)
 11:15 am Intercessory Prayer Group
 4:00 pm Sheets Center Support Care
 Group (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Girls of Grace (Bulla)
 6:00 pm Young All Stars Rehearsal
 (Sanct), Disciple Study Planning
 Mtg (161)
 6:30 pm Young Adult Marriage Small
 Group (164)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Bulla), Celebration
 Committee (163)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28th

9:00 am EStreeters Trip to Duke
 Gardens (offsite)
 6:00 pm The Gathering Worship Team
 Rehearsal (Kerr), Adult Ministry
 Team (Chp Annex)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, APRIL 29th

7:00 am HS Breakfast (offsite)
 8:00 am Step Up Jobs (Bulla)
 11:00 Leadership Fellows (163)
 5:00 pm Bishop/Johnson Rehearsal
 (Sanct.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th

8:00 am Girl Scout Event (offsite)
 8:00 am Leadership Fellows (163)
 5:30 pm Bishop/Johnson Wedding
 (Sanct.)

Bicentennial Moment

In 1895, church members walking home from Easter Sunday evening services witnessed a total eclipse of the moon. It began at 9:04 and reached its full eclipse at 10:04. *The News and Observer* pointed out that "It was the eclipse of the crucifixion on almost the exact lunar anniversary of that event that changed the history of humanity."



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