

Storming Heaven...

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

– Storming Heaven was a catch phrase I recall hearing in the Church as a child. When the old saints of God were pressed out of measure, above strength, and desperate to survive a hardship, it became necessary for them to come boldly unto the throne of grace that they might obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need. **James 5:16** teaches, “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” Prayer changes things. This may sound like a cliché but there are many instances in the Bible where God turned what appeared to be a “no” into a “yes” based on the persistent heartfelt prayer of a petitioner.

– Jesus told the Syrophenician woman (**Mark 7:25**) it was not proper for Him to take the children’s bread and cast it unto the dogs. Upon hearing this she laid aside any sense of arrogance and pride and began pleading with the Master. She said the dogs beneath the table desired the crumbs that fall from it. The actions taken by this Syrophenician woman illustrate to us what it takes to storm Heaven for our needs. Jesus heard her prayer and answered it by saying, “Go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.” Then He said, “O woman, great is thy faith.”

– **1 Samuel 1:** Tells the story of how Hannah boldly approached the throne of grace and obtained mercy in her time of need. Hannah was one of two wives married to a man named Elkanah. The other wife’s name was Peninnah. Peninnah had children while Hannah was childless. During Bible times it was considered a curse from God to be barren. As though it was not enough pain for Hannah to live without children Peninnah took great pleasure in mocking Hannah’s barren condition. Day after day, year after year, Peninnah teased, taunted, and ridiculed Hannah at every opportunity. Every year as Elkanah’s family went to the tabernacle in Shiloh to sacrifice, the teasing and taunting continued.

– Then one year while Elkanah was at the temple sacrificing, something snapped inside of Hannah; she no longer was willing to endure the taunts of Peninnah and accept the shame of her childless status any longer. Hannah went near the doorpost of the tabernacle and there she stormed Heaven for her need. In her deepest anguish, like the Syrophenician Woman, Hannah prayed weeping from her heart for mercy and grace. In her prayer she promised God that if he gave her a son she would dedicate him to the Lord for as long as he lived. Hannah had stormed the gates of Heaven and she knew something good was about to happen. The Bible says when she had finished praying she got something to eat and her face was no longer downcast. After returning home she conceived and brought forth a son and named him Samuel.

–Hannah could have chosen to accept what appeared to be a “no” from God, but instead, she stormed the gates of Heaven with her request. She was sick and tired of being sick and tired. When you get to that point you will find yourself coming boldly unto the throne of grace, that you may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Dear saint of God please remember, prayer is the key to Heaven but faith unlocks the door. Hannah’s story explains to us that she wasn’t in self-denial concerning her childless state, but neither did she accept it. Her unique prayer was selfless and sincere. Now for the rest of the story...her son Samuel was used by God to turn the tide in Israel and bring a much-needed blessing upon them.

Love and prayers....

Pastor Randy J. Sheens



Special Prayer Requests

Pastor Randy & Sharon Skeens, Rev. Glenn White, Orville Bradley, Fred, Sr. & Kathy Bradley, Anita Curry, Laura Vaughan, Rev. Crawford Bradshaw, Billy Williams, Sam Marino, Drew Bledsoe, Beulah & Wallace Williamson, Kenneth Collins, Pat & Stephanie Greer Duty, Carrie Mullins, Esta Burgess, Woody Adams, Tommy Wellman, Jo Ann Scaggs, Faye Wiley, Opal Runyon, Kathy Bradley, Larry Hardesty, Tommy Robinette, Speedy Frye, Margie Baisden, Olive Skeens, Betty Young, Barbara Workman, Carol & Jim Moore, Terri Rodighiero, Anna Ellis, Isabella Propst, Pam Queen, Julia Crum, Betty Kitchen, Cecil & Imogene Davis, Stacy Moore, Edith Notchie, Barbara Brewster Cook, Louie & Teresa Hensley, C. David Morrison, Mavis Collins, Pete Wiley, Laurel Browning, Ann Hatcher, Betty Napier, Betty Lambert, Mary Padgett, Phyllis Maynard Janet Healey, Jeff Dingess, Bill Browning, Jim & Donna Trogdon, Artsel Browning, Lucille Adkins, Sharron Adams, Jean Bannister, Belva Burke, Betty Whitman, Alvin & Lois Farmer, Bill & Patty Mowery, Marlene Justice, Lillian Grake, Melody Adkins, Anna Markham, Linda Markham, Bob & Viola Meade, Sis Meade, Christi Meade, Howard & Lois Wooten, Jerry Samson, Sharon Samson, Tom & Ann Curry, Zeffie Brogan, John Spence, Mabel Watts, Kitty Jewell, Nola Walsh, Pauline Bokken, Amy Kennedy, Ethel Hensley, Brenda Hensley, Mary Meadows, Carolyn Counts, Kathleen Workman, Kathy O'Bryan, Patsy Kennedy, Skylar Miller, Austin Bryant, Gabe Ferrell, Ben Gillman, Jenna Deskins, Jack Creger, Judy Hicks, David Hale, Jason Bradley, Janet Doss, Geneva Ellis, Myrtle David, Allen David, Jackie Crawford, Larry Brown, Kathy Browning, Shawn Propst, Bobbie Propst, Jason Adkins, Steve Duty, Aaron Davis, Sherry Harrison, Barbara Porter, Parka Nelson, Ron & Peggy McClure, Violet Bryant, Joey Queen, Joann Fortner, Shannon Green, Carol Bias, Easter Dingess, Joe & Ruth Bowery, Mae Evans, Makayla Williams, Roger & Joann Williamson, Geraldine Butler, Vessie & Retha Marcum, Richard David, Betty Wooten, David & Darelene Welch, Glen & Teresa Hager, Diana Foreman, Mildred Brammer, Madge Brammer, Aaron Oliver, Dana & Billie Edmundson, Paula Adkins, David Godby, Bentlee Holbrook, Kathy Guy, Lou Ella Canterbury, Nikki Smith, Nora Burgess, Alexis Perry, Jennifer Adkins, Brad Marcum, Teresa Lemmon, Shantella Workman, Brad Wooten, Mark Hatcher, Geraldine Adkins, Ernestine Sutherland, Sydney T. Brown, Jean Maynard, Roger Gertz, Lawrence & Donna Jean Williams, Herman Williams, Lorene Williamson, Carrie Hale, Donsil McCleese, Bennie & Kay Browning, Joe, Sr. & LaVerne Hall, Johnny Counts, Juanita Coster, Tommy Adkins, Janice Cremeans, Sally Webb, Timmy Miller, Coulton Hall, Linda Evans, Bob Skeens, Bill Skeens, Brenda Roberts, Russell Adkins, Susan Justice, Virgie Ollie, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Bill & Betty Bayless, Ben & Mildred Maynard, Sonja Jones, Leah Jones, Eileen Hanks, Charles Ellis, Rev. Bobby Adams, Bruce Shreve, Hobert & Judy Raikes, Ronald & Patty Raikes, Jacob Bibler, Hannah Bibler, Izetta Hannah, Paul & Debbie Evans, Kenny & Polly Evans, Anna Evans, Jim & Susan Brown and sons David & Matthew Brown, Jewell Kazee, Otto Marcum, Carrie Browning, Iris Kammer, Haskell Kazee, Helen Kazee, Jimmy Kazee, Ted Riffe, Braydon Chirico, Clyde & Laverne Dickenson, Herbert Adkins, Benny Adkins, Dick Adkins, Rexford Curry, Julie Propst, Kayla Adams, Greg Elkins, Linda Ashworth, Yvonne Sammons, Verna Pennington, Doug Fields, Barbara Baer, Brianna Adams, Cassion Collins, David Dingess, Lovetta Napier, Jay & Tammy Frye, Ryan Roberts, Grace Belcher, Gage David, Connor Roulston, Mike Johnson, Paula Mikus, Ellen McCloud, Linda Stevens, Kaye Runyon, Alice Farley, Isabella Mayhorn, Oggie Bryant, Lawrence Homer Vaughan, Billy Bryant, Victor Noe, Lois Thompson, Mike Smith, Bess Allen, Nathan Sansom, Lewis Sheppard, Austin Bledsoe, Irene Stollings, Aimee Perry, Everett Vance, Mike Ollie, Sr., Vincent Evans, Butch Runyon, Bub Godby, Linda Williamson, our unsaved loved ones, our church family, patients in the hospitals, residents in the nursing homes, our country and leaders, servicemen and women, our youth and youth leaders, and our college students away at school.

Thank You for Your Prayers.

April's Church Schedule

Wednesday, April 1 – Communion Service, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

Sunday, April 5 – EASTER – He is Risen!

“He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.

Come see the place where the Lord lay” (Matthew 28:6).

Sunday, April 5 – Sunrise Service – 6 a.m.

Super Sunday Easter Service – 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 6 – Ladies Auxiliary & Men's Fellowship, 7 p.m.

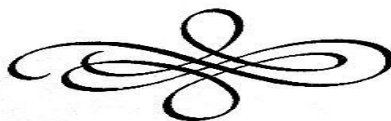
All other Mondays in April – Men's Visitation, 6:30 p.m., Bro. John Collins, Team Leader

Wednesdays – Youth Group, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study – 7 p.m., Bro. Garth Hensley, Leader

Saturday, April 11 – C.C.C. Reserved, Skeens

Sunday, Apr, 12 - Gideon Sunday

Saturday, April 25 – Sunday School Picnic at Chief Logan State Park, 11 a.m., Shelter #6



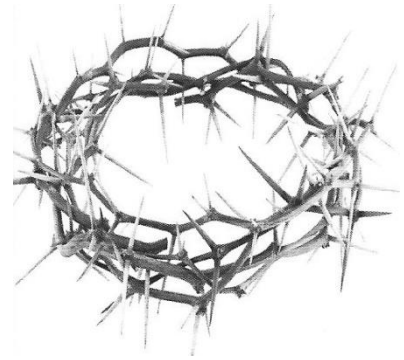
Ushers for April

- Apr. 5 - Jamie Ellis, Curtis Workman* & Chuck Small
- Apr. 12 - Garth Hensley, David Adams* & Larry Ramey
- Apr. 19 - Fred Bradley, John Collins & Monroe Tomblin*
- Apr. 26 - Paul Evans, Fred Clark & Alex Toler*

Ushers for May

- May 3 - Jamie Ellis, Curtis Workman & Chuck Small*
 - May 10 - Garth Hensley, David Adams & Larry Ramey*
 - May 17 - Fred Bradley*, John Collins & Monroe Tomblin
 - May 24 - Paul Evans*, Fred Clark & Alex Toler
 - May 31 - Jamie Ellis*, Curtis Workman & Chuck Small
- Head Usher & alternate - Jim Moore

*Duty at side door.



He wore it
because He loved us.

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*Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout life; and when you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.*  
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Happy April Birthday!

- Apr. 1 - Gregory Curry, Karen Oliver
- Apr. 2 - Margaret Small, Daxton Spry
- Apr. 3 - Terri Goins
- Apr. 4 - Linda Brennan
- Apr. 5 - Sandra Farley
- Apr. 6 - Patricia Maynard, Anthony Adams, Jr., Sean Osborne
- Apr. 7 - Butch Smolenski, Bill Bayless, Jay Anna Ellis
- Apr. 8 - Kathy Worf, Missy Collins, Josh Brown
- Apr. 9 - Ruth Bowery, Tammy Herbster, Charli S. Toparis
- Apr. 10 - Cliff Duncan, Romey Wickline
- Apr. 11 - Roger Adams, Adam Curry
- Apr. 12 - Kristin Samson Herriott, Taylor Kraus, Beulah Williamson, Mary Rose Adkins
- Apr. 13 - Donna Cooke, Ashlee Topping, Callie Jo McNeely, Austin Bledsoe
- Apr. 14 - Betty Mullins, Rev. Lonnie Gore, Jr., Steven Osborne, Bryan Meade, Jr., Ethan McCallister, Tamara Mullins, Ally Kirk, Bill Mowery
- Apr. 15 - Joe Bowery II, Shane Nichols, Rick Wells
- Apr. 18 - Mary Padgett, Kim P. Bannister, Jagger Marcum
- Apr. 19 - Bonnie Ellis
- Apr. 20 - Kim Wooten, Judy V. Hill, Carrie H. Vinson
- Apr. 22 - Mavis Collins, Daniel Adkins
- Apr. 23 - Jerry Samson, Melinda Dingess, Hannah Jewell, Ginny Hicks
- Apr. 26 - Stephanie Curry, Priscilla Ferguson
- Apr. 27 - Ray Horsman
- Apr. 28 - Eileen Hanks, Zeffie Brogan, Gage Ellis, Sherry Harrison
- Apr. 30 - Laverne Dickenson, Fred Clark, Amber Tomblin

April Anniversaries

- April 12 - Kenny & Shawna Jeffrey
- April 16 - Bradley & Charlotte Wooten
- April 18 - Howard & Lois Wooten
- April 19 - Jeff & Jamie McNeely
- April 20 - Bill & Patty Mowery, Ronald, Jr. & Sherry Harrison
- April 24 - Jay & Carrie Mullins, Tommy & Kim P. Bannister
- April 26 - Tom & Karla Biondia
- April 27 - Vessie & Retha Marcum

The Lesson of Submission

When Paul’s friends saw that he was determined to go to Jerusalem even though he would surely be arrested and imprisoned, they stopped trying to dissuade him and said simply, “The will of the Lord be done” (see Acts 21:14).

It’s not always easy to submit our will to another, but in our acceptance of the Lord as our Savior, it’s the only way we can experience the full blessedness of our Christian faith. Great peace comes to all who say from the heart, “Lord, all I ask is the strength and courage to do whatever You desire.”

“All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessings fall on me.

“All to Jesus I surrender, now I feel the sacred flame. Oh, the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to His name!

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Favorite Easter Dish - Pickled Eggs and Beets



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| 2 cans beets (20 oz. size) | 3/4 cup vinegar        |
| 12 to 18 boiled eggs       | 1 1/2 tablespoons salt |
| 1 cup beet liquid          | 1/4 teaspoon pepper    |
| 1 cup sugar                | 2 bay leaves           |
| 10 whole cloves            |                        |

Drain beets, reserving 1 cup (or more) liquid to use later. If beets are small, leave whole; if large, cut into slices. Put beets and shelled, hard-cooked eggs in large bowl or tall glass jar (gallon size).

In sauce pan, put beet liquid, sugar, vinegar, salt, pepper, bay leaves and cloves. Cook to boil, then reduce heat and cook slowly for about 5 minutes. Pour hot pickling liquid over beets and eggs (a little water may be added to liquid if necessary to cover eggs). Cover and let stand in refrigerator for a day or two to develop flavor. Delicious!

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The Beloved Disciple

Saw It All

John 18-20

1. What Jesus' kingdom is "not of". _____
2. The Jews cried out to Pilate, "if thou let this man go, thou art not _____ friend."
3. A seamless garment belonging to Jesus. _____
4. To whom did Jesus commit His mother from the cross? _____
5. How did Jesus ask for a drink, shortly before He died? _____
6. What cry did Jesus utter after He had received the drink of vinegar? _____
7. How did the soldiers make sure Jesus was really dead? _____
8. What flowed from Jesus' pierced side? _____
9. What was the place called where Jesus was crucified? _____
10. In what was Jesus' dead body wrapped? _____
11. Who was the first to enter Jesus' empty grave on Resurrection morning? _____
12. Who first saw the risen Jesus alive? _____
13. By what marks did the risen Jesus convince His disciples that it was really He whom they were seeing? _____
14. What did the disciple Thomas say when he saw the risen Jesus? _____
15. Give the beatitude with which Jesus answered Thomas. _____

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Check your answers in the next Newsletter.

Ladies Auxiliary--The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary for March was canceled due to bad weather--possible heavy rains and high water. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 7 p.m. All ladies of the Church are invited to attend. Circles 1 & 3 will be hosting the meeting.

Circle #1, with Sharron Adams and Wilma Adams serving as circle leaders, is the circle for April. Also in the circle are Melody Adkins, Julia Crum, Myrtle David, Laverne Dickenson, Irene Furrow, Karen Jeffrey, Barbara Lanthorne, Linda Markham, Betty Mullins, Mary Ramey, Shannon Sheppard, Helen Trent, Sally Wall and Freda White.

"Seeking Opportunities to Serve God by Serving Others"

Church Scholarships Available

Central Baptist Church has three scholarships (The Catherine & Jennifer White Scholarship, The Bill & Ramona Wooten Scholarship, and The Central United Baptist Scholarship) available to our graduating seniors who meet the requirements and file an application. If you are a graduating senior or have a family member who is graduating, please see Lana Brammer or Betty Clark for more information and applications.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 8th. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please sign the register in the vestibule or see Shawn Propst. There are always jobs available at Central VBS!

Our Warmest Greetings to our shut-ins and out-of-town readers! We greet you in the name of our Risen Savior! A special "Hello" to Jeannie Bannister, Janice Glenn, Virgie Ollie, Kitty Jewell, Deanna Ballard, Zeffie Brogan, Joann Hammond, Lesley & Ben Mounts, Phyllis Maynard, Violet Queen, Rev. Crawford Bradshaw, Rev. Donnie & Annette Bannister, Virginia Booth, Mabel Watts, and all the friends of the Central Baptist Newsletter. Our thot for the day: Did you know that Psalms 22, 23, and 24 are sometimes called the "Shepherd Psalms" because they speak of Jesus Christ in His shepherding ministry. In Psalm 22, the Good Shepherd dies for the sheep (John 10:11). In Psalm 23, the Great Shepherd lives and cares for the sheep (Heb 13:20-21). In Psalm 24, the Chief Shepherd returns in glory for the sheep (1 Peter 5:4). If you are one of His sheep, your every need is met as you trust Him and follow His leading. Glory! We'll talk again next month.

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**A Special Thank You** to Nola Walsh, Mabel Watts, Mary Meadows, Kitty Jewell, and others who are faithful contributors and supporters of Central Baptist Church. We love and appreciate you dearly, and we love hearing from you.

Sister Kitty Jewell who faithfully writes every month always inquires about the Church and asks that we remember her in our prayers.

We also received a card from LeeAnn Wickline saying she enjoys getting the Newsletter from the home church and that she loves and misses everyone. (Thanks, LeeAnn, for the gift of postage – it is appreciated.)

Thank You to Brenda Skibo for your gift to the Church. It was good hearing from you, and we pray that God will continue to bless you and Dick.

The answer to last month's Newsletter Bible Scholar Question--Lapidoth's wife was Deborah, a prophetess, warrior and the 4<sup>th</sup> Judge of Israel. See Judges 4:4.



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Tell My People

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### **Borrowed**

*They borrowed a bed to lay His head, when Christ the Lord came down;  
They borrowed an ass in the mountain pass for Him to ride to town.  
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore...  
...were His own.*

*He borrowed the bread when the crown He fed on the grassy mountain side;  
He borrowed the dish of broken fish with which He satisfied.  
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore...  
...were His own.*



*He borrow the ship in which to sit to teach the multitude,  
He borrowed the nest in which to rest, He had never a home as rude,  
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore...  
...were His own.*

*He borrowed a room on the way to the tomb, the Passover lamb to eat.  
They borrowed a cave, for Him a grave, they borrowed a winding sheet.  
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore...  
...were His own.*

*The thorns on His head were worn in my stead, for me the Saviour died;  
For the guilt of my sin the nails drove in when Him they crucified.  
Though the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore were His own  
...They rightly were mine!*

~L. M. Hollingworth

