

# MARCH 23, 2008

## Pastor's Corner.....

Happy Easter! Jesus lives. I am so glad as the song says, that "life is worth the living just because He lives." Some of you this morning may not think that life is worth living very much. Maybe you've been hurt and your heart has hid the pain for years. Maybe you're even mad at God. I want you this morning to redirect your focus for me. This morning we will look at our Savior who Isaiah saw high and lifted up. Christ said that if He be lifted up from the earth He would draw all men unto Him. I pray that you will let Him draw you to Him today.

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### *A Look at Last Week:*

Sunday School Attendance: 73

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CHILD CARE - TODAY	Next Week
Nursery: Mary Ann Hill	Bonnie Moore
Jr. Church: Ellie Newsome & Kelly Sharpless	Joan Tripoli

**GREETERS** TODAY: Danny and Elaine Lewis  
Next Week: Sara Spencer and Alexis Tripoli

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† There will be no Evening Service tonight †

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*Christian Sympathy* is extended to the Samples family, due to the death of Mary's father, Earl Brown on Thursday, March 20. Please keep this family in your prayers. Mr. Brown's services will be at Oak Grove Baptist Church. *Viewing Monday 7:00 -9:00 PM*

*Viewing Tuesday 10:00 AM Funeral 11:00 AM*

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The beautiful flower arrangement on the altar table was placed there by Bob and Chris Nitz in honor of their parents and Chris' brother.

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For the respect of your worship and the worship of others, please turn OFF all cell phones during service. Thank you.

# *Ministry and Fellowship Opportunities*

**March 25 – Sound Room Training #4** 6:00 – 9:00 PM

**March 27 – SYG meeting** 6:30 – 8:30 PM

**March 28 - Benefit Singing** 7:00 PM

**March 30 - Youth Sunday** with Rev. Jerry Carr

**March 30 - Talent Night** 6:00 PM

Come prepared to share your talent

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The Men's Softball practice will be at 5:30 PM  
on Thursday nights beginning this week on  
the 27<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant View Baptist Church .

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Check us out on the web!!! There are several parts still under  
construction but be patient and check frequently.

[www.portersgrovebaptistchurch.org](http://www.portersgrovebaptistchurch.org)

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We will be hosting a special singing with Refuge and Heavenly Sunrise  
this Friday night at 7:00 to benefit the new church ministry of Jason and  
Jen Johnson at Homestead Community Church at the campground in  
Georgetown, DE.

*If writing a check, please make it payable to Heavenly Sunrise.*

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Looking for a way to reach souls and be blessed?

**PRAY!!** See what God would want you to give to help the group go  
to Grenada and reach souls with the Gospel of Christ.

**GIVE!!** The group going to Grenada in August needs to raise  
money for their trip. Simply put your offering in an envelope  
and mark "Missions Trip" on the outside.

*The total amount needed is \$12,600.*

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## ***Vacation Bible School*** ***June 16-20***

The sign up "medallions" are on the bulletin board in the basement.  
We will be having our first meeting on Sunday March 30.

Thank you, Wendy and Ellie

**Teen Conference**  
**Bible Baptist Church in York, PA**  
**May 1 – 3, 2008**

We are planning for our youth to attend this 2½ day conference. We will be staying over night in a hotel there on Thursday and Friday night. The "Camp Fund" will be paying for this event. I will be going to the schools that our youth attend to request by written form from Baptist Bible Church for Friday, May 2 to be an excused absence. **Must have the exact count no later than next Sunday!**

Thank you, Ellie & Joe

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*Prayer Concerns*

Texie Ladd (HMH Rm 307A)		Pat Price and family
Samples Family	Cecil Taylor	John Boothe
Virginia Anderson	Andrea Moore	Sandy Wright
Sandra Breedlove	Mr. Conrad	Deerden Family
Tom Young	MaeOla Johnson	Ally McQuitty
Christl Tucker	Cathy Woods & family	Amanda Davis
Harley Breedlove	Brenda Comer Stotts	Kim Newsome
Rhonda Parks	Karl McGuigan	
Ernest Smith's Family	Wayne & Anna Nichols	
Hollow & Davis Families	Arthur Crouse (Calvert Manor Rm 36B)	

All others on March prayer list

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*Interesting*.....Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. This year, Easter will fall on March 23.

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives...and only the most elderly of our population (95 years old or above) have ever seen it this early before. None of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier. The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year **2228** (220 years from now).