



March 23, 2018

In a conversation that Sarah and I had this week she shared with me a quote from the book *A Wrinkle in Time* that really made me think. The book says, "There will no longer be so many pleasant things to look at if responsible people do not do something about the unpleasant ones." Along with this quote I have spent a great deal of time here lately thinking about the impact this season of Lent has had on my spiritual life and also how I will approach Holy Week, Easter and Eastertide (the liturgical season between Easter Sunday and Pentecost).

My thoughts have centered on how Lent will inspire me as I remember, celebrate and live out my faith in Christ's life, death and resurrection. God has done a transforming work in my life during this season, but I don't believe that work was done just for my own improvement. I believe God transforms our lives not just so we can be better versions of ourselves or simply go to heaven, but also so we can make a difference in our world. Therefore, what does God want to do with me next?

The reason this quote from *A Wrinkle in Time* has resonated with me is because it is undoubtedly a call to action. As we are all aware there is hate, evil, injustice and numerous other forms of sins in our world. But as baptized Christians we are called by God to resist those wrongs in whatever ways they present themselves. However, if I, as one who calls himself a Christian, choose to ignore this call to resist the "unpleasant" things of this world by showing God's love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness then eventually the "pleasant" things (unity, grace, joy, peace, etc.) will fade away.

As we bring the season of Lent to a close on Easter Sunday (April 1st) I want you to think about how God has used this time to change your lives. Some of you have given things up for Lent and how has the Holy Spirit used that sacrifice to draw you into a closer relationship with God? I also invite you to consider how God wants to use this "new" you to make a difference for God's Kingdom in our world.

I hope you all have a great rest of the week and to see you on Sunday for our Palm Sunday Cantata!! God bless!

Bro. David

Prayer Requests

- **Andrea Adcox**, co-worker of Connie Howell, blood poisoning
- **Grant Allen Reed**, cancer
- **Family of Rachel Mendenhall**, friend of Beverly Duggins
- **Linda Upton**, friend of Ginny Mathes, breast cancer, starting radiation

- **John Sloan**, spouse of Karen Sloan, bladder cancer
- **Mike Murphy**, friend of Mary Rose Gansel, Stage IV Neck Cancer
- **Eddie Peel**, stage 4 cancer
- **Malcolm Hart**, friend of the Peck family, pancreatic cancer
- **Carrie Borchers**, friend of Tamara Harris, treatment for lymphoma

HALLELUJAH!

What a Savior!

The Crucified and Risen Christ

Palm Sunday Cantata

Sunday, March 25, 2018
at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Blackman Chancel Choir
with Instrumental Ensemble



**Our Palm Sunday Cantata
is a beautiful outreach opportunity.
Remember to invite your
family and friends.**

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday Cantata, March 25th
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday, March 29th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Good Friday, March 30th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise, April 1st @ 6:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 1st @ 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.


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BUNNY BRUNCH

Saturday, March 24th
The Fun Starts at 10:00 a.m.
at Blackman United
Methodist Church
4380 Manson Pike
Murfreesboro

BRUNCH
EASTER BUNNY
EGG HUNT
INFLATABLES
ACTIVITIES
CRAFTS



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Announcements

In case of inclement weather, stay tuned to Facebook, Twitter and email for updates on church services and activities.

- **The Thursday morning Covenant Disciple class** will be paused until this September. Please see Susie Seadorf with any questions.
- **Our Rutherford (formerly Sunnington) Assisted Living facility sing along** is TODAY, Friday, March 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Due to the Easter holiday and Good Friday (March 30). Bring your voice and a smile! Hope to see you there! Their address is: [1658 Lascassas Pike, Murfreesboro, 37130](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1658+Lascassas+Pike,+Murfreesboro,+TN+37130)
- **VBS: Come join us on a "Rolling River Rampage" at Blackman UMC, June 10th-14th, beginning at 6pm!** We are already gearing up for VBS, and we want you to be a part! Please register now so that we can be well prepared to serve all of the VBS River Rafterers! More details and a link to register follows...
- **LOST and FOUND:** Did you know that we have a lost and found bin in the mailroom, just outside the sanctuary. Please take a look in there if you are missing sun glasses, reading glasses or even keys. There are multiple toys in there, coffee mugs and a **back pack/KAVU** bag!

- **Wonderful Wednesdays will be starting back April 4th.** Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. and classes for all ages to start at 6:15 p.m. Lowell Hawkins is leading a class based on the book "The Other Talk: A Guide to Talking with Your Adult Children about the Rest of Your Life" by Tim Prosch, which focuses on preparations for later stages of life. Bro. David will also be leading a class for adults in the Fellowship Hall. Prices for dinner: \$5/teens & adults, \$2/children (5-12), under 5 is free and there is a max per family of \$20. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Representatives from Cedar Crest Camp will be here, **this Sunday, March 25th**. All parents of children in grades 1st thru 8th are invited to join in on the conversation that will take place in Fellowship Hall, between both services that morning.

Youth Calendar

March 25 Regular youth 5-7 pm

March 28, 29th and 30th See note below for special mission project with Fellowship UMC.

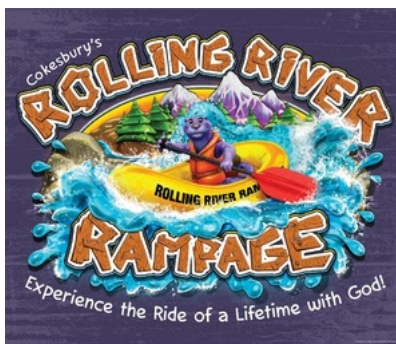
April 1st. Easter Sunday, no youth meeting

April 8th Regular youth 5-7 pm

April 15th Regular youth 5-7 pm



Blackman UMC Youth will be joining with Fellowship UMC for a fun two night lock in mission project over spring break. If you are interested please sign up outside the youth room on the sign up sheet. This event is free. For more information Please contact Chandra Inglis @youth@blackmanumc.com or [615-630-2044](tel:615-630-2044)



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<http://blackmanumc.com/VBS2018>

Please reach out to Jenny Peck with any questions or if you would like more information

at vbs@blackmanumc.com or [\(615\) 218-9277](tel:6152189277)

Please see the note in announcements also in regards to lilies this year; as all monies given toward the purchase of lilies will benefit Vacation Bible School. Thank you.

Acolyte's Needed

Parents of children in 3rd through 6th grade - we need your children to serve as acolytes in worship, carrying in the light of Christ, helping with the offering, communion, etc. Youth and older children are also invited to help. Training is provided. We now have an online signup service where you can go to pick the dates that work best with your schedule. Visit the website at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4faaaf2fa7f85-bumc1> to sign up for dates in April through June. If you have any questions, or prefer to not use the online signup system, contact Mike Rose atmusic@blackmanumc.com.

Leaders in Worship for 3/25/18

Rev. David Stockton

Mike Rose, Music Director

Jan MacKrell, piano

Special Guests in Worship for this Sunday

Charis MacKrell, *violin 1*

Chloe MacKrell, *violin 2*

Cana MacKrell, *viola*

Carmel MacKrell, *cello*

Peter Duarte, *trumpet*

Sarah Hoff, *flute*

Benji Barnes, Multimedia

Mark Spears, Sound Tech

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