

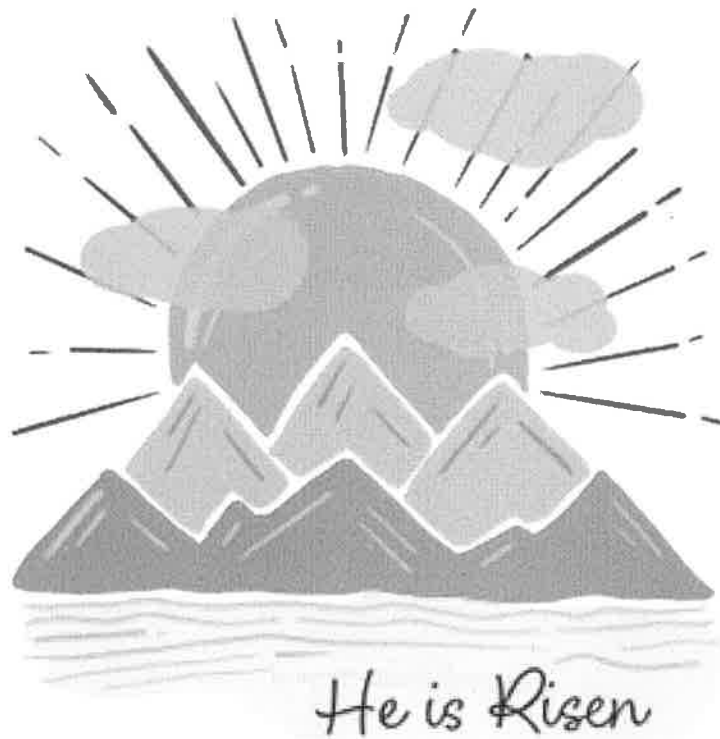
# THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

April, 2025

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Throughout history, there have been people who have doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even today, there are many who are doubting that Jesus died for the sins of the world and arose triumphantly from the dead. There are some that believe He died but didn't rise from the dead, some that believe He didn't really die but was unconscious, and even some that believe Jesus never existed.

There were people who believed Jesus didn't rise from the dead in the Apostle Paul's day, but he had this to say in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve. After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

Paul was quick to point out to the Corinthian church that the scriptures do point to the fact that Jesus came, died, and arose from the dead. He then points to the eyewitnesses of His resurrection. We know of course from reading the Bible, Jesus made at least ten resurrection appearances. Paul points out five of them. After Jesus arose from the dead Paul said He went to Peter, then to the disciples, to 500 people, then to His half-brother James, and finally to the Apostle Paul himself (Acts 9).

Each resurrection appearance from Mary Magdalene, whom Jesus appeared to first (Mark 16:9), to the Apostle Paul changed the lives of those He appeared to. Paul was telling the Corinthian church the resurrection of Jesus Christ really did happen, and there were eyewitnesses of His resurrection. After Paul saw the Lord on the road to Damascus, his life was completely changed. He went from persecuting Christians to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For the rest of his life he lived for Jesus.

What about you? Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead? His resurrection is life changing for all who have trusted in Him as their Lord and Savior! As we celebrate Easter, let's remember why we celebrate Easter. The One True God, the King of kings and Lord of lords came to die for our sins and rise from the dead so we can have everlasting life!!

Pastor John

## LISTENING HEARTS

Our WMU met on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. There were 11 ladies present.

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> was Pastor's Wife Appreciation Day. Thank you to everyone who participated. We love you Tonya!

April will be a busy month for missions. We will continue receiving contributions for the Annie Armstrong offering. This offering is the primary way Southern Baptists fund local missions in North America. North American missionaries take the gospel to unreached communities throughout the US and Canada with our support.

We are supporting our two local children's homes also during the month of April. For Black Mountain Children's Home we will collect paper products. Items included are toilet paper and paper towels. You can place these items in the closet at the back of the sanctuary.

For the Baptist Children's Home in Clyde, we will collect money for the Buncombe Baptist Association to purchase gift cards.


Our next WMU meeting will be Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Love to all,  
Sherry

## Grief Share®

The new session of Grief Share will continue on Tuesday's, from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Make plans to join. Everyone is welcome.

Jo Ann Young and Anne Gudger



By  
his  
wounds  
we are  
*healed.*

Isaiah 53:5, NIV

## MUSIC CORNER

Worship Leader

It is already April, and we can worship our risen Lord together Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>! I hope you will plan to attend and invite family and friends to come with you.

I am so excited to see so many of you growing in the faith! Please plan to attend the next Luke Bible Study, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00. It is such a special time to come together and share the Word and learn as the Holy Spirit leads us.

Our 45+ Class will meet April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 in the Welcome Center. I am so excited to see the Lord working with this group as we share prayer requests, Bible study, food, and fellowship. If you have not attended, please come. If you are looking for a group to connect and grow, this is it. Through the week, we share prayer requests, praises of how God is answering prayers and encouragement.

I look forward to seeing you every Sunday and every other opportunity we meet. When you cannot attend, you are missed. We need each other.

In Christ,  
Norma

## FROM THE PEN OF JUDY PROFFITT

### CALVARY

When God looked down from Heaven's throne  
And saw His Son covered, in sins, not His own.  
He turned His back, and hid His face,  
Too Holy to look on such sin and disgrace.

All alone, Jesus cried in agony  
"Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?  
But God remained silent, left Jesus to die.  
Shutting His ears to His only Son's cry.

God is Light, in Him is no darkness at all.  
If He remained present, no darkness could fall.  
For three long hours utter darkness remained  
As Jesus gave His life's blood, to cleanse every stain.

When Jesus cried, "It is finished, the work is now done,  
I have accomplished the mission for which I have come."  
Then the darkness was over, God's wrath was appeased  
With His Son's sacrifice, He was well pleased.

Never again would His Son be alone  
At the Father's right hand, He is seated on the throne.  
Making intercession for all who have believed,  
In what He wrought at the cross, and  
His atonement received.

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## **Easter Blondies**

### **Ingredients**

**½ cup butter melted**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**  
**1 cup flour**  
**1 cup Easter M&M candies**

**¾ cup brown sugar**  
**1 large egg**  
**pinch of salt**

### **Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8x8 baking dish with foil or parchment paper and spray with non-stick spray.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the melted butter, brown sugar and vanilla. Stir in the egg until well combined.
3. Add the flour and the salt to the wet ingredients and stir until well combined. Gently stir in ¾ of the candy. The batter will be thick and sticky.
4. Spread the batter into the prepared pan. Press the remaining M&M's over the top.
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes. The center should be barely set.
6. Cool before cutting.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">APRIL</h1> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;"><i>Events</i></p>						
		1 Grief Share 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	2 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	3 Prayer Time 2:00 p.m.	4	5 Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.
6 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m.	7	8 Grief Share 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	9 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	10 Prayer Time 2:00 p.m.	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.	14	15 Grief Share 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	16 Senior Adults Fellowship Hall 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17 Prayer Time 2:00 p.m.	18 45+ 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center	19 Praise Team Practice 5:00 p.m.
20 EASTER Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.	21	22 Grief Share 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	23 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	24 Prayer Time 2:00 p.m.	25 Young Adult's in the Welcome Center 6:30 p.m.	26
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