



April 2025

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Faith Family, It's the month of Easter. Time to celebrate the resurrection!

But, let's remember that really everyday for the Christian is a time to celebrate the resurrection. Why? Because we have been "raised to walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). Take some time each day this month to ponder that. You have been RAISED. Raised from what? From slavery to sin, from being dead in your trespasses, from a destiny of death and separation from the goodness of God. And you have been raised to WALK. To walk where? To walk in the good deeds God has prepared for you. To walk in the path of Christ. To walk in faithfulness and holiness. Every day, Christian, because Christ has been raised, we have a reason to be thankful, and the ability to walk towards our Father, not away from him. That is the resurrection life. Amen! - Pastor John

Church Happenings

Girlfriends of Faith

The Girlfriends of Faith is asking that all recipes for the church cookbook be turned into Marcia Daniel or the Church office by May 1, 2025. Be on the lookout for ordering information!

Sunday March 30th our church family grew! Huge welcome to the LeMahieu family and Nancy Lowry!



HOLY WEEK



SUNDAY, APRIL 13th - 12:30pm

PALM SUNDAY Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th - 6:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th - 8am to 8pm

GOOD FRIDAY Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY, April 20th - EASTER!

6:30am - Sunrise Service

9:30am - Pancake Breakfast

10:30am - Regular Worship Service

APRIL

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Week of Prayer	2 Week of Prayer	3 Week of Prayer	4 Week of Prayer	5 Week of Prayer 9am Church Work Day
6 Communion 9am Sunday School 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12 6pm Youth Hangout
13 Palm Sunday 9am Sunday School 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship Fellowship Lunch & Egg Hunt	14	15	16	17 6pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 Good Friday Prayer Vigil 8am - 8pm	19 10am Girlfriends of Faith
20 Easter 6:30am Sunrise Service 9:30am Easter Breakfast 10:30 Worship	21	22	23	24 Women's Fun Day 1:30pm - 3:30pm	25	26 10am Christian Women's Center Donation Drive 6pm Youth Hangout
27 9am Sunday School 10am Fellowship 10:30 Worship	28	29	30			

Mission of the Month



The church will be collecting :
33 Gallon Trash Bags
13 Gallon Trash Bags
Sandwich & Freezer Bags
Dryer Sheets
Liquid Laundry Detergent

The Christian Women's Center W.O.W. program is a 12 month discipleship program that offers refuge to women in crisis believing these women can be restored to physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being through the love of Christ. The crisis could be abuse, prostitution, neglect, homelessness or any combination resulting from drug or alcohol addiction. We help women achieve life change by demonstrating to them the love of Christ through unconditional love and acceptance. We provide one-on-one biblical counseling, group addictions counseling, career readiness classes, health screenings, parenting instruction (as needed), life skills, Bible studies, opportunities to volunteer, wellness education/exercise and partnerships with community services for our residents.

The acronym, WOW, stands for Women of the Well and refers to the story of how Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well and told her everything she had ever done. She was stunned that He would even talk to her. Then, Jesus tells her He could offer her "living water" and she'll never go thirsty again. The "living water" represented eternal life that she could only get through belief in Him. She doesn't fully comprehend until He tells her that He is the promised Messiah! (John 4:4-30)

Please place donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary. We also have a donation drive the last Saturday of April for their thrift store.

Check out more about the Christian Women's Center by visiting their website:

<https://cwcga.org>

Session News

The March Session meeting was held on March 13 at the church at 5:30 PM.

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed chapter 8 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. The Session discussed plans to hold a concert at the church featuring Indelible Grace, tentatively scheduled for October or November 2025. The Session also shared updates of reaching out to various missing church members over the past month.

Elders Gregg Coniglio and Jeremy Evans volunteered to interview Jeremy & Mary LeMahieu, who submitted their application to join the church. Elder Keith Lovern shared information for a third estimate for consideration for the parking lot sealing and stripping project.

Prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the April regular Session meeting has not been determined but will be set for early April.

John Cleveland, Moderator

Jeremy Evans, Clerk

Gregg Coniglio

Keith Lovern

Andy Martin

March Financial News

March income 31,946.00

March POP 1,201.00

March expense 31,235.22

Loan Balance : 616, 021.84

Prayer Requests

Matthew Fuqua

Bev Smith

JB & Maddie

Doug Coffey

Marilyn

Doug & Kathy Rewerts

Pam Winberg

Chris Bullock

Roger Posey

Suzy Frutig

Myra Echols

Jordan Israel

Jimmy Ellington

Mary Ellington

Family of Bobby

Russell

Selah Leigh

Donna McCormick

Chris Ober

Wilson Station

Presbyterian Church

Kay Horvath

Our church leadership

Our community

How can we pray for you?

Missionary Update

Firmly Rooted, Living in Lebanon



Marhaba,

It is hard to hold back my excitement in writing this update. As many of you know, God gave me a word 10 years ago looking across the border into Syr@a to come and serve Him in this region, and particularly the people of that country. After several failed attempts, and occasional lack of patience on my part, the answer always remained, "wait." However, this past week, God opened all the doors and I went with a local pastor and some of my Balassan team to spend 2 days in the capital city exploring a potential ministry opportunity with a local church to help them open a medical center similar to Balassan! The border process went smoothly and God was clearly with us each step of the way. A clear reminder that His timing is always best. We spent hours in discussion with the local pastor, his wife, and team about the current challenges in their church, community, and country, as well as listening to miracle after miracle of how God has continued to provide and sustain them and even grow their community in spite of immense hardships and suffering. Their vision is to reach M@slims in their community, and particularly the ones who are living in a nearby area which was decimated with chemical bombs, yet they live in the rubble as they can not afford rents anywhere else. Their small, simple church is packed every week without an empty seat. People living on one meal a day sometimes skip a meal, just in order to pay for the transportation for another family to make it to church. Electricity only comes one hour a day and they are often without water. They are tired, burnt out from war and trauma, and feel alone in many ways. The whole time I was with them, I just wanted to encourage them and love them.

We also got to tour the old capital city and see some historic and Biblical sites.

What are the next steps? What does this mean for me personally? Although there is a very real opportunity for Balassan to partner with them to open a clinic, and the current visa situation allows me to travel back and forth, there are many challenges and logistics that would need to be worked out. Funding is also a huge issue. Political unrest and instability with constantly changing security situations are also a concern. I appreciate your prayers as I work through these issues and questions with my local community and team, supporting churches, and leadership.

Unfortunately the woman who we had been praying and reading the Word has disappeared and likely returned to her previous husband. We have not had contact with her in nearly a month. Continue to keep her in your prayers as well.

Thank you for your love, support and encouragement!

With gratitude,
Jenny

