

BRETHREN BRIEFS

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCOTT DUFFEY

TUESDAY – APRIL 9, 2019

“Joy Unspeakable, Faith Unsinkable, Love Unstoppable, Anything is possible.”

“God cannot bless what you do not invest.”

“Do not be afraid, God is still guiding the church.”

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PASS ON OUR WEBSITE TO A FRIEND! – www.stauntonbrethren.org

When did you last invite someone to Worship with you? Why not now?!

When did you last check on someone whom you’ve been missing at Worship?

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*****Help us Welcome Guests on Sunday Mornings by directing them to the NEW WELCOME CENTER in the narthex. The Welcome table is full of helpful information, under the “Welcome” sign, and next to the new monitor that is scrolling information and picture slides.***

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A Sermon Out-take From Sunday –

“I, for one, am glad Jesus knew who he was. He didn’t just think he was God, he is God! And his self-knowledge is knowledge he wants us to have too. “Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will go greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.” Just as Jesus is in the Father, he wants to be in us, to live and to work and to love in us and through us. That’s what the gospel stories are all about, not just a man with a Messiah complex, but the Son of God come to save the world. It’s a love story that needs to be written on our hearts.

Sweet offers this interpretation: “Jesus’ favorite way of describing himself was as “Son of Man,” but also translated “the Human One.” Jesus is not some ideal human being but the first true human being, the human being we were all created to be, whose resurrection makes the future our present. Baptism is not membership in the Christian church, then, but membership in a whole new and pure line of being human and participation in the sacrament of humanity.”

You see, if we believe Jesus is who he says he is, and we say we believe in him, then our whole life changes. If Jesus is truly living in you, then why are you saying and thinking and doing some of the things you are doing? And yet, we’re all hypocrites to some degree, because we have

not yet been perfected. No excuses, though. "When Jesus becomes the plot that pilots our story, when Jesus becomes the thread that seams together the nature and nurture of our lives, we become a masterpiece, and a light for the world." We need to let all of Jesus' bad habits take root within us as his followers and his church. We are not the people who remember Jesus, but the people who experience, embody, and evidence Jesus' resurrection life. He has come back for us already, and he is living in us as the way. Let us do more than mimic him, but let us manifest him and be the living presence of Christ in the world."

Read all of my sermons on the webpage at www.stauntonbrethren.org.

CDs are also available for Worship Services. They're on the table in the south lobby.

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This Week

Wednesday 12 Noon – Seniors and Retirees Carry In Lunch

Thursday 6:30 PM Contemporary Chorus

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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Next Sunday – April 14 – PALM SUNDAY

Start a new habit – a good habit – Bring a Friend to Sunday School and Worship!

10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

The Worship theme for this Sunday is "The World Has Gone After Him." The texts are Luke 19:28-40 and John 12:9-19. Nancy Bowman is Worship Leader, and Linda Abshire will lead our Children's Time. The Choir and Chorus will sing. There will also be a Minute For Mission. The children will bring in the palm branches.

12:15 PM EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCH – All children and families and adults welcome. Just let Linda Abshire or Donna Wells know you are coming.

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Remember to Pray –

Pray for Rena Swink, Marguerite Sanger (Bridgewater), Ferne Rohr (The Legacy), Don Markle, Libby Tusing (Waynesboro Manor), Stanley and Brenda Shackelford, Jay and Rosalie McLearn, Melba Cline, Judy Collins, Fred Wilkerson Sr., Fred Wilkerson Jr., Brad Thorpe, Cindy Spitzer, Gwendolyn Spitzer, Roy Pilson, Bonnie Cale, Bill Cline, Barbara Mooneyham, Charles Phillips, Mary Huffer, Claude Simmons, Eva Frederick, Logan Shortridge (Nancy Canter's nephew), Dick and Helen Bartenslager, Wanda Morris, George Sullivan, Laura and Chad Houston and new baby Samantha, Bob Weiss.

Continue to pray for the healing and the safety of the Nigerian Brethren, the Chibok girls, and so many others who have had their lives uprooted. Keep praying.

Let us also pray for those who have had their churches burned in Louisiana in the past two weeks.

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Dates to Have on Your Calendar –

April 13, 20 – 11 AM Special Combined Choir Rehearsals for Easter Sunrise

April 18 – 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday

– Service of Footwashing, Love Feast, Holy Communion

April 19 – 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship at Smokey Row Baptist Church

April 21 – HOSTING EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – 7:00 AM w/Community of Churches

8:30 AM Breakfast – Men's Pancakes and Carry-In Breakfast items to share

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 27 – Chicken Barbecue by Men's Fellowship and Bake Sale by Seniors

April 28 – LUNCH AND CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

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SCOB OPPORTUNITIES

****On FIRST WEDNESDAY in March, we were given plastic bags and challenged** place one article in the bag for each day of the Lenten season (40 days, 40 items) this year. It could be a piece of clothing or an item of food, something that would be appropriate to donate at Easter to one of

the non-profits that SCOB supports. This could be done individually or by a family. The challenge is to bring the bags back to SCOB on Easter Sunday for collection.

Childcare is an important and ongoing ministry for our church. We NEED persons to do childcare for Love Feast and for Easter Sunrise. Talk to Debbie Clark about being on the Childcare List for special events, or to Donna Wells about being trained to help on Sunday Mornings.

The Women’s Circles are selling Cookbooks and “Happy Home Flavorings” (Vanilla, Lemon, Coconut, Butter, Butter Nut, and Almond). The Flavorings are \$3 each; and the Cookbooks are \$10. Great for your kitchen and for gifts. Cookbooks in the office hallway; Flavorings, see Debbie Landes.

We’ve added an ongoing food collection for students at Shelburne Middle School. Homelessness and poverty are affecting a number of students and school personnel have created a special food pantry. We can contribute: breakfast bars, juice boxes, crackers, fruit snacks, applesauce cups, microwaveable single cup meals, mini-cereal boxes, pudding/Jello cups. There’s a clear bin in the main hallway. It will be there through the school year.

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VISION STATEMENT

“Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace, and Serving the World with Love.”

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THIS IS A MINI-NEWS PAGE FOR WEEKLY UPDATES

GOD BE WITH YOU THIS WEEK! PASTOR SCOTT

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