

Offering hope and encouragement everyday!

We believe the church belongs to God and that the church is, in the words of the Apostle Paul, the body of *Christ. The church is to be the physical presence of* Christ in the world. As such, our primary aim is to do God's will.



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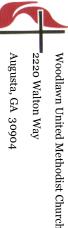
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Palm Sunday "The Turning Point" Holy Week, MARCH 24-31

These seven days have been the topic of a million of publications, countless debates, and thousands of films. These seven days have inspired the greatest painters, the most skilled architects, and the most gifted musicians. To try and calculate the cultural impact of these seven days is impossible. But harder still would be an attempt to account for the lives of men and women who have been transformed by them. And yet these seven days as they played out in Jerusalem were of little significance to anyone but a few people involved. What happened on those seven days?

- 1. On Sunday the first of the seven days, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to the shouts of Hosanna, fulfilling an old prophecy in Zechariah 9:9.
- 2. On Monday he walked into the Jerusalem Temple overturning tables where money exchange occurred, Roman drachmas were being exchanged for Jewish shekels. Roman coins were not allowed. The image of Caesar was a violation of the second commandment. But the Temple authorities were using the Commandment as means to cheat the people and making the Temple a place of profit rather than a place of prayer.
- 3. On Tuesday Jesus taught in parables, warned the people against the Pharisees, and predicted the destruction of the Temple.
- 4. On Wednesday, the fourth day, we know nothing. The Gospel writers are silent. Perhaps it was a day of rest for him and his weary and worried disciples.
- 5. On Thursday, in an upper room, Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples. But he gave it a new meaning. No longer would his followers remember the Exodus from Egypt in the breaking of bread. They would remember his broken body and shed blood. Later that evening in the Garden of Gethsemane he agonized in prayer at what lay ahead for him.
- 6. On Friday, the fifth day, following betrayal, arrest, imprisonment, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and sentencing, Jesus carried his own cross to "The Place of the Skull," where he was crucified with two other prisoners.

- 7. On Saturday, Jesus lay dead in a tomb bought by a rich man named Joseph.
- 8. On Sunday, his Passion was over, the stone had been rolled away! Jesus was alive! He appeared to Mary, to Peter, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and to the 11 disciples gathered in a locked room. His resurrection was established as a fact.

These seven days were called Passover, as it is still called today by the Jews. Christians around the world know these seven days as Holy Week, the Passion of the Christ. The turning point for us is Palm Sunday, It is our moment of triumph. It was a triumph because God Jesus decided to ignore our miserable state and act on our behalf. He chose to ignore the crowds version of Palm Sunday and go with His. No matter what we have done: compromised our principles, sold out to the expediency of the moment, given in to sin. God comes into our world and welcomes us home. We may not deserve to be there but he welcomes us just the same. If there ever was a turning point of our long ordeal in the wilderness. This is it! Amen.

Rev. Jim

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

3/22	Lee & Ann Cannon		
	Ellis & Gloria Irby		
3/24	Dan & Kay Carrington		

John & Alice Caldwell

Birthdays

3/6	Latanya Knight
3/9	Timothy McGahee
	Wes Collins
3/11	Danette McGee
	Bonnie Crain
3/13	Emily Griffin
3/19	Beth Caldwell
3/23	Debbie-Joy Agee
	Anthony Krepps
3/24	Lyle McGahee
3/28	Matthew Cannon
3/29	Carolyn Neal

MARCH REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE					
Sunday	Team				
1 st March 3rd	Jennifer Love Jackie Wiggins				
2 nd March 10th	Dani McGee Ann Cannon				
3 rd March 17th	Christa Meliezer Debbie-Joy Agee				
4th March 24th	Sarah Friese Mandy Griffin				
5th March 311st	Youth Sunday!!				

Member Service Schedule

Lay Liturgists	Usher Captains
Mandy Griffin	Larry Wiggins
Sue McKenney	Gene Staulcup
Jenny Herrington	
Jennifer Love	
Christa Meliezer	

Greeters

Col Jack Bailey Carol Cox



Farewell and Welcome: Most of you know that Mrs. Fran left in February to pursue other opportunities. We wish her well. So we have added 2 new members to our faculty. Ms. Deborah Lilly is the new teacher in the young threes room and Ms. Ana Boyd is the new evening teacher in the toddler room. Both of these ladies are highly qualified to do the jobs they have been given and we believe that they both make great additions to our faculty.

Save the date: March 24th is Palm Sunday and we are asking all families to celebrate with us. We will join Good Shepherd this year for the procession. We will meet here at 11:00 and walk over to Good Shepherd and the procession will start at 11:15.

During the morning church service the children will have a moment to showcase their talents and will sing two songs, "Jesus Loves Me" and" This Little Light of Mine". Please practice these songs with your children at home. There will be an opportunity to take pictures during their performance.

March birthday blessing: Parents are invited to attend chapel the 1st Wednesday of each month as Pastor Jim will begin giving birthday blessings for all children and teachers born within that month.

Easter: The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30th 9 -11am this year. Please mark your calendar so that your child does not miss out on the fun and fellowship. This is fun for the whole family so don't be late you don't want to miss the Easter egg hunt.

Masters Camp: Parents, please let your friends, family and others know that we will be having Masters Camp and Summer Camp this year. Even though we do not offer after school pick-up we still have the space to offer great camps. Tell them to call the office at 706-738-2546 for more information. Be sure to give them our email address also. We look forward to seeing you soon.

The center will be closed March 29, 2013, Good Friday!!

Youth News



KNOW YOUR STORY... CONFIRM YOUR FAITH... LIVE YOUR COMMITMENT...

The youth Confirmation Retreat will be taking place on Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th at the Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick, SC. Please turn in your \$20 (for food, gas, and lodging) by this Sunday, March 10.

On Friday, March 29, we will serve others at the Master's Table as part of Woodlawn's Lenten commitment. Finally, on Sunday, May 5th, 5 of our Youth will be Baptized and 7 of them will be Confirmed. We are very excited for these young people to affirm their faith!

God bless!

- Jennifer Powell. Youth Director



It's time to order your Easter Lillies. The form is in the Sunday bulletin, and in the church office. Please have orders in by March 23rd. Lillies may be taken home after the Easter Service Plan to attend our Couples Small Group on Thursdays @ 6pm. The group will meet at the McCollough's house, and childcare will be provided. This study is for anyone who is in a relationship! Call the church office with any questions: 706-738-2546

Class will not meet on 3/21 or 3/28



Going Tandem: Harmony in Marriage

Going tandem requires cooperation "...being patient with your partner, and communicating are the keys to a successful and enjoyable paddling experience."



The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

At the time of Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this. In His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering Jesus said to the tree:

"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross--two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

The pink dogwood is said to be blushing for shame because of the cruel purpose which it served in the Crucifixion.

The weeping dogwood further symbolized the sorrow.

The red dogwood, called the Cherokee, bears the color to remind us of the blood shed by our Savior.













Come out and cheer on un•bound's first volleyball team! We play every Tuesday at the Salvation Army Kroc center. Games generally last about 1 hour.

> Tuesday March 5th 9pm Tuesday March 12th 9pm Tuesday March 19th 9pm Tuesday March 26th 9pm





March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Preschool 6:30am-6:30pm Office 8am-6pm 10:30-1pm Master's Table	2
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7am Sunrise Service @ Westover Cemetery 8:30 am Woodlawn Garden Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:35 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:35 am Charles Choil Renealed. 11:00 am Traditional Worship Easter Sunday