

# *The Tidings*

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#### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*“That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”*

*Philippians 3:10-11*

Easter is in April this year, and on Easter we celebrate life and life everlasting when we celebrate the empty tomb of Jesus. It is the most significant day for all who are believers of Jesus. Christians all around the world will gather to celebrate this day. Those who are not believers often still celebrate the season without the Savior.

While some Christians may not think that is right let us not cast judgement. Rather, consider our lives? It may be helpful to ask do we celebrate the Savior on the day of resurrection while failing to live a resurrection life throughout the year? Does resurrection power extend beyond Jesus' grave to ours? I certainly believe so. Then we should live the new life given in Jesus' resurrection.

Paul shares that he puts aside everything in his life, for this... “that I may know him (Christ) and the power of his resurrection.” When we truly know Christ there is power in his resurrection, and it is not just when we die. When we die daily to ourselves there is resurrection power available to us.

The scripture shares that we will also “share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” We must die to our way of life and trust God's will to lead us. We all know that following Jesus leads to a cross, and we are called to take up our crosses and follow him, surely that will involve some suffering.

When we become like him in death, we also become like him in life. Paul says, “by any means possible,” and this tells us we must follow, submit, and become more like Jesus, because that's where life is, and that's where eternal life is. There is power in knowing Christ and that power is resurrection power. It is a powerful assurance of our heavenly home, and it is a powerful way to live here and now.

It is one thing to acknowledge the resurrection and another to live out the resurrection. There is no resurrection where there is not first death. Many acknowledge Jesus' resurrection with celebration but haven't found life and power in it because they are still holding on to this fragile life. Do you celebrate the knowledge of the resurrection? Will you let go of your right to your life, and follow Jesus? It means dying to ourselves by taking up our crosses and following him. It is in death that we find life and resurrection power. Let's not just celebrate His resurrection but live as Resurrection People.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Blessings,  
Pastor Greg

#### **ANTIOCH SENIOR'S GROUP**



Antioch Senior Gathering will be held on Monday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m. followed by our covered dish luncheon. Our program will feature *MARNA SEAL* who began singing at age 2 with her family band in the Shenandoah Valley and has continued for over 60 years. They have been inducted into the Missouri Country Music Hall of Fame. Marna will perform selections of old-time country, gospel and blue grass which she regularly performs in area churches and senior communities. Don't miss it!

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**Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in the month of APRIL: Brandon Vaught(1), Sarah Badowski(2), Carla Oliver(5), Ray O'Dell(6), Ethel Clark(7), Jason Strong(9), Lilly B. Wade(10), Reid Adams(10), Charlie Bradley III(13), Erin Marchetti(14), Shannon Turner(17), Jake Wilder(18), Bruce Wilder(20), Lilly Mitchell(23), Dixie S. Kegley(24), Alicea Sanders(24), Jack Adkins(25), Bernard Jordan(26), Josiah Soult(27), Stacy Cottrell(30)**

If your birthday has been inadvertently left off the birthday list or entered incorrectly, please contact the Church Office.)

### **WMU – WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION**

**WATCHWORD:** “My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile” (1 Cor. 15:58, CEV)

**OUR MISSION:** TO INFORM AND INSPIRE Christians to influence their world for Christ.

“More than a Spiritual Pep Talk.” The title for our monthly devotional guide highlighting prayer for missionaries on their birthdays. April 1 passage is from Luke 18:1-8 and the focus is Luke 18:1. Each day during the month is a prayer focus and we are to pray for a missionary on their birthday – those from the No. American Mission Board, International Mission Board, State Convention missionaries, Chaplains and volunteers, and our retired missionaries. We also end each of our group meetings with the prayer patterns. Ladies, we invite you to join in one of our meetings. You will be glad you did.

A reminder on our mission involvement – April project we have been asked to make homemade cookies for the Raceway Ministry (no chocolate chip) Pack 2 in a plastic baggie. Label those with peanuts.

Our may project will be items for the Daily Planet. Pat Chalkley will have a list soon.

*Light in place of darkness...  
Faith in place of doubt...  
Joy that brings us all together.*

Joyce Adams, Reporting for WMU

### **CHRONIC ILLNESS/CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**

Last month, we continued with the DVD and workbook series, *When Life is Hard: Turning Your Trials to Gold* by James MacDonald. First, we continued our discussion on *Session 3: What to Do With Trials?* with the in-depth readings done at home. Topics included: Suffering coming to all who believe in God, citing Jesus as an example, and that God uses suffering to “chisel our character.” Following the discussion, we moved onto the DVD and discussion of *Session 4: What if I Refuse This Trial?* We learned that: Trials are a painful circumstance allowed by God to change our conduct and character. Although trials can lead to discouragement, God's goal is to heal discouragement; some people don't lean on God during trials the discouragement, which can cause blame, finger pointing and denial, which then puts them out-of-joint or dislocation. This, in turn, makes them bitter, and can lead to profane living. Profane living can lead the person to disqualification, or unfaithfulness to God, such as in the example of Esau selling his birthright to his brother. Esau didn't want to change his mind or his heart.

We will meet again this month, on Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall and review session 4. Then we will move onto *Session 5: Why Some Trials Never End*, which focuses on 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and discusses Paul's “thorn” given in the flesh, “power made perfect in weakness,” and contentment during trials. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Amy Martin at 804-868-9032 or [liltheatredirector@yahoo.com](mailto:liltheatredirector@yahoo.com) (I have 1 workbook left!). The group is open to anyone with any diagnosed or undiagnosed chronic illness or symptoms, and caregivers – you are free to join at any time and we would love to hold you up with love and fellowship and give you a place to belong.

Amy Martin