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*May 27<sup>th</sup>*



**WORSHIP**  
**SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am**

**Sunday School**

**Discussion Group (Library)**

**10:00 am**

**Worship Service**

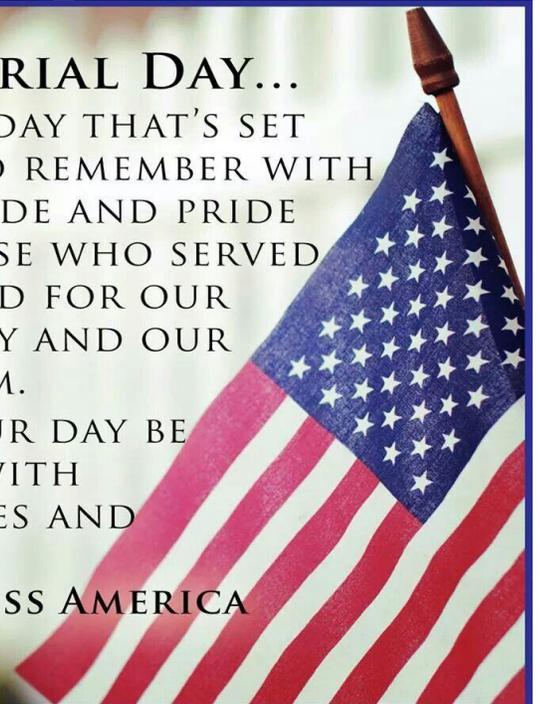
**MEMORIAL DAY...**

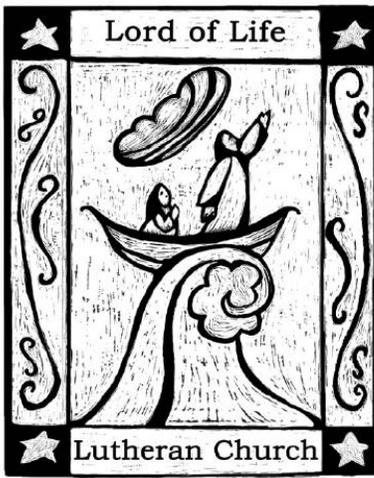
...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET  
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH  
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE  
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED  
AND DIED FOR OUR  
COUNTRY AND OUR  
FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE  
FILLED WITH  
MEMORIES AND  
PEACE.

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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

The word may be slowly getting out that Pastor Joseph Tallent, Pat, his wife, and Randy, his son, will be joining us May 19<sup>th</sup> for a special Sunday. Pastor Tallent and his family will be Guests of Honor during our fellowship time that day.

From 9:00 to 9:45 am Randy will bring to life for us his experience serving as a Global Minister the past several years. Since he is a son of the congregation, we supported him financially in that ministry. He will describe his ministry in the context of the greater Global Mission of the ELCA.

I encourage all to participate in this special day, even if you do not know Pastor Tallent that well, to express our thanks to him for his 17 years serving as pastor of Lord of Life from 1986-2003. However, more importantly, to think back as to how God, through the Holy Spirit, was spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through Word and Deed to the community of Garner and surrounding areas. Pastor Tallent, as I am, as all pastors are, was representative of Jesus Christ, our Lord of Life, and Jesus Christ, along with the Father and Holy Spirit are the focus of our worship and the foundation of our ministries.

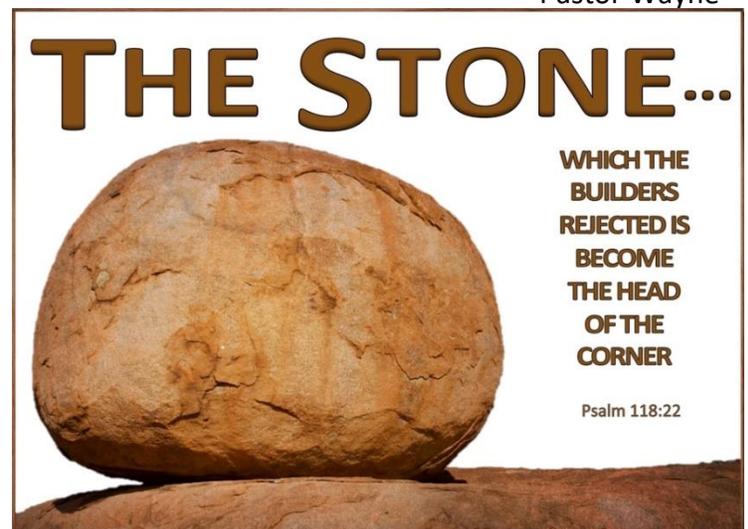
Your faithfulness, your commitment, and your love for the Church and God's people are the result of God in Christ first loving us. Pastor Tallent, I, and other pastors are representative of Christ, not the reason our "Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy". Psalm 118 used during Holy Week and the book of Acts remind us that "the stone which was rejected is the chief Cornerstone of the Church", meaning Jesus Christ.

It is the hope that pastors like Pastor Tallent and myself have represented Christ well in the churches we have served, even Lord of Life. It is also our hope that all pastors who have served Lord of Life and still to serve Lord of Life will continue to represent Christ well and be witnesses to the people of the church and the community.

Know also that a pastor, even Jesus, cannot do it all; therefore, as we honor Pastor Tallent, we are also honoring and continue to honor all those in lay leadership roles and those laity who serve Christ and His people in unheralded ways.

**Pop Quiz:** "What is a multi-faceted approach to mission, from sending missionaries and personnel, to offering grants and scholarships designed to strengthen global church leadership, and to support the ministries of companions." Answer: Global Missions. Hear Randy tell more about that and about his experience in the mission field in Japan on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:45.

~ Pastor Wayne





### From the desk of your congregation council:

The Lord of Life Church Council met for the monthly meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Regular business included review of committee reports, financial reports, and minute's approval. Some highlights included:

**NC Synod Assembly:** The assembly is May 31, through June 1 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Alecia Harrison, Carolyn Watkins and Sarah Watkins are planning to attend representing the congregation. There is still room for up to two other people. If you are interested please contact Alecia ([alecia.a.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:alecia.a.harrison@gmail.com)) or Don Craig ([gdcraigir@gmail.com](mailto:gdcraigir@gmail.com))

**Chimes Replacement:** The new digital chimes were installed on April 17<sup>th</sup> with training immediately following installation. Council is grateful for this generous donation that honors the memory of Herb Liebsch with this gift. Be sure to listen for the new music the rest of the year.

**Fellowship Hall Chairs:** The chairs we use in the Fellowship Hall need some love. There are about 20-30 chairs with rips and tears and most of the others are stained. Council will be working with the property committee and the congregation to identify a solution that will ensure we have sturdy chairs with durable fabric going forward. Please let a council member know if you have any ideas.



Yours in Christ,

Lord of Life Council Members:

Don Craig, Alecia Harrison,  
Lindsay Crocker, Julie Bogle,  
Linda Garoutte, Sarah Watkins,  
Shannon Thomsen, Dan Hayes,  
Becky Babel, Dave Hash,  
and Pastor Dubnansky

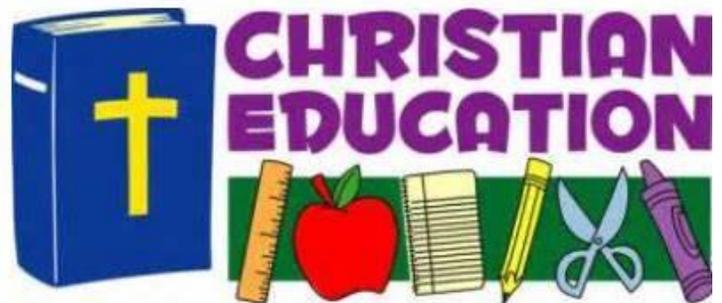
Thank you to all those who helped with altar setup during April and for Easter. To all those attending the altar guild meeting and cleaning up silver and brass, thank you. If you assisted with altar set up for Easter I thank you also.

A new Christ candle has been donated and was used for the first time on Easter. This candle will be lit for service each week during the Easter season and returned to the rear of the church on Pentecost.

Donations of wine and bread bakers are always needed, as are new members of the altar guild. Please contact Carol at 919-553-5984 if you are interested.

CHRIST IS RISEN!!! ALLELUIA !!!

Carol Wallace



Thank you to all who contributed filled eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. You made sure there were plenty of eggs and special treats. The families and children who attended had a great time and got a basket full of treats. Thank you especially to Lindsay, Becky, Gail, Sara, and Pastor for helping with the hunt.

Last day for Children's Weekly School is May 26<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School for children will resume on Rally Day in September.

Thank you to all the children who have attended our pull out SS after communion this past year.

~ Linda Has



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7 am Rotary  7:30 Choir Practice	<b>2</b>  <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>men's group</b>	<b>4</b> 9 – Noon Shred Day  10 am Knitting & Crochet Club
<b>5</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Easter  9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Able to Serve</i>  <b>Mother's Day Brunch</b>	<b>8</b> 7 am Rotary  7:30 Choir Practice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club
<b>12</b> Mother's Day 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter  9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:30 Council	<b>13</b>  <b>HAPPY Mother's DAY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7 am Rotary  <i>National Chocolate Chip Day</i>  7:30 Choir Practice	<b>16</b>  Social Concerns Ministry 6:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club
<b>19</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter  9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:30 Parish	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7pm <i>Inspirational</i>   <b>Book Club</b>	<b>22</b> 7 am Rotary  7:30 Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10 am Knitting & Crochet Club   <b>National Wine Day</b>
<b>26</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter  9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:30 Property	<b>27</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 am Rotary  7:30 Choir Practice	<b>30</b>  <b>Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>31</b>	



## THE BEST OF ENEMIES: A REVIEW

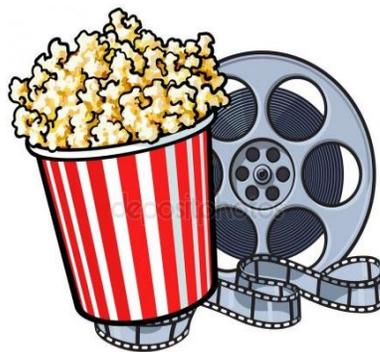
In the introduction to the book by Osha Davidson, on which the movie is based, Ann Atwater is sitting in the funeral home during the viewing for C.P. Ellis, and a man asks her “What is she doing here, what is her relationship to C.P.” When she tells him C.P. was her brother, he quickly leaves with the wave of his hand.

At the end of the film, a caption states that Ann gave the eulogy at C.P.’s funeral.

Those two bookends summarize the relationship between Claiborne Paul Ellis and Ann Atwater. However, it was not always like that. In fact, calling them enemies may not have adequately described how they felt about one another before they were asked by Bill Riddick to co-chair a 10 day charrette with the goal of integrating Durham Public Schools. A charrette is a meeting in which all stake-holders in a project attempt to resolve conflicts and map solutions.

C.P. Ellis was the Exalted Cyclops of the Durham Ku Klux Klan. Ann Atwater was an African American activist who lead almost all of the protests against injustices to the marginalized, especially when substandard housing was involved. They were often at the same meetings but definitely at different ends of the spectrum.

They mutually hated each other. Sam Rockwell who received an Academy Award for Best Supporting actor in the film “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri, played C.P. Ellis while Taraji Henson from the series “Empire” played Ann Atwater. Both did superb portrayals. An aside is that no actress could have physically resembled Ann because any information about her states that she was a “big woman physically.”



Sadly no part of the movie was filmed where this historic event took place because the North Carolina government took away tax incentives for film companies to film in North Carolina which caused “The Best of Enemies” to be filmed in Georgia and has virtually wiped out the film industry in North Carolina.

Going from enemies to friends was not easy for either Ann or C.P. It took time and went beyond the length of the charrette. They listened to each other and gained understanding namely, they were both working toward the same goal; better conditions and equality for their people - black and white.

This is a must see movie. It will definitely be included in our summer spiritual cinema series.

~ Pastor Wayne

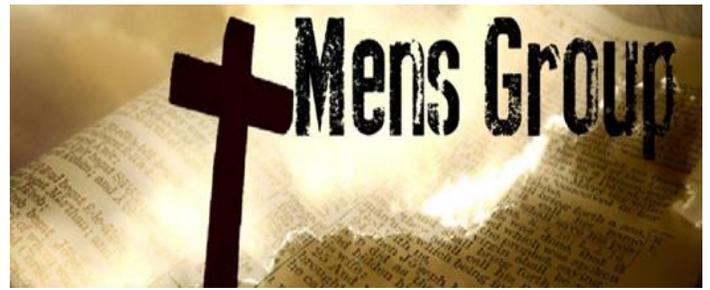
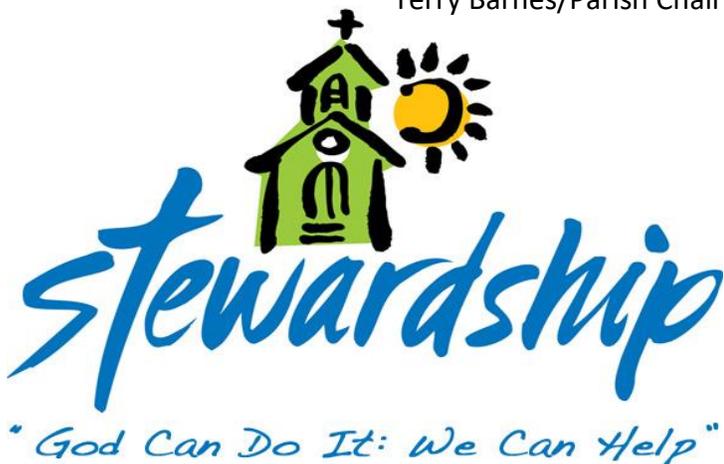


Lord of Life Parish Committee met on March 17th. We discussed our identified Emergency Response Teams; Medical Response Team: Linda Garoutte, Alecia Harrison and Safety Response Team: Tim Clark, Vince Wright and Terry Barnes. Pastor Wayne or Tim Clark will reach out to local police authorities to determine what information or training/communications is available regarding church member safety.

Dave Hash has met with Pastor Wayne in updating our LOL Member List for our church directory. We will be updating our member pictures on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone needing new pics or updating your current pics, Tim and Rita Clark are some of our resident photographers to take pics.

Our "LOL List" has been updated with a list of recommended contractors, local business people of various professions, who have been recommended by LOL members. The updated list is on our church website under the "Links" tab "LOL List". I will also be printing out a hard copy and putting it on large bulletin board in the hallway across from mailboxes. Anyone wanting to recommend a business, please notify Terry Barnes with all relevant information.

Yours in Christ,  
Terry Barnes/Parish Chair



Thanks to the dozen or so men who hauled, delivered, and gave excellent customer service to all who purchased pine straw during the Annual Pine Straw Sale. A record breaking amount of money was raised for Camp Agapé/Kure Beach Ministries not only thru sales but also from pure, simple generosity of those supporting such a vital ministry of the North Carolina Synod.

The next fundraising event is the Paper Shredding which is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon. Know that the shredding is done on site so your documents are safely disposed of if you choose "right before your eyes". The shredding is free, but donations are gladly accepted since the shredding company charges us by the hour.



A reminder that all funds raised by any Lord of Life group are used to support various ministries in the community. Funds raised through the paper shredding event will also be given to Camp Agapé/Kure Beach Ministries.

By your participation and donation you are partnering with the men to support that ministry. Thus, Lord of Life is arguably the congregation giving the most support to Camp Agapé/Kure Beach ministries.

~ Pastor Wayne



*I will sing  
to the Lord  
for He has been good  
to me*  
*Psalm 13:6*

## Whoopee! It's Sunday!

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing  
praise to my God while I have being –*

Yesss indeedy... it's Sunday! This wonderful Sabbath means that we have the privilege of going to church. Here we'll connect with each other as we worship and praise God. I am so thankful that I have the freedom to do this. This is especially true when I think about all the people world-wide who can't worship as they would choose... for whatever reason.

We Christians are blessed! Lent's over and we've just finished celebrating Easter. We feel a spirit and sense of renewal knowing that because Jesus died for us, God is alive within us. Remember how after the Resurrection Jesus kept appearing to the disciples and others? Well, we don't know exactly what he said but we do know that it was to show everyone of them that he was alive, for sure. Here and now we get to share in that repeated message when we gather on Sunday; at other times as well, but particularly on the Sabbath... in church. We get to exalt Him by way of His Word, and in music and song. When you sing in church you are singing to God. It doesn't matter if you sing in a key all your own! It doesn't matter if you don't sing the words exactly as written! It doesn't matter if you don't recognize the hymn! Sing His praises! Sing to Him with joy and thanksgiving.

Congregational singing was dear to Martin Luther and after the Reformation he revived congregational singing and made it a large part of liturgical and other services (*A History of Christianity* 1953, p. 721 [Kenneth Scott Latourette])

Yes, God deserves our thanks; so when we sing and read responsively, sing boldly and read with conviction! That's what God wants. We're not singing or reading to our pew neighbors... it's to the One who gave His only begotten Son by way of the harshest death imaginable... it's to the One who gives us life... it's to the Father. So, when Sunday rolls around, we are surrounded by those of like mind in Christ. There are times, however, that we might not feel like praising because of something disheartening or discouraging going on in our lives... you know, kind of like when you pray and you think He doesn't hear you because He didn't meet the deadline that you set? Well, even with that, God still expects that we not only praise Him in good times, but worship Him fervently, at all times. You don't have to do this alone 'cuz we'll all be right here on Sunday waiting for you; see you then!

Be blessed!  
Gale J. Isaacs



*I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God  
as long as I live.  
Psalm 104:3*

## Social

## Concerns

## Ministry



## Joyful Giving

*He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.*

-Proverbs 22:9

Social Concerns Ministry has been b-u-s-y! Though small in numbers, we are focused and earnest in working toward our mission to serve others. However, we could not fulfil our mission without the stalwart support of this congregation.

The food donations for Garner Area Ministries(GAM) are steady and abundant. Donations of meats have increased since there are now accommodations to store them at GAM. In keeping with our theme of branding specific months (i.e., "Soup-er Bowl for February) for special collections, the month of May is 'Breakfast of Champions' for the collection of breakfast foods and the month of June is earmarked to collect kids' foods.

Our Relay for Life activities are in full swing! The fundraising project (barbeque sandwich sale and Silent Auction) went very well. Four Relay for Life torches purchased to honor the memory of Mary Jo Albert, John Swanson, Perry Proper, and Jack Austin. In addition a donation was made to the American Cancer Society in honor of Peg Stamp.

The scholarship recipients for summer 2019 are Avery Britt (SITS Camp); Anaylia Jones ("Sam", Night Owls Camp), and Antonio Smith ("Tony", Nature Camp). Thanks also to the members of the congregation who took the time to write letters of support on their behalf. No act of kindness, however small, is ever in vain.

We will support the Annual Mother's Day Brunch given by *Able to Serve* which will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Rotary breakfasts are continuing well; this activity is the lion's share of our yearly income. On May 19<sup>th</sup>

you will be treated to a scrumptious Fellowship Meal hosted by this awesome ministry!

Lord of Life facilitates the communal efforts that we undertake; you do this with your generous support of materials, food, money, and physicality (when needed); we thank you. Until all children on the earth are treated equally on every human level, it is imperative that we continue God's Work at home and abroad in all the ways we are able.

Social Concerns Ministry  
Gale J. Isaacs & Alecia Harrison  
Co-chairmen



### May

May 6	Carla Niemann
May 10	Mary Cook
May 11	Leslie Hash
May 14	Sharyl Eggert
May 17	Virginia King
May 22	Tucker Britt

### June

June 4	Karen Post
June 5	Wesley Patrick Niemann
June 8	Amy Cook
	Lori Harrison
June 10	Monna Stamm
June 12	Rachel Austin
June 14	Seth Rebbeor
June 18	Jean Marie Dubnansky
	Paula Pickler
June 20	Barbara Proper
	Susie Havenstein
June 28	Ray Green
	Dan Stamm

Please let Laura know of any Birthdays that need to be added! *Thank you!!*



We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

Dennis King; Carol Wallace; Shirley Poole; John & Betty Nalepa; Monna Stamm; Nick Vietri; Peg Stamp,

myeloma; Bob Watkins - kidney issues; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; Tess Andrews mother, Corrine Van Benschoten; Marge Rhodes, friend of the Phil & Linda Garoutte – cancer with bone metastases; Darcee W. – cancer has returned; Karen Rodgers – stage 4 cancer; Karen Post’s friend, Sandy Murphy; Karen Post’s cousin, Mike Harris – recurring prostate cancer; Dr. Steve Rushton, friend of Karen Post – lymphoma; Camille Morris’s friend, Brenda Jiggetts – Stage 4 stomach cancer; Lindsay Crocker’s Nephew, Daniel Harman – health and healing; Rebecca Swanson’s Niece, Brenna – premature delivery of Hope Emmaline – 1 lb 9 oz.; Karen Wright’s mother, Carol Goodford – heart issues; Steve Klawiter’s mother, Marylou – heart failure; Pam Klawiter’s co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart’s son-in-law - ICV Stroke; Dennis King’s sister, Beverly - several serious health issues; Holly Hans’ sister, Heather House and

her family; Shannon Thomsen’s niece, Kylie Gardner – tumors and Turner Syndrome; Paul & Kerri

Blanchard’s son, Jason, mental disability; Fred Whitfield, Amy Macurdy’s step-father, health issues; Joyce Bredell, breast cancer; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace’s nephew, health problems; Carol Wallace’s sister, Martha

– shoulder surgery; Evelyn Peterson, Mary Langworthy’s mom, surgery for extensive arthritis in lower back; David Andrew Duty, son of Mary Langworthy’s friend – spondyloarthritis; Becky Bandy, sister of Mary Langworthy – Crohn’s Disease, bleeding; Mark Schmidt, brother of Mary Langworthy – heart attack, blood clot, complications of OWRD; Cathy LaBianca, Mother-in-law to Mary Langworthy’s daughter - surgery for burst vertebrae; Christine Brennecke, alzheimer's disease; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



**PLEASE** review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any updates, deletions, or additions.

*thank you!*

## An Abridged Review of “Breakthrough”

John Smith is underwater for 15 minutes or more  
He dies (no pulse for over an hour)  
His mom asks the Holy Spirit to save him  
He lives (he regains his pulse)

But he does not suddenly come back to life, it takes several days and what make this movie unique is seeing what the hospital is doing for him, and even before that “the amazing rescue of his two friends from the icy lake, and then John.

Another amazing fact is “Breakthrough” was the third best movie success its opening weekend, not a feat that faith based movies accomplish.

See it this Easter season. It is a wonderful Resurrection story, and it will be included in our spiritual cinema series this summer.

~ Pastor Wayne

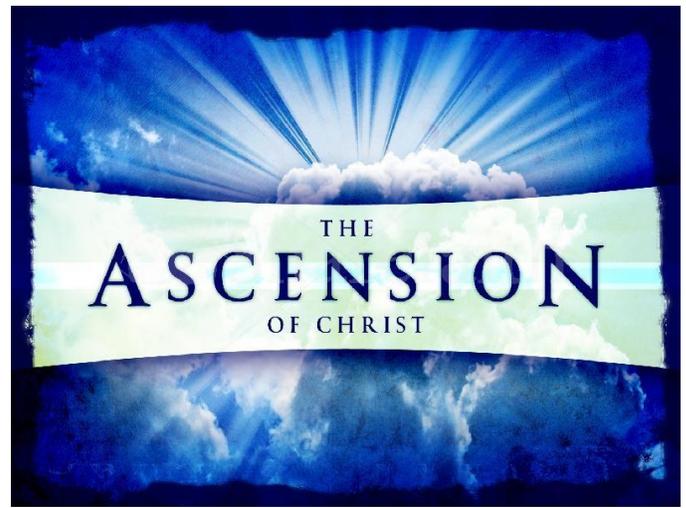




Our 2019 Relay For Life fundraiser was a huge success! We had our Reverse Raffle, Silent Auction and delicious Ole Time Barbecue sandwiches. Thank you to the many people that made our team success possible!!!

We raised \$803.

The "main event" on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> is at Lake Benson Park. Look for more information about our team success in next month's newsletter article.



### Ascension History

Ascension commemorates the day that Jesus ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:1-11) after spending 40 days appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. The disciples thought Jesus was going to restore the earth to the Kingdom of Heaven, but instead, as he promised to send the Holy Spirit to give them power, he ascended into Heaven and disappeared in a cloud.



Ascension is the 40th day after Easter, celebrated on the sixth Sunday of the Easter season in Protestant churches and on the 40th day after Easter in Roman Catholic churches. In the Orthodox tradition, celebration of the Jesus' Ascension starts with an all-night vigil or vespers (evening) service beginning on Saturday.

The Apostle's Creed, one of the statements of faith in the Christian Church, mentions Jesus' ascension: "... The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty".

Johann Sebastian Bach wrote several pieces related to both Easter and the Ascension. Listen to Bach's the Ascension Oratorio, *Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen* (Praise God in His Kingdoms) on YouTube.

"Jesus' ascension into heaven does not mean his absence, but that he is alive among us in a new way, close to each one of us." - Pope Francis via Twitter on 4/17/2013

