

“The Gospel According to Luke: Jesus Cleanses the Temple”
Luke 19:45-48

“Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’ — only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I Myself have seen it, declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 7:9-11)

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD....these I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” (Isaiah 56:6-7)

- The Parable of the Fig Tree: (Mark 11:12-14,20-26)
 - Israel had failed to be fruitful for God:
 - *“When I would gather them, declares the LORD, there are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree; even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has passed away from them.” (Jeremiah 8:13)*
 - *“Woe is me! For I have become as when the summer fruit has been gathered, as when the grapes have been gleaned: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.” (Micah 7:1; cf **Matthew 23:25-28**)*
- The Cleansing of the Temple:
 - The First Cleansing of the Temple: (John 2:13-22)
 - *“Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to Me. You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover)....the Feast of Harvest....the Feast of Ingathering....Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the LORD God.” (Exodus 23:14-17)*
 - *“Each one who is numbered in the census shall give this: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary....from twenty years old and upward....the rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel.” (Exodus 30:13-15)*
 - *“For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.” (Psalm 69:9)*
 - The Second Cleansing of the Temple:
 - *“And He would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.” (Mark 11:16)*
 - *“And He was teaching daily in the temple....for all the people were hanging on His words.” (Luke 19:47-48)*
 - *“And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.” (Matthew 21:14)*
 - *“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief....But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:3,5)*
 - True Worship:
 - *“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23-24)*

Worship: Rock of Ages — *The Modern Post*
In Tenderness — *The Sing Team*

What A Friend We Have In Jesus — *Various Artists*

Closing Song: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken — *Indelible Grace Music*

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum 6pm;
Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the March Newsletter for more information about our monthly collection. ***NEXT Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**"IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF" EASTER LILIES:** The Servant's Heart Ministry is sponsoring an Easter Lily Sale again this year. Please consider purchasing an Easter Lily and dedicate your Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The Easter Lilies will adorn the sanctuary for both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Your purchased Lilies can be retrieved following the Easter Sunday service. The cost is \$13 for a 6 inch potted Lily. Order forms are available on the table in the Entryway. ***Please note: we are requesting that the Lilies be paid for in CASH only! Checks are highly discouraged.*** Please put your completed order forms, along with your cash payment, into the container on the Entryway table. The last day to order your Easter Lily is on Sunday, March 29th. If you have any questions, please see or contact Janelle Gordon: 740-334-0834. ***NEXT Sunday is the LAST day to order your Easter Lilies!***

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our Monthly Church Game Night is TONIGHT, at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to play, and a food item to share with everyone. EVERYONE is invited to join us for this great time of fun and fellowship!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** The Fellowship Lunch that was scheduled for today ***has been moved to*** NEXT Sunday, March 29th. The sign-up list for this lunch is on the table in the Entryway. If you have not already signed up to bring something for the meal, please make sure to do that before you leave today. We invite and encourage everyone to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us, as we celebrate our 9th anniversary as a church together next week!

★**EASTER SERVICES:** Easter is a great time to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and loved ones to join you for church to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!

- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3rd, at 6:30pm. *There will be no service on Thursday, April 2nd.*
- Easter Sunday: April 5th, at 10:30am. *There will be NO Children's Ministry available for the Easter Sunday Service.*

★**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING:** If you are currently serving in the Hospitality Ministry, or if you are interested in joining this ministry, there will be a Hospitality Ministry Meeting on Sunday, April 12th, immediately following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall. We are always looking for and welcome helping hands and serving hearts to join this ministry! If you have any questions, please see Kathleen Riley.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are in need of volunteers to join the Children's Ministry. As our congregation will be expanding later this year with new little additions to a few of the families within the Church Body, the Children's Ministry will temporarily be down 8 volunteers. That means we are looking for willing Church Members to join the team! If you are currently a Church Member and if you are interested in joining the ministry or have any questions about joining the ministry, please see Katie Sapp.

★*For all other announcements, please see the March Newsletter!*