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Sermons for the Month of April

With the fanfare of Easter behind us, we continue to look at the consequences of the resurrection as we go through the month of April.



The first Sunday of April is the 3rd, and while we would ordinarily have communion, we will have just had communion at the Maundy Thursday service a week and a half before. So we will instead continue the season

of Easter with a look at Acts 5:27-32 and John 20:19-31 to see one consequence of the resurrection: we are *Sent*. The second Sunday of April, the 10th, we will examine Acts 9:1-6 and John 21:1-19 to see how the spread of the gospel is *Part of a Plan*. The 17th will find us reading in Acts 9:36-43 and John 10:22-30 to see how miracles undergird the message of the gospel as *Affirmation*. Finally, the last Sunday of April is the 24th, and along with our usual potluck luncheon, we will look into John 13:31-35 and Acts 11:1-18 to discern *All Things New*. No fooling, this April should be a fine time to join together in worship and see how the resurrection was just the beginning!

It Happened in Session

The Session met for its regular meeting on March 15, 2016.

Scott Mackey had communications from PATH and Presbyterian Village in Dallas, both of whom are having a fund raiser. Received the information with no action taken.

June Ragan advised that she has a sign-up sheet for those who wish to bring food for the

Easter breakfast, which is on March 27th at 8:30 AM. There will be no potluck lunch during March. June has been making blankets, using fabric which she, Edith Davis and Deb Lowrance donated, and has taken 14 to PATH where they were greatly appreciated. She has material to make 3 more and hopes to continue to make more in the future.

Speaking for the Worship Committee, Zana Byers said that the new single flower arrangement for Sunday worship is working out well. Most people have advised that they like the change.

Jerry Ragan reported that the work on the lawn sprinkler system was finally completed during February. The work was quite extensive since the 40 year old system had several problems. City plumbing codes have changed since the system was installed, thus other additions were needed. Suffice it to say, the sprinklers now function better than they have for some time.

The renovation of the elevator was completed as of March 14th. The problem was created by a catastrophic electrical power event when a squirrel shorted out the church's electrical system. This event caused a 40 HP electric motor to overheat, resulting in damage to the motor and many of the controls, relays and sensors. Parts to repair had to be special ordered (due to the age of the elevator) causing delays and added cost. Our insurance paid the total cost, except for the deductible. A special thanks to Terry Graham for working with the insurance company.

Lora Savoie advised that 200 outreach postcards have been mailed to people within our community.

Charter member Sara Cannon put this bulletin board together to celebrate the church's anniversary. To view more information about the history of



Highland go to, [Highland History](#). Also available on that page is a more complete history (written by Sara Cannon) on the occasion of Highland's 50th anniversary.

Ladies, Please Read...



Tuesday, April 5th: Prayer Shawl Meeting will be at Deb Lowrance's house at 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 11th, 7:00 p.m.:
Ladies' Evening Circle



Tue., Apr. 12th, 10:00 a.m.:
Ladies' Morning Circle



Tuesday, April 12th: Ladies' Out-to-eat at PotPourri House at 11:30 a.m.

Presbyterian Women



"Reflect the Light"

**First Presbyterian Church, Tyler
Saturday, April 9, 2016
230 W. Rusk Street**

For more information, you can view and print a copy of [PW Women Spring Workshop 2016](#) pdf file.

Registration deadline is Monday, April 4th!

There will be registration forms on the bulletin board by the elevator. Also, contact Claudia Anderson and let her know that you wish to attend.

NEWS FROM JORY BAYNE IN SOUTH ASIA

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14: 28-29

The following prayer requests are from Jory's February 2016 newsletter:



1. Praise God for the neat networking opportunities at the Car Program. Pray God would open many doors here.
2. Pray for our team's health and encouragement. Thailand was awesome, but returning has brought back physical and emotional struggles. Pray we may be continually encouraged though each other by God.
3. Praise God for safely bringing us back without security problems!
4. Pray for the students at the Engineering University. Pray especially for the new believers. Pray they may find community with each other and not be held back by family, etc.

For those of you with Facebook accounts, view more updates of Jory's South Asia mission stories, progress, and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/jory.bayne>.

Also, the newsletters that we have been receiving from Jory, are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church. *Dorothy "Dotty" Ragan*

EASTER PHOTOS 2016



Chuck Tompkins at Easter Breakfast

June Ragan and Sue Sharp



Rev. Scott Mackey



Easter Lilies & Irene's Birthday bouquet



Becky's Music Notes

April 2016



This newsletter won't be sent until after Easter, but I hope you were able to enjoy the music that was played during that time and enjoyed singing the familiar Lenten and Easter hymns. I try to pick out music that is fitting with the season. As I review the many pieces of music, I try to imagine what it was like for Jesus during that period. One of the pieces I played recently was "In the Upper Room". I imagine the disciples and Jesus in the "upper room" enjoying their meal together. Following the meal Jesus served communion to his disciples. It must have been sobering for them, when Jesus told them they were eating their last meal together. I can't imagine what they were going through as the next few days unfolded. Jesus being whipped and nailed to the cross; the agony he must have gone through; then rising on Easter Sunday morning. The music for Easter Sunday is always bright and more upbeat as we are reminded that Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we can be saved. Next Sunday as you listen to the music and/or sing the hymns remember that they are timely and listen to the words. Imagine yourself in the time of Jesus and what it must have been like.



Mom, Katy and I recently attended a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Cowan Center on the UTT campus. Here again, the music tells the story of Joseph and his jealous brothers. Imagine what it was like for Joseph to be going through all of that, knowing that his own brothers wanted him dead! And then they tell their father he is dead! Of course, as the narrator says; "We've read the Book and it turns out all right." But the music helps tell the story, just like the music for the Lenten and Easter Season.

The bells have been working very hard the past few weeks and plan to play in April and May. Then we will be off for the summer. I can't thank the members of the bell choir enough for their dedication, especially during the three weeks when the elevator was out of commission. We set up and took down the tables every week in the sanctuary until the elevator was fixed. Now that this year is almost over, I am already looking into music for next year.

Love and Prayers,

Becky Davis



Highland Highlights for April 2016:

Monday, April 20th:

April 2016 Newsletter Submission Deadline!

Saturday, April 9th:

PW Women Spring 2016 Workshop, FPC

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 11:30 AM - Fellowship Time

Office Hours:

Mon. thru Thurs.; 8:30 am to noon

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| 1 Sarah Tompkins | 2 Anne Park |
| 13 Becky Davis | 17 Barbara Burrow |
| 17 Gene Jeffers | 18 Kay White |
| 20 Edith Davis | 23 Jerry Ragan |

THE MAY 2016 HIGHLAND HERALD SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE is Thu., April 21st!



PLEASE submit your articles, information, etc., for the MAY 2016 newsletter, by this date. I would like to get it emailed and mailed by APR 28TH. Please email your information at: highlandprestylar@att.net or bring a typed or hand-written submission to the office.

Thank you! Dorothy "Dotty" Ragan

Fellowship Snacks

**Blessed are those who share
FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST, for GOD
lives in their FRIENDSHIP.**

Please join together each Sunday after Worship for some conversation, laughs and to welcome our guests. Refreshments will be provided by the Fellowship committee.



Please continue to pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces: Please keep the Christians, Kurds, and Jews in your prayers in N. Iraq.



The items for April are Toilet Paper and personal items (shampoo, soap, etc.). Monetary donations are always welcome.



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b NLT

Cancer Patients: Lee Shafer, Jonah Daily, Mike Burrow, Joy Carreno, David Garvey, Jeff Hedges, Rita Kelly, Jan Park, Donna Richardson, and Carl Trent; **Continuing Concerns:** Richard Hickman, Eleanor Garvey, Ross Clayton, Sharon Cohen, Nancy Mackey, Pat Smith, Betty Williams, Sue Masters, Janet Mackey, Ann Gstohl, Ron and Nancy Gillonardo, Jory Bayne, Bonnie Cottrill, Sally Ferrell, Mark Garvey, Joan Heck, Jean Hedges, Leslie Hortman, Sue McCool, Sue Sharp, and Michael Williams. *(In the spirit of getting the best out of our prayer ministry, please submit names for the Prayer list, a brief reason and then a subsequent update to the request, by the monthly deadline for the Highland Herald. This will enable us to keep the list current and to give thanks for God's answers. Also submit updates for the prayer list.)*

Thank You!

Thanks to all who asked Becky about my stay in the hospital and Rehab. I didn't know Hyponatremia (low sodium), could lay a person so low. I'm better, but not 100% yet! Especially appreciated Scott's coming to the ICU and for his prayer. I love the prayer shawl, (which I didn't make, but it's wonderful), the calls and cards. You all are so supportive.

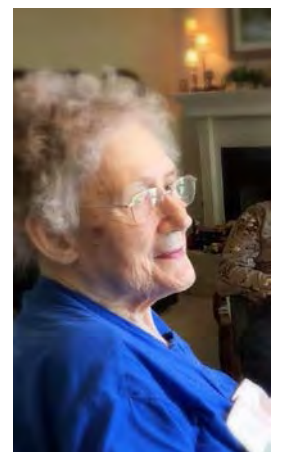
Love,

Eleanor

I want to thank everyone who prayed for my mother. She's still in Hospice Care at home, but doing better. I'm including a photo of her on Easter sitting at the table. Hospice brought a hydraulic lift so my mother, Sue Masters, could be lifted into a chair. She's eating better, too. Again, Thank You all so much! Praise God for his healing.

Love,

Dorothy Ragan!





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The View from the Back Page

The celebration of Easter is particularly joyful in the life of the church. The fact that our Savior died - and His death was so certain being verified by the “experts” in executions who had been in charge of His crucifixion - and had been buried is now nullified by the news that Jesus has been raised from the dead and His tomb is empty. Jesus gives His followers more proofs when He appears to them.

The nature of Jesus’ resurrection remains something of a mystery, just as it was to His disciples. What was certain, however, was that death had not been able to hold Jesus. Therefore, all of Jesus’ promises about those who believe in Him and who call upon His name being with Him where He would be and that those who died believing in Him would live and those living who believe in Him would never “die” in the fullest sense, had to be true. That is good news and it is greatly reassuring.

However, we sometimes wonder how that has any bearing on our present life. Death is still present, and everyone still dies to all appearances. We know that the dead in Christ go to be with the Lord, and we know that a resurrection like His will come to all believers at the last day. Our current bodies remain mortal - and prone to the many mortal afflictions. Crosses, from the mildest of metaphorical crosses to an actual wooden beam of a cross administered by fanatics like ISIS, still confront us.

Jesus’ resurrection reassures us that we need not fear those crosses. They cannot take us down and keep us down in death. The greatest weapons of evil have been stripped of ultimate power. Suffering may exist, but there is comfort in the morning, for death cannot stop the dawning of a new day. In a far more brutal day, Christians were once much more bold than we often are now. The resurrection made a great difference in their lives and the courage they displayed. Perhaps we fear death more than we admit, and we let the mystery of the resurrection feed our doubts instead of our faith. What resurrection should be all about is living - here and now as well as in the future. Because He lives, we can face not just tomorrow - but today! The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the Church, the capping good news of the gospel.

Scott Mackey



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Highland Presbyterian Church

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM till Noon
 Sunday School 9:30 AM—Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sarah Tompkins	2 Anne Park
3	4	5 11 AM - Video Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting	6 6 PM - Bell Practice	7	8	9 SPRING WOMEN'S WORKSHOP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, TYLER
10	11 7:00 PM Ladies Evening Circle Meeting	12 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Ladies' Morning Circle Meeting 11:30 AM Ladies' Out to Eat	13 Becky Davis 6 PM - Bell Practice	14 10AM - Pastor's Bible Study	15	16
17 Barbara Burrow Gene Jeffers	18 Kay White	19 6 PM - Session Meeting	20 Edith Davis 6 PM - Bell Practice	21 Highland Herald Deadline!!	22	23 Jerry Ragan
24 Pot Luck	25	26	27 6 PM - Bell Practice	28 10AM - Pastor's Bible Study	29	30