

The Mintz Herald



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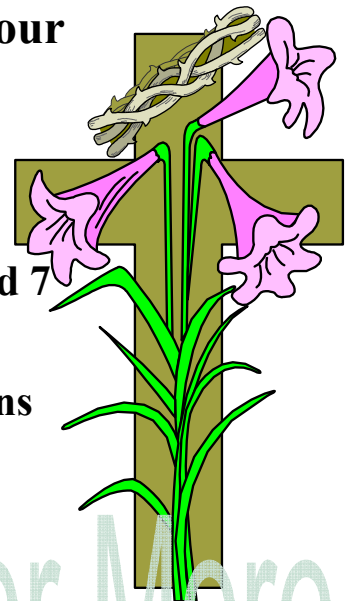
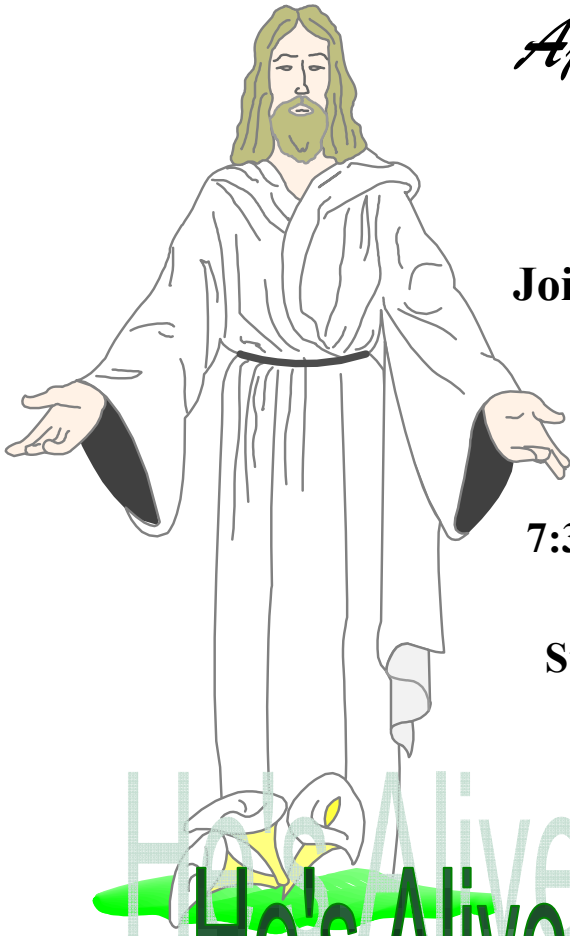
April 2007

**Experience God
at work!**

**Join us at Mintz for our
Easter Services.**

**Outdoor Drama
7:30 p.m. April 1, 6 and 7**

**Easter Morning
Sunrise Services begins
at 6:50 a.m.**



He's Alive Forever More



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Has it dawned on you yet what God has been doing since the beginning of the new calendar year? With the very first Sunday of January our church has been full. Most Sundays we have added chairs; the adult choir is unable to come down until the children leave for Children's Church; our morning prayer time has increased the number of prayer warriors that join me at the front altar; and almost every Sunday we have had some type of movement

by the Holy Spirit- professions of faith, families and individuals joining our fellowship. We have even seen a big increase at our Mid-Week Worship Service. The Spirit is rich, the fellowship is joyous, the congregational singing is the best ever, and every Sunday we have had visitors worshipping with us. Satan is not happy, but God's angels are rejoicing!

It is important that we keep our focus on Christ because Satan will seek some means to hinder, or even destroy. It is a known fact that sin will take you farther than you ever wanted to go, keep you longer than you ever wanted to stay, and cost you more than you ever wanted to pay!

Have you caught the spirit in our church? It is contagious if you will only open your heart. Don't be left out from the joy that comes from praising God on a regular basis.

Pastor McBride

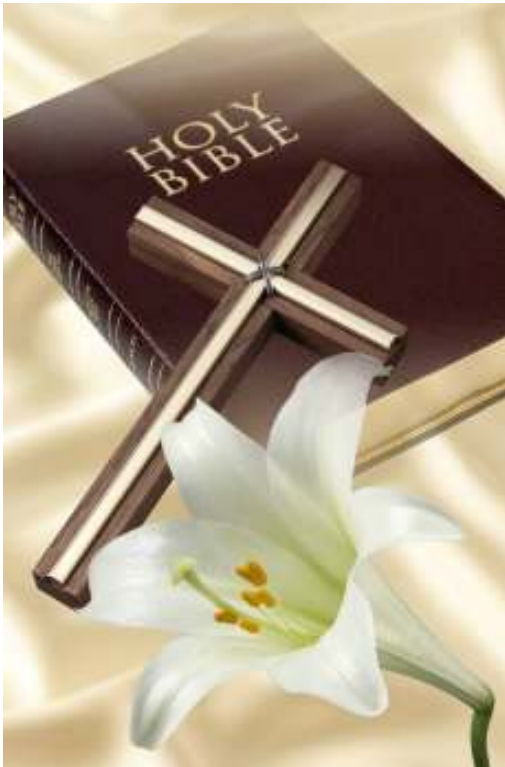
EASTER SCHEDULE

The day will start at 6:50 a.m. with our Sunrise Service on the back lot between the 3 crosses and the Empty Tomb, after which we will enter the sanctuary for the following:

7:15 - Lent Service
7:25 - Lord's Supper
8:00 - Baptismal Service
8:30 - Interpretative Ministry-
Youth Team

Family Center

8:45 - Breakfast and Children's Program
9:40 - Regular SS Classes
10:15 - Prepare for morning worship (Sanctuary).
10:30 - Worship/Cantata - "He's Alive Forever More"



DRIVE-THRU ENACTMENT

The youth, backed by some adults, will present a drive-through Easter Enactment portraying the last days of Christ at 7:30 p.m. April 1, 6 and 7. There will be six stations - The Trial before Pilate; the Whipping Post of Jesus; The Three Crosses, showing Jesus on the central focal cross; The Empty Tomb; The Road to Emmaus; and the Ascension.

Special effects and strategic staging along with biblical characters involved with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ will create a dramatic portrayal of the meaning of Easter.

Those coming to view the enactment will park, then board a low trailer where they will ride through the various stations. All parking will be on the Sanctuary side along Mintz Road. Limited parking will be on the family center side. Cast parking will be in the field behind the church.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Can you think of a better time for a service than on Easter Sunday morning? Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism is the symbol of acting out the resurrection of Jesus.

We have five candidates that will be baptized symbolizing the burial of their old life and the resurrection into a new life as God's "reborn" children. This service will be a part of the early Sunrise Services. Note

the time on the Easter Schedule.

Baptismal candidates are: Adults - Sarah Dudley, Bill Lynch, Allen Ranger; Youth - Dylan Power, and Veronica Martinez.

Remember the candidates in your prayers.

LAY WITNESS REVIVAL

Ron Jordan, our leader for the upcoming Lay Revival on will be with us on Sunday, April 1, to kick off our upcoming lay witness revival to take place May 4, 5, and 6.

Many of us who were involved in our first Lay Revival still have good memories of that spiritual experience. To our new members we say you are in for a great spiritual journey as you join in the activities throughout the weekend.

Block these dates out on your calendars so there will be no conflicts. The revival starts on Friday evening, May 4th. We come together on Saturday morning, May 5th, for a prayer breakfast and assignments to go out "Two by Two" with one of the Lay Team Leaders. We will return around lunch for a time of testimonies and sharing. We will come back together Saturday night for worship and testimonies. The services will then end on Sunday morning.

Start praying NOW, if you have not already been doing so, for the Lay Revival weekend.

Remember, our responsibility is to house the team. We had good response in taking care of them last

time and I know many of you will open your homes again.

CHILDREN'S EASTER DRAMA

The children's Easter drama is about rebellious children who do not want to sing praises to God. They are into their own desires and music. Due to their rebellion, the rocks start singing praises unto the Lord. Wow, that sounds familiar doesn't it? David writes in the Psalms that if man does not sing and praise the Lord, the rocks will.

Man is the crown of God's creation and ought to show praise regularly. But since all of creation is by God, if man fails to show praise, then nature itself will.

I believe the blooming of new life in the spring is nature's way of praising the Creator - don't you?



MARCH MADNESS IS OVER

A lot of energy went into the Sunday School contest for March as some classes really got into the spirit of competitiveness.

The contest came down to the

fourth quarter with the Senior Adults pulling out an upset over the Acts Class. At the end of the 3rd quarter the lead was held by the Acts Class. The Primary Class in second, followed by the Sr. Adults Class in a close third place. The difference in the final quarter came from points gained for perfect attendance by class members.

The Sr. adults had 10 class members with perfect attendance during March. The final results of the top four classes were: Sr. Adults, Acts, TK Adult Couples and Primary classes.

The main emphasis of this contest was new enrollment. In the month of March we enrolled **12 new** Sunday School members and we had an average of **5 visitors** per Sunday. The ACTS class enrolled the most new members.

Praise the Lord. Good work classes! Let's keep the momentum going into the month of April.

BAPTIST MEN

Last month our men were busy with two projects ministering to the needs of two individuals within our community.

Six of our men were involved in providing water and electrical services to one individual and fourteen of our men set a Saturday aside to build a deck and ramp for another individual. Those receiving help were most appreciative and overwhelmed at the giving spirit of our men. However, our men received the greatest blessing.

Also last month eleven of our

men (and women) went for Disaster Relief Training presented by the State Baptist Men's Group of the NC Convention. Our men have taken on a new spiritual walk and commitment and the fellowship within the group has reached an all time high. Our monthly supper meetings have taken on a new focus and the attendance has almost doubled.

Praise God for what he is doing in the hearts and lives of our men here at Mintz Baptist.

OUR SHUT-IN MINISTRY

This new outreach ministry is off to a great start. The committee members have actively sought out the sick and shut-ins within our community and have supplied them with a DVD recording of our total Sunday worship service. We have purchased 3 DVD players that can be carried to the homes of those who do not have such equipment.

The ministry has now grown to approximately twenty homes. This outreach is not just for Mintz members, but for anyone you know who is unable to attend church.

Some people reach a point in their lives when health issues prevent them from getting out and they spend a lot of time alone at home. This ministry is an attempt to touch their lives on a weekly basis and bring a little joy and sunshine to them.

If you know of anyone in the community that would benefit from this ministry please let Betty Carter know.

SOFTBALL SEASON

Mintz will participate in a men's and women's softball church league.

The first meeting of the coaches was held on March 18.

The first game of the season will be May 1st. Games will be played on Tuesday and Friday evenings with two Saturday games.

All men and women interested in playing softball will be asked to meet April 15th for registration.



DINNER THEATER IN PREPARATION

The cast has started preparing for this year's dinner theater. The country cousins are preparing to buy a new house in the city.

Because of interest in the drama program there will be a few new faces in this year's drama.

Tickets will be available around the first of May.

Performance dates are: July 27-28, August 10-11 and 17-18.



CHURCH WEB PAGE IS OPERATIONAL

The church web page is now operational. Frank and his committee have done a great job in preparing this year long project. This is a great outreach tool as well as a means to keep our membership informed of all the present and upcoming events of the church. You can also go to the web site and pull up the pastor's message, monthly church calendar and the latest Mintz Herald.

Make use of your web page. Tell your friends about it and encourage them to visit our web site at www.mintzbaptist.com. The monthly church calendar and the latest newsletter are also there.

VBS DATES ARE SET

Mark your calendar for VBS June 10-15. Tina Knowles, director, will provide more information in the near future.

WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY

NEEDED! Youth, men and women for a half-day of work, Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The back area of the church desperately needs to be cleaned, i.e. trash burned, limbs picked up and dirt leveled, prior to the Easter enactment.

WE NEED EVERYONES HELP!!!

Youth News and Activities

These are busy but exciting times at Mintz. Our youth will present an awesome Easter Enactment; they are registered for a work camp in Beaufort, SC the second week in June, and the interpretative ministry team, under the leadership of Kim Davis and Lynn Sessoms, will give a new presentation on Easter Sunday morning.

Our youth are now seeking ways to earn the needed funds to attend the summer work camp. A "Womenless Beauty Pageant" is planned for April 28th. Women, you may want to sponsor the man of your house if you think you have a winner. This will be a fun night. There will be an admission to help with camp cost. You will hear more about this at a later date.

Another fundraiser will be the meal our youth prepare the fifth Sunday of April when we are entertained by "Wing and a Prayer" quartet.

There is presently a real good spirit among our youth. They are eager to study the Word, they work well together and they have a Christian love for each other.

Continue to pray for our youth.



Bryan Jackson
Youth Pastor

In Christ,
Bryan Jackson

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April

Birthdays

Matthew Hudson	1	John McBride	1
Carolyn West	2	Grace Edwards	4
Nicholas Young	5	April Cannady	7
James Horne	8	Jeannie Szilagyi	9
Ginger Melvin	9	Bobby Heath	12
Joey Szilagyi	13	Kristen Johnson	14
Regina Kook	15	Madison Knapheide	17
Glenn Page	17	Addie Jean Hudson	18
Ashley Tew	20	Coelton Norris	20
Graham Vinson	22	Kevin Knapheide	24
Wendell Ezzell	26	Anna Edwards	27
Lynn Matthis	28	Clarice Matthews	30

Anniversaries

Wendell and Rebecca Ezzell	3
Scott and Jennifer Warren	8
Hal and Lynette Knowles	16
Roland and Peggy Royal	28

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