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PASTOR'S PAGE

By Lewis

Easter is an event of historic importance. We look back at it with awe and inspiration. We at times wish we could have been there. If only I had seen Jesus it would have changed my life. Those were the days when faith was more provable than today. It seems that Jesus' resurrection was more real than it is today.

Easter's historic importance is not because it was more real but rather that it marked a radically new activity of God in our world. The old order had ended and all of humanity was in a different relationship to life and to God. Our old enemy death was defeated. Because of God's activity we were on a

new path. Easter really was a watershed moment. All of life flows differently because of that event.

Each Easter is a renewal of the first Easter's reality. You and I are not lesser lights in God's kingdom because of time's expanse since the original happening. What we celebrated on Sunday was not a memorial but a recurring truth that Jesus the Christ has been raised and you and I are raised with him. Truly because he lives we live as well. The fact of the first Easter is just as real today as then. You and I are celebrants of what God is presently doing in our lives and in our world.

You and I must not allow the splendor of our recent experience of the living Christ to fade away. I am challenging each of you to nurture God's renewing activity in Christ Jesus to be a daily inspiration to you.

Use the spiritual vigor of this season to infuse your life with new energy and service of God and God's children. Remember that this celebration is of God's new activity not just a remembrance of what once happened. Go and celebrate the resurrection on a daily basis.

In Christ,
Lewis Johnson



Rev. J. Lewis Johnson

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NEXT SESSION MEETING
MAY 15
AT 12:30 PM

SESSION NOTES

By Lynn Bastian

<p>Communion will be served on Sunday, May 1</p> <p>Next Session Meeting, Sunday, May 15 at 12:30 pm.</p> <p>Once again we have been blessed these past weeks to have Dr. Lewis Johnson fill our pulpit and serve as Part-Time Supply</p>	<p>Minister. We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Lewis for his help, suggestions, and advice to our session, members, and to the PNC. You will be missed!</p> <p>In May, session will begin work on the nominating committee. This early start for selecting</p>	<p>session candidates for the Class of 2014 was a suggestion from Lewis. Beginning this work earlier in the year will allow prayerful consideration and training for current and future elders.</p> <p>As always, thank you for your prayers.</p>
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PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Jeanne Bredbeck

PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

<p>Selection process used by the Pastor Nominating Committee</p> <p>When a Personal Information Form (PIF) is received from a candidate for the designated pastor position at Celebration everyone on the PNC receives a copy of it, usually between 10 and 12 pages. The PIF contains the candidate's education history, the type of position they'd like, what they consider to be their primary skills, work experience, other services to and in the church, characteristics of the church they are seeking, a description of their present call and accomplishments, their leadership style, their ideas on key theological issues facing the church today, and their statement of faith.</p> <p>The individual PNC members read the PIF and rate it on a scale of 1 to 5 in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community involvement/ Evangelism Organization/Administration/ Leadership Pastoral care Problem solving/Decision making Spiritual development Stewardship/Commitment Transitional/Interim ministry Church redevelopment <p>The results are compiled and the PIF gets an average number that is used in comparing one candidate with another. Oral discussion of each candidate, alone and against other candidates, follows. When agreement is reached that a candidate seems to be a fit for Celebration the candidate is contacted to see if we can contact his/her references. PNC members are assigned certain people to contact and a list of questions to discuss with that person. Reports of those discussions are made to the PNC. If agreed upon, the candidate is contacted to arrange a time for a</p>	<p>phone or in person conference. We feel that it's important to see the minister in their present call interacting with his/her congregation so travel is involved for the PNC as well as the candidate.</p> <p>The PNC voted that it must be a unanimous decision to offer a candidate to the congregation for hiring. If the congregation agrees with the PNC on the candidate a contract is offered with the terms of call. During this process we will be in constant contact with our Committee on Ministry contact at Presbytery for advice and guidance.</p> <p>This is a time consuming task that requires much prayer on everyone's part to be sure we find the person God has sent to lead Celebration. That person is there and we will find him or her.</p>
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BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Pat Teal

What a splendid turnout we had for the April breakfast. Twenty-two lads and lassie's showed up, with plenty of laughter, and fun to go with the yummy breakfast. We ate at the Eggs Up Grill on 501, with our lovely waitress, Angel, who was so sweet to everyone, and our service was wonderful for the amount of people that were there. We had one

long table set up, so we were able to talk and converse with each other easily.

We also received a 10% discount, and everyone gave their receipt to the church, which will give us another discount. We thank Danny the owner for his generosity.

Our next breakfast will be held at the IHOP on Route 501. It will be at 9:00am on May 20. Please sign up in the Narthex so we have a good head count. Everyone is invited and bring your family and friends, the more the merrier.

NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES WILL
FRIDAY,
MAY 20, 9AM
AT THE
IHOP



LADY BUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

The most recent Ladybug Luncheon was held at Nibil's new location on Kings Highway on Thursday, April 7th. There were 12 ladybugs in attendance.

The food was excellent, especially the she crab soup. Of course, one can always tell when an eatery has good food when you walk in and find a number of tables occupied by our local law enforcement. They know what they like and the drive up from Surfside hasn't deterred them.

For one frightening moment, we thought our luncheon was being "crashed"; but (phew) it was only the husband of Maryann's

friend, Ingrid, dropping her off. LADYbugs only!!!!

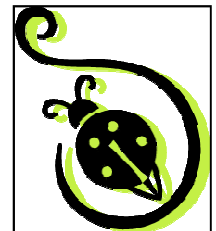
Laurie Andrews was kind enough to lead us in prayer before our meal. Thank you, Laurie. Karolyn Davey handed out "Ladybug" T-Shirts that some of us had ordered. She was kind enough to have picked them up at the flea market on her way to lunch. Thank you, Karolyn. Also we were happy to have Barbara Barranco join us. She hasn't attended a luncheon for a while and we're glad she was able to come.

As usual there was much conversation and laughter. Marjorie

Jones talked about her new friends 'Art' and 'Ben'. There was also a discussion about cougars and the 'alpha' cat but that's between us ladybugs. Shopping and TV were also topics of conversation.....so who's going to win this season's 'Dancing With The Stars'????

Our next luncheon will be at Maggie D's new location at 407 Seaboard Street (directly across from Coastal Grand Mall) on Thursday, May 5th at noon. Yours truly will be your hostess. Sign up in the Narthex if you know you can make it. All Ladybugs are invited.....see you there.

NEXT LADY BUG
LUNCHEON
WILL BE
THURSDAY,
MAY 5
12 NOON
AT MAGGIE D'S



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

By Jeanne Bredbeck

We are still collecting the General Mills Box Tops for Education. There is a collection sack on the bulletin board. We have already sent one package of

these to Thornwell Children's Home and hope to send many more. They get 10 cents a piece for them which helps them buy some extras for the children.

Let's make the total G-R-O-W!

For a list of products that contain the box tops for education, [click here](#).



Youth of Celebration

YOUTH OF CELEBRATION

By Lynn Bastian

CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 – 12!

This Sunday is our **He~Brews Coffee Bar!** We meet the first Sunday of each month, so bring a friend and join us at 10:15 for a hot beverage (coffee, tea, hot chocolate), snacks, and music in the Youth Sunday School classroom #4.

On the third Sunday of the month, youth group is hosted at the home of Jackie and Scott Sinnet. We have a short devotional, undertake any special projects, watch a movie, play games, or just chat and catch up with each other. Yes, snacks are always part of the fun!

Our participation in Belk Charity Days Event resulted in more than \$150 raised for the Youth and Children's Ministries. Thank you so much to those of you that volunteered to sell tickets and a huge "Thank You" to everyone that pur-

chased a ticket. If you missed Good Friday's "Journey to the Cross," we hope you'll plan to join us next year. This amazing time of reflection and prayer was deeply moving to those that attended. A huge tip of the Halo goes to Jackie Sinnet for turning this publication into a reality. Thank you to Scott Sinnet and Roy and Laurie Andrews for helping with setup and preparing the sanctuary for Easter worship.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Samantha Siewert** who graduates from Socastee High. Sam has been accepted and will attend Winthrop in the Fall. WAY TO GO SAM!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO **Glorianna Belyski** who celebrates a birthday on May 3
God Bless Our Youth!

MAY 2011 SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, May 1
10:15 AM
He~Brews Coffee Bar, Classroom #4
11:00 AM Worship, Communion Served
- Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day!
11:00 AM Worship
- Sunday, May 15
11:00 AM Worship
4:30 – 6:30 PM
Youth Group @ Jackie & Scott's home
- Sunday, May 22
11:00 AM Worship
- Sunday, May 29
11:00 AM Worship

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PROPERTY TEAM

By Roy Andrews



In the coming weeks the Property Team will be working on the parking lot. Along with other things, they will be re-stripping the lines and will have parts of the lot taped off.

Please be careful when coming and going from the church. They will have the areas clearly marked when you can park.

Thank you to the Property Team for all you do to help beautify and keep the church building and grounds safe and attractive for all who worship here.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

By Barbara Belyski

VBS IS
SCHEDULED FOR
JULY 10-14,
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Eggstravaganza. I think it was a big hit with the community and the rain held off.

Look for more family fun events coming to Celebration this summer!

Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 10-14 and our theme will be Hometown Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. Plans are being made now, so mark your calendars.



WORSHIP TEAM

By Katrena White

PRAY DAILY FOR
YOUR PNC

Dr. Johnson's last Sunday with us will be May 1. We have certainly enjoyed having him with us here at Celebration.

For the upcoming Sundays we have the following scheduled:

- May 8—Jane Osment
- May 15—Howard Hanson
- May 22—Jane Osment
- May 29—Francie King
- June 5—Vaughn Earl Hartsell
- June 12—Vaughn Earl Hartsell
- June 19—Howard Hanson

- June 26—Garden Clark
- July 3—Vaughn Earl Hartsell
- July 10—Billy Moore
- July 17—Howard Hanson

The Pastor Nominating Committee is meeting weekly to seek to find the person God has called to serve at Celebration.

Please pray daily for the PNC members:
Jeanne Bredbeck, Lynn Bastian, Roy Andrews, Larry

Dowd, Katrena White, Barbara Barranco, Mary Ann Bowie, and Dan Herrinton.

Elder of the week: In the absence of a minister we have an elder available to serve the congregation. If you need a minister let our elders serve you. Please call the church office and Linda will put you in touch with the elder of the week.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH



Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes or send them a card. If your birthday is not listed in your month, please contact the office to be included.

Birthdays in May

- 3—Glorianna Belyski
- 7—Jocelyn Couillard

- 8—Reagan Race
- 10—Charlie Blankenship
- 13—Joey Bruce
- 13—Kayla Couillard
- 14—Lauren Woodard
- 15—Vicki Jacobs
- 15—Lexi Greve
- 24—Buddy Leonard

- 24—Scott Sinnet
- 26—Brownie Bussard
- 27—Bill Basden
- 27—Nancy Galloway
- 31—Benjamin Albright



RESTAURANT DEALS

Eggs Up Grill is now offering 5% of your bill back to the church. So save those receipts when you go out to eat there and turn them into the office. Each month we will send them to the owner who will in turn send the church a check.

Remember to save your **Rotelli Restaurant** receipts and turn them into the church office. Each month the owner

of Rotelli's reimburses the church five percent of the total amount spent.

Ron Jon's Restaurant is giving the church \$2.00 for every \$10.00 pizza they sell to the church family. So save your receipts and turn them in to the church office.

Rosica's—take your current church bulletin when you order

from there and they will collect them and then send a check to the church based on the total of the receipts.

So, when you eat out, remember Eggs Up Grill, Rotelli's, Ron Jon's and Rosica's!

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PRESCHOOL By Susan Spraker



I just can't believe we are already at the end of the school year. It seems like just yesterday was the first day of school and everyone was trying to get settled in. Now, we are preparing for our 4K children to graduate and move on to "big school".

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our preschool graduation. This

year's graduation will be Thursday, May 26th. Due to the size of our 4K program we will have to have two different graduation ceremonies. They will be at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. If you are free on this day, please stop in and share in our special day.

I would also like to thank the hospitality committee for volunteering to provide

refreshments and the quilting ladies for agreeing to help press our graduation gowns. They truly help to make our job easier.

The last day of preschool will be May 27th. The teachers will return in mid August to begin setting up classrooms for the fall. We hope everyone has a great summer.

APRIL 2011

Sunday Schedule:

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:30-10:50AM Fellowship and Coffee

11:00 AM Blended Worship

Nursery and Children's Church

MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Youth He~Brews Coffee Bar 10:15am	2 PNC 6pm	3 Quilters 10am Bible Study for Novices at the Sinnet's 7pm	4 Men's Breakfast IHOP 8am "B" Team Cooks at The Shepherd's Table	5 Lady Bug Luncheon at Maggie D's 12noon	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 PNC 6pm	10 Quilters 10am Bible Study for Novices at the Sinnet's 7pm	11 Men's Breakfast Kroger's 8am	12	13	14
15 SESSION 12:30pm	16 PNC 6pm	17 Quilters 10am Bible Study for Novices at the Sinnet's 7pm	18 Men's Breakfast Kroger's 8am	19	20 Breakfast Buddies 9am IHOP	21
22	23 PNC 6pm	24 Quilters 10am Bible Study for Novices at the Sinnet's 7pm	25 Men's Breakfast Kroger's 8am	26 Preschool Graduation 9am and 12:30pm	27 Last day of Preschool	28
29	30 Memorial Day Offices closed	31 Quilters 10am Bible Study for Novices at the Sinnet's 7pm				



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45AM
Sunday School for all ages
Nursery

10:30 AM
Fellowship

11:00 AM
Blended Worship Service,
Children's Church and Nursery

9:45 AM
New Members Class
(monthly on Sunday as needed)

12:30 PM
Session Meets
(3rd Sunday of every month)

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