

THE SHINING LIGHT

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*Real People
Relevant Ministry
Renewed Hearts*



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April

- 2 - 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast (IHOP) & Bible Study
- 10:00 am: Prayer Gathering
- 5- 6:00 pm: Youth Night!
- 7 - 10:00 am: Senior Adult
- 2:00 pm: Church Pictures
- 8 - 2:00pm: Church Pictures
- 9- 9:30 am: VBS Training - GABC
- 9:30 am: Church Pictures
- 10- 12:30 pm: Church Council
- 12- 6:00 pm: Youth Night
- 14- 10:00 am: Senior Adult
- 7:00 pm: Ladies Bible Study
- 15 - 7:00 pm: Multicultural
- 16- 9:00am: Workday
- 19- 6:00 pm: Youth Night!
- 20- 7:00pm: Business Meeting
- 21- 10:00am: Senior Adults
- 22- 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service
- 24- 6:30 am: Sunrise Service
- 26- 6:00 pm: Youth
- 7:00 pm: Ladies Scrap Book
- 28- 7:00 pm: Ladies Bible Study

It is very fitting that God chose spring-time to be the season in which Jesus was resurrected from the dead. In nature, everything comes back to life from a long, cold and dreary winter. This past winter seemed to last forever. One word seems to emerge with spring and that is the word "hope". Hope is foundational to our faith. We all make lists of things we hope to do this spring and summer and sometimes that list gets very, very long. Those kinds of hope are wavering and can be adjusted. Though these hopes are important to us, it won't be the end of the world if they fail and we have to make other plans.

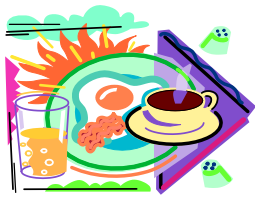
There is a hope that God has given us on which everything hinges. Hebrews 6: ¹⁸that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil. An old hymn says "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." It's a good thing that our hope is not built on anything else than Jesus and His ability to accomplish His promises.

The Resurrection is the single most important hope that you and I have today. The Resurrection proves that Jesus is who He says He is. It reveals that God has authority over death and the grace. It promises that He will raise us up from the grave and it equips us for life in eternity. Paul had this to say about the importance of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15: ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then

our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ¹⁵Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. I'm so glad that Paul did not leave this discussion at this point, because it would seem rather hopeless for us all. But Paul had seen the risen Savior with his own eyes and knew beyond the shadow of any doubt that Jesus is alive. ²⁰But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

May the newness of life around us this spring remind us of the resurrection. May we be able to sing with confidence, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

God bless you and your family,
Pastor Robert



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST

Men, come join us on Saturday, April 2nd @ 8:00 am at IHOP in Germantown then we will return to the church for

Bible Study. All men are welcome to attend. For more information, see Pastor Robert.

CHURCH WORKDAY

Come join us on Saturday, April 16th for Workday. It is a morning of fellowship and work as we clean up the buildings and grounds, and get ready for spring. Workday starts at 9 am, and there are a variety of cleaning and maintenance projects for all talents. Lunch will be served.





ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

Adult Choir will begin April 3rd. We will practice from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. If people have their copy of "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference" cantata, they are asked to bring that with them. For more information, please contact Michelle Stanton.



YOUTH FUND-RAISER EVENT

GBC Youth are raising money to attend Student Life Camp this summer. They are asking for your help!

All you have to do is go to Ledo's Pizza in Germantown (12619 Wisteria Dr) on April 25th and/or April 26th and eat! Tell them that your are with Germantown Baptist Church. Then save your receipt and bring it to church and put it in the designated box in the educational hall. Ledo Pizza will give the youth a percentage of the sales! For more information, see one of the Youth!

Thank you for your support!



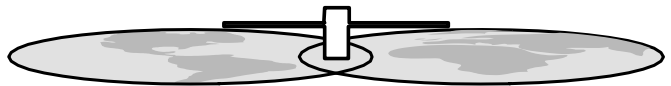
OASIS
(Older Adults Sharing In Service)

Dear GBC Seniors,

The world is waking from its long winter's sleep - the birds are singing their praises, the grass is greening and the trees are budding. OASIS members are enjoying the warming weather and in April will begin meeting each Thursday (except the fifth) at 10am. We invite all senior adults to join us for Bible devotions, exercise, crafts, games, mission projects and fellowship.

During the winter months we collected blankets and delivered 23 of them to Shepherd's Table. Our next mission 's project will be the collection of items for the preparation of Health Kits, during the month of April. The items needed for a kit are: large bath towel, wash cloth, soap, comb, toothbrush & paste, shampoo and deodorant. Donations may be placed in the box located in the educational wing.

Carole Fusco



MULTICULTURAL NEWS!

As you may know that people in Zimbabwe have gone through difficult time especially those living in rural/village area. This project is inspired by our sister, Freda, who has been shipping basic items such as used clothes, dry foods, school supplies, etc. to help them out. We would like to be part of this ministry and are collecting items through out the year. There will be a list of items what we are collecting this month on the Educational wall. If you would like to donate, please put them in the designated box marked "ZIMBABWE PROJECT".

Monthly Fellowship

The Multicultural Group will have their monthly fellowship meeting on April 15, 2011 at Fany Tendeyong's house;

10 Ranworth Court
Germantown, MD 20874
Time: 7pm - 9pm / Ph: 301-528-2253

We will be having a potluck-dinner, praise and worship, devotion time, testimony sharing and prayers. This is a good opportunity get to know more about each other, encourage one another, and build each other up.

For more information, please contact Gil Gurrea

Ushers for April



- 3 - Brett Whitworth, Dan Cavell, Gary Cavell, John King
- 10 - Tom Beavers, Chris Lentz, Mike Lentz, Ryan Lentz
- 17 - Matt Markiewicz, Eddie Brassell, Bill Stanton, Chris McKee
- 24 - Howard Croagn, Kenny Solomon, Percy Jones, Tyler Walker

Greeters for April



- 3 - Jennifer Jenkins & Rosel Cavell
- 10 - Penny Gardner & Janice Crogan
- 17 - Wimberly King & Mike King
- 24 - Tina Simms & Dawn Nichol

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our church will be making a new pictorial directory in April. Please mark you calendars now, so you can be part of the directory! There is no obligation to buy the pictures. Each family that has their picture taken for the directory, will receive a complimentary picture directory! If you haven't sign up, please contact the church office.

- April 7: 2:00 pm- 9:00 pm
- April 8: 2:00 pm -9:00 pm
- April 9: 9:00 am- 5:00 pm

For more information contact:
Kimberly Walker
Church Directory Coordinator

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER GATHERING



Please join us for prayer on Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 am here at the church. For more information, please contact Ngata Nganga.

Church Business Meeting

First Quarter Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th @ 7:00 pm. Adult Bible Study will follow meeting. TeamKID will meet at it's regular time.

Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to all who took part in this year's Operation Christmas Child ministry. Our shoe box gifts brought smiles to the faces of 75 Haitian children. Boxes were delivered to boys and girls at the Cabaret Baptist Children's Home, located near the cholera treatment clinic in Bercy, and to a church in Titanyen where Samaritan's Purse built a shelter community. Start shopping now for this year's collection. Following are monthly shopping suggestions to make shoe box filling easy.

- January plastic shoe boxes
- February stuffed animals
- March clearance winter items
- April small sports equipment
- May hygiene items
- June socks, hats, T-shirts
- July clearance summer items
- August school supplies
- September school supplies
- October Hard Candy
- November small toys to complete your shoebox
- December after Christmas clearance sale items

RESURRECTION SERVICES @ GBC

- Friday, April 22 - 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service
- Sunday, April 24 - 6:30 am: Sunrise Service
- Sunday, April 24 - 9:30 am: Sunday School
- Sunday, April 24 - 11:00 am: Worship Service & Choir Presentation (No Jr. Church)



SIS (Sisters In Spirit)



April Bible Study Schedule

Thursday, April 14: 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 28: 7:00 pm

SCRAPBOOKING!

Ladies, we will meet on Tuesday, April 26th @ 7:00 pm to scrapbook! Bring your favorite pics and let the fun begin! Scrap Book Leader: Donna Lentz

Our ladies ministry, "S.I.S" is open to all ladies. Please join us for Bible study or our monthly activities. We would love to have you open God's Word and fellowship with us. If you have any suggestions or would like more information about this ministry, please feel free to contact me.

Love In Christ, Kimberly Walker



Co-Ed Softball



GBC has joined the Montgomery Christian Softball Association League. The purpose of the MCSA is to persuade men and women, boys and girls, both on and off the field to consider Jesus Christ in such a way that He receives all the Glory, Honor and Praise due him. The League serves the Christian churches of Montgomery County.

GBC's team goal is to enjoy a game of softball, fellowship, be a witness and encourage others to learn about Jesus Christ.

Come cheer on our 28 players. Double-header games are played at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday's April 16, 30, May 7, 14, 21, June 4, 11, 18, and 25. The field locations and directions will be posted on the activity bulletin board. Any questions please contact our team coaches Eddie Brassell and Janice Crogan.



What's Going on for the GBC Youth?

#1: Tuesday Night Bible Study! Join the Youth (grades: 7th-12th) every Tuesday night from 6 pm-8pm! There will be team challenge games, Student Life Character Bible Study, prayer, fun & fellowship! This night is set apart just for YOU! Bring you friends, wear closed- toe shoes, warm clothes, and your BIBLE! If you don't have your own Bible, there are Bibles at the church you can borrow or see Pastor Robert and he will get you one! It's that simple!

#2: Student Life Camp! Student Life Camp will be July 18-22, 2011 at Liberty University! This summer the youth will be having fund-raiser to help earn their money for camp. Please watch the bulletin for fund-raiser times and locations! You don't want to miss out! Only those Youth who participate in the fund-raisers will earn money towards their SL Camp balance.

First fund-raiser!: April 25 and April 26- Ledo Pizza! All you have to do is go eat at Ledo Pizza on either one of the above dates, tell them you are from GBC and then bring your receipt to the church and Ledo's will give the Youth a percentage of their sales for those two days! It's that easy!

For more info on Youth Events, please contact Pastor Robert or Kimberly Walker, Youth Leaders.

TEAMKID CLUB

We invite all kids grades K - 6th to TeamKID on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm. TeamKID is a high- energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and to grow in a relationship with Him. All parts of TeamKID - Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation - connect to teach life lessons to kids. Please come and be part of this exciting club at GBC!

For more information or to register your child, please contact Kimberly Walker

Learning about God - Using the Bible- Living for Jesus

Directory of Services

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship & Junior Church 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Youth Bible Study & Fellowship Time 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

TeamKID (K - 6th Grade) 6:45 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Adult Ministry 10:00 a.m.

Thursday (2nd & 4th week)

Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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