

## MESSENGER April 24, 2020

Easter Greetings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Easter, and we will once again be offering an online worship service that will be available for viewing early Sunday morning. Our theme for this Sunday is

### **“Eye-Opening Experiences.”**

It is based on Luke 24, when the eyes of the two disciples who had been walking on the Emmaus road with Jesus were opened to recognize the risen Lord when He broke bread and gave it to them.

Recognizing the presence of the Lord in our lives is an important component of discipleship. It is especially necessary to be able to perceive the presence of Christ in our lives during times like the present time. I pray that we are all regularly recognizing the presence of Christ in our lives, our homes and our world, even in the midst of these difficult and uncertain times. I believe the greater our ability to recognize the risen Lord all around us, the more we are able to live abundant, joyful and hopeful lives.

Speaking of being hopeful, we all hope that we will be able to gather together for worship again sometime soon. Many are asking, “When?” Yesterday our Governor extended the North Carolina stay-at-home order until May 8<sup>th</sup> and announced a three-phase plan to reopen the state. The first phase could begin as early as May 9<sup>th</sup> if certain requirements are met. That phase would last a minimum of two weeks. While in phase one, we would still be prohibited from gatherings of more than ten persons. So at the very least we are looking at another four weeks of “virtually” worshipping together.

During this continued time of required separation, please be sure to check out our worship services on our website ([faithharborumc.org](http://faithharborumc.org)), and please be sure to check on one another. It is especially important in these challenging times that we express our love and concern for one another and that we very intentionally support each other in prayer. Please consider that your phone call, text, card or visit from 6 feet away might be a means by which Christ opens the eyes of someone else to his presence and his love.

May our Lord, who promised never to leave or forsake us, open our eyes fully to his presence today and always.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

**FYI...** The Messengers are also posted on the website in case you want to go back and read any of them. Click on the word HOME and a drop down menu will appear. Click on the Messenger and it will open to give you the ones posted. Click on the date you want to read and there it is.

**Sympathy** is extended to the friends and family of *Jeb Paarfus* who passed away Wednesday evening. Jeb has been attending Faith Harbor for several years and he was a Stephen Minister. Please keep all of Jeb's loved ones in your prayers as they grieve his loss. May we pray also that Jeb is even now resting at peace in the everlasting arms of our Lord.

**Sympathy** is also extended to *Christine Redmond* in the death of her mother, Patty Shawver, last Saturday in WV. Patty is Katie Rogers grandmother whom we had in our prayer concerns. See thank you message below in case you missed it on Monday.

Let us draw  
near to God with  
a sincere heart in  
full assurance  
of faith...



**PRAYER CONCERNS Members** Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Clayann Binning, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Lois and Sam Snyder, Ed Drudge, Cal and Diane Geary, **Stephanie Hardin**, Janet Hughes, Gail Kaufmann, Janice Long, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Doug and Sherry Mewborn, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Judy Pratt, Nathan Redd, Nancy Smith, and Kelly Wills.

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

**Friends:** Willie Ray Arnett, Paul Arnett, Al Avant, Jesse Bailey, Rudolph Batts, George Brodgen, Johnnie Byrd Family, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Carter, Kathy Clapp, Debbie and her sister, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Marlene Grove, Gene Harris, Tom and LeAnne Holgan, Roy Horne, Donna Johnson, Sarah Johnson's family, Major Jones, Dr. Jack Kim, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Bill Kirpatrick, Lea, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, **Andrea ( Ann) Maready**, Douglas Mathis, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, Nathan, Sherri Nelson, Friends of Mike O'Day, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, Dot Phillips, Jimmy Platts, Penny Roberts, Rosie, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Billy Sewell, Lori Shelton, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, the family of Joanne Smith, Katrina Seferyn, Maria Sutton, Sue Sutton, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Jennifer Tower, Jackie Wansley, Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell. **Any family member of our members or friends that are in a hot spot for this pandemic.**

## **APPRECIATION.....**

I want to let everyone know we are so very appreciative of all the prayers and love for our family at this time.

My grandmother passed away on Saturday, they are having a small service for her today in WV. We will not be able to attend but we hope to have a memorial in June.

We are finding true peace knowing my grandmother and sister-in-law are now with their heavenly Father.

Again, we are so very grateful for our church family. Thank you and God Bless.

*Katie and Matt Rogers*



## MOTHER'S DAY HONORS OR MEMORIES

As you know, annually we have an insert in the bulletin for you to donate and honor or remember your mothers, aunts, sisters or just a friend. For our Mother's Day bulletin again this year we plan to provide an insert. So if you wish to honor or remember a loved one please send that information directly to me at [secretary@faithharborumc.org](mailto:secretary@faithharborumc.org). **Deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Usually this is done as a fundraiser for our Children's Ministry but this year there is no cost. **However**, if you wish to make a donation mark your cash or check Mother's Day Donation. *These donations will go to our General Fund.*



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 19 Kim King  
Brent Livingood  
Andrew Osborn
- 20 Morgan Bizzell  
Dave Gardner  
Janice Long
- 22 Ben Black
- 23 Patty Feige
- 26 Mollie Gurley
- 27 Ann Bryan  
Conner Frye
- 29 Bescye Burnett

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### Week of 4-20-20 Scripture card (in case you missed it Monday)

**David will provide next week's card with his bulletin information.**

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to believe and receive your peace.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 34

M Philippians 4:6-9

T Job 22:21

W Psalm 4:8

T John 14:27

F Romans 5:1-2

S 2 Corinthians 13:11

**Key Scripture:** *John 20:21: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*



Here are our Faith Harbor Seniors who are to graduate in 2020.

Actual ceremonies for graduation more than likely will be delayed if even held at all.

Our Youth have completed their requirements for graduation and we want to **CELEBRATE** their accomplishments.

Our youth are listed below with home address so you can send them a card of congratulations, to let them know they are not forgotten.

We say **CONGRATULATIONS** to each of you!!

**Alex Hornthal**

401 Bridgers Ave  
Topsail Beach, NC

\*Attending Cape Fear Community College in the Fall

**Will Moore**

12513 NC Hwy 50  
Holly Ridge, NC 28445

\*Attending Cape Fear Community College

**Carley Wells**

118 Broadview Lane  
Hampstead, NC 28443

\*Attending UNC-Wilmington in the Fall

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**From the Upper Room Devotional**

**If we walk in the light as (God) is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. 1 John 1:7**

**My faith shines brighter when I am in community with God and others.**