

Easter: The Starting Point of Christianity

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Although Jesus and his first disciples were all Jews, Christianity is different from Judaism because of the person and work of Jesus.

Jesus was the Christ (from which we get the word "Christ-ian"). "Christ" is a Greek word that means "anointed one"; more specifically, it is God's Anointed One. In Hebrew, the word for "God's Anointed One" is "Messiah."

So Jesus, God's Anointed One, is the Christ, and is the Messiah. And it is through Jesus that the ultimate truths about God are revealed, including God's plan for salvation, and God's love for all humanity.

Through Jesus the true nature and self-definition of God were also revealed: One God in three persons, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – yet still one God.

So Jesus is worshiped as God, because he is God the Son; and through him God the Father and God the Holy Spirit are also revealed.

All of these truths were revealed in their fullness on Easter. Jesus had talked about the nature of God and the love of God throughout his earthly ministry, but nobody really understood it until Easter, the Day of Resurrection.

Until the crucifixion, the disciples thought Jesus was a great teacher or rabbi, and even a prophet who could perform miracles. But he was still just a human to them.

Then he died, and the disciples despaired. As two of them explained, "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21a).

On Easter, Jesus rose again from the dead, and he

If Weather Cancels Church, Check Channel 3 or Call the Church Office

If winter weather is ever severe enough to make us need to cancel church, we will notify television station WHSV-TV3 in Harrisonburg to announce the cancellation.

Also, in the event that church is canceled because of severe winter weather, we

will put a message on the church answering machine, so you can call the church office at 885-1648. Ordinarily, we would make a decision to cancel church by 9:00 a.m.

In any case please use your

severe winter weather, even if you don't see an announcement on Channel 3!

Above all, *be safe!*

If your own walkway or driveway, street or road, is hazardous, please do not take any foolish or unnecessary risks.



MARCH

Sunday, March 3 – *Third Sunday in Lent*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 10 – *Daylight Saving Time* begins, 2:00 a.m. (spring forward); *Fourth Sunday in Lent*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12 – Circles 1 & 2, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16 – Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 17 – *St. Patrick's Day; Fifth Sunday in Lent*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24 – *Palm/Passion Sunday*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28 – Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31—*Easter Sunday*; Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 9:00; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 1 – *Church Office Closed*

showed himself to the disciples. On the afternoon or early evening of Easter, Jesus appeared among the disciples: "Then he said to them, 'These are my words that

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Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Jan. 24

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Feb. 28 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders James McGavock, Jon Arneson, David Obenschain, Richard Rathburn, Joann Weikert, Nicola Cahill, Robert Christian, Noah Turnage, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble, Treasurer Michael Ruleman, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer. Excused: Rev. Frank Wyche and Elder Eric Shiflet.

Elder Joann Weikert opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was declared present. The Moderator being absent but having given his permission, Clerk Robin Moyer was elected to serve as moderator for the meeting.

Annual Business: Elder Robin Moyer was elected Clerk of Session for 2013. Elder Michael Ruleman was elected Treasurer for 2013. All Elders updated contact information. Elders submitted committee requests. Annual Congregational Meeting was set for Feb. 10 to present 2013 Budget for information and to act on proposed changes in the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Clerk's Report: Minutes from Stated Session Meeting of Dec. 20, 2012, and Called Session Meeting of Jan. 13, 2013, were approved as presented. Session approved removal of William Tuttle, Mary Margaret Clifton and Elizabeth Croft from Active Membership Role following their deaths. The Annual Statistical Report for 2012 was approved. Session approved moving five members from active to inactive role. Committee reports are due to the church secretary by Feb. 15 for Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Ruleman presented a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of January 24, 2013 including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$9,007.73). The total in our checking and savings accounts stands at \$72,826.09.

Presbytery Meeting: The next Presbytery Meeting is Feb. 9, at 1st Presbyterian Church in Martinsburg, WV.

Committee Reports

Congregation Ministries (Jon Arneson, Joann Weikert): No report.

Fellowship/Service (Robin Moyer): No report.

Finance (Mike Ruleman): Copies of the 2013 Budget were available to the congregation for two weeks before Annual Congregational Meeting.

Personnel (Hannah Bush, Richard Rathburn): No report.

Property (David Obenschain, Noah Turnage, Jon Arneson, Hannah Bush, Robert Christian, Tom Cook,



Jim McGavock): Concrete has been poured to repair/replace the patio over the cistern. Work done for electrical upgrade by members is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Worship (Joann Weikert): No report.

Cemetery (Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): No report.

Commitment/Witness (David Obenschain): Scout Sunday will be Feb. 3. The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be Feb. 9. David handed out minutes from the last C/W meeting, including updates on the Meal in a Bag Program. Contributions for Christmas Card Project were \$460 (half goes to Verona Food Pantry and half to SACRA), and the Joy Gift Offering was \$522.

Christian Ed (Nicola Cahill, Eric Shiflet): The Hebron Youth Group will sponsor the Souper Bowl of Caring on Jan. 27. The Youth will also conduct the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. The Hebron Youth Scholarship Application deadline is May 15, 2013. The amount of the scholarship is \$1000. VBS is scheduled June 16-30. The curriculum will be from Group, *Kingdom Rock*.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Frank's recovery following total hip replacement surgery on Jan. 8 continues to go well, and he is grateful for all the prayers, concern and support of the church.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7:00 p.m. The blessings and prayer concerns of the congregation, friends, and relatives were shared by Session for corporate and individual prayer. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Elder Joann Weikert at 7:51 p.m.

Volunteers Needed for SACRA Deliveries

More volunteers are needed to help deliver our contributions to the SACRA office at 205 N. Augusta Street in Staunton each week.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the church office. You may sign up for one or two weeks, or an entire month.

Easter Sunday Memorial Flowers

Flowers (lilies or hydrangeas) may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor / thanksgiving of a loved one. Money may be donated to **The Sanctuary Fund** in memory of loved ones or in honor / thanksgiving of a loved one. The names will be listed as usual, but those making a monetary contribution will not have a flower to take home. Please complete the form below and return to Hilda along with the money no later than Sunday, March 10, for the flowers, and by March 24 if giving money. Thanks!

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NAME _____

Please purchase _____ Lilies at \$8.95 each, or _____ Hydrangeas at \$8.95 each.

Donation to *the Sanctuary Fund* \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____



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I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem'" (Luke 24:44-47).

From that beginning on Easter, Christians have been those who worship Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, God's Anointed One, who fully reveals God as the Holy Trinity, and who is himself God the Son.

As the Apostle Paul said, if all of that isn't true, then Christians are to be pitied. Paul explained in 1 Corinthians 15:14-19, "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he has raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most

to be pitied."

But then Paul says in the next verse, verse 20, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead."

Jesus, who is God, became human in order to fully reveal God, God's plan for salvation, and God's love for all people. Jesus gave his life to pay for our sins, God's self-sacrifice so humanity could be reconciled to God. And on Easter, Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death and the grave forever, so that we might have eternal life in God's presence. That is the truth of Christianity, and that is the truth all Christians are called to proclaim, and to live.

When we celebrate Easter, we celebrate the starting point for Christianity: Christ has come; Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

In fact, the reason that Christians gather on Sunday is that it was on a Sunday that Christ was raised, so we commemorate the Resurrection each week.

On Easter, we remind ourselves what we believe, and why we worship on Sunday. *Pastor Frank*

Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet March 16

The Cub Scouts will hold their Blue & Gold Banquet on Saturday, March 16, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. To attend, contact David Obenschain at 887-1292, so the Scouts can have an accurate count.

'Thank You' To All!

There's an old saying, "Words cannot express my gratitude..." Old sayings stay with us because they are true. I cannot find the words that will adequately express how thankful, how appreciative, and how humbled I am for all of the thoughts and prayers, all of the cares and concerns shown to me and to my family following my total hip replacement surgery on Jan. 8. I am so grateful for all of your thoughts and prayers, and your shows of concern through calls, emails, cards, visits, and gifts.

I am glad to be back at work after being out six weeks on medical leave after surgery. I am not yet at full strength, and I still need a cane to walk, but my doctor tells me I am well on my way to a full recovery.

I would like to thank all of you and each of you, and I ask your continued prayers as a patient, and as your pastor.

Pastor Frank

Presbyterian Women News

Circles Nos. 1 & 2 met February 12 with good attendance on a nice day. Nan Brown opened the meeting with devotions. The offering and Least Coin offering were received. The sick and other prayer concerns were remembered.

It was decided that we would fix "goodie" boxes for our three college students at the next Circle meeting on March 12. Our three students are Martha Moore, Sean Ratcliff, and Andrew Wyche. If you know of any others, please call Joyce Coleman, 885-0997. Also, the ladies have always sent boxes to those serving our country who have a connection with Hebron. If anyone knows of someone the women should include, they are asked to call Joyce. *Again, we ask the ladies of Hebron to bring "something" for the "goodie" boxes.* Please put any items in the church kitchen by 12 Noon on Sunday, March 10. Thanks!

Martha Sieck informed us that the new program for Beverley Manor Elementary School, *Meal in a Bag*, is going well. If anyone wants to bring food, there is a basket for contributions under the clock in the Educational Building.

It was reported that over *100 million children* received a gift shoe box through Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse in December of 2012. Our thanks to all who participated in helping to get 37 boxes ready to go from Hebron!

Nan Brown closed the meeting with a wonderful Bible lesson on "Elders." The Bible study is always the highlight of our Circle meeting as we have terrific teachers!

March Birthdays And Anniversaries

March birthdays are:

Jordan Shull	6		
Ross Shull	6		
Dwight Wood	6		
Marian Mader	7		
Joseph Martin	7		
Joseph Marino	10		
Eric Waller	10		
Elva Tuttle	15		
Janet Tuttle	16		
Karen Marino	17	Parker Turnage	26
Bob Moody	17	Phil Adams	27
Wendy Kennedy	22	Brittany Wyche	28
Lynne Moore	22	Raylee Shull	31



Very special birthday wishes to Elva Tuttle who will be 86 on March 15.

If you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648.

Feinstein Foundation Helps SACRA

The Staunton-Augusta Church Relief Association (SACRA) is participating again this year in the \$1,000,000 Feinstein Foundation Grant, which means that a portion of all gifts to SACRA during the months of March and April will be matched by the foundation.

You may give through the church by making checks payable to Hebron, noting on the memo line that the gift is for SACRA, and put in the Hunger Collection Kettles on the last Sundays in March and April, or put in the offering plate any Sunday. Checks may also be mailed to SACRA, 118 N. New Street, Staunton, VA 24401.

Giving Flowers For The Church

The Flower Calendar for 2013 is located on the bulletin board near the water fountain for any who may wish to provide flowers for the worship service for any time during the coming year. (If you don't sign up, please call Hilda, 886-0059, as soon as you know.)

If you would like to provide flowers in memory of, in honor of, for birthdays, anniversaries, etc., a nice arrangement may be purchased for \$30. Also, if you have flowers in your garden, they may be used. Our thanks to all! ~ *The Flower Committee*

PEP Club Will Meet March 27

The PEP Club (People Enjoying People) will hold its monthly covered-dish luncheon on Wednesday, March 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *The Highland Mountain Boys* will provide entertainment. Join us!



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Sunday School 9:55 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.

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10 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m.	11 Commitment/ Witness Com 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Com. 7:00 p.m.	12 Presby. Women Circles 1 & 2 1:30 p.m.	13 Congregational Ministries Com. 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	14	15 Blue/Gold Banquet Set-Up 7:00 p.m. (Fell. Hall)	16 Cub Scout Blue/Gold Ban- quet (Fell. Hall)																																																	
17 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> Youth Group 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Worship Com. 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	21 <i>Newsletter Articles Deadline (for April)</i>	22	23																																																	
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Youth Group	25	26	27 PEP Club 1:00 p.m. Choir Practice	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Session	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30 <i>Easter Egg Hunt 10 -Noon</i> <i>Hot Dog Lunch -</i>																																																	
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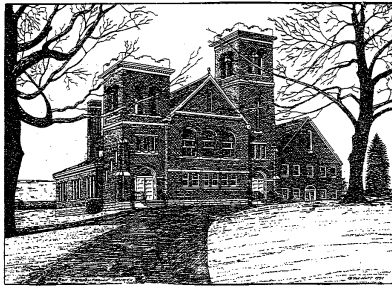
Rev. Frank H. Wyche, Pastor
Ministries available to all ages

Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

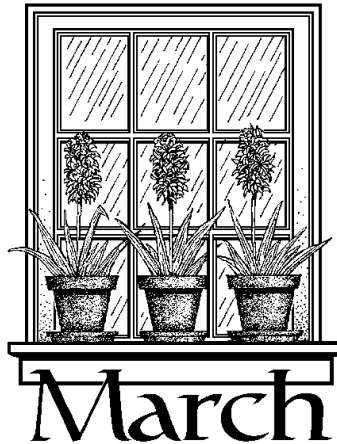
Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 P.M.



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Looking Ahead: Hebron Women's Yard Sale April 19-20

Hebron's annual Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. both days. There will be a food booth, so come for lunch.

Please look twice at anything you might throw away in spring cleaning, and consider putting it aside and keeping it just a little bit longer, in order to help the church!

The Presbyterian Women hope to have a large variety of items to sell such as antiques, glassware, household items, linens, jewelry, small pieces of furniture, yard/garden tools (yes, we *do* have men shoppers!), perennials, toys, knickknacks, etc.

Please save these dates, and look for more information in the Sunday worship bulletins. Contact Betty Piner at 946-6823 for more details, or to offer help.

In order to have time to price and display items nicely, all donations must be received by Monday night, April 15, at 8:00 p.m. Many workers will be needed the week of April 15 to unpack, display, price

However, it is important that you do **not** bring any items to the church until **after** Easter Sunday, because the Fellowship Hall will be needed for Easter events. (Easter is March 31, and the church office will be closed April 1 on Easter Monday.)

We also hope everyone will make at least one item to be sold with the baked goods.

We will be advertising when we get closer to the date, but we will need everyone to help "spread the word" before then. Posters will be available in the vestibules for you to take your place of business, etc.

All profits will go to support the area Weekday Religious Education program. Everyone's help and donations are needed to make this another successful event!

