



March 2024

CROSS TALK

A newsletter from Claremore FMC

*They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. **Luke 24:2-5***

Matthew, Mark and Luke are very similar and contain a lot of the same material. These three Gospels are called the "synoptic gospels," synoptic simply meaning "to see alike." Luke wasn't an original disciple/apostle of Jesus. He was a doctor or physician. We find out in the first few verses that he investigated everything very carefully. After doing so, he wrote an "orderly and the longest account" about the life of Jesus. Luke emphasizes Jesus' ministry to and care for the oppressed, poor, sick, and marginalized. In Luke's narrative, it seems like Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal, but Jesus is never too hungry to be interrupted by anyone in need. This is where the theme of humility takes center stage. How many times could Jesus have said, "I'm on my way to something way too important"? This new sermon series will highlight the teachings and stories that are found only in Luke's Gospel?

Two of the most recognizable parables are The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Both teach grace and unconditional love for all and not just the people approved by religious leaders. Zaccheus, the chief tax collector demonstrated his gratitude for that kind of abundant grace by allowing Jesus to invite Himself over for dinner (Luke 19:1-10). In addition to unique parables, Luke uses emphasizes the inner circle of amazing women who contributed to Jesus' ministry. Mother Mary is pretty obvious but there is also Mary Magdalene, Joana and Susanna all being mentioned with the twelve at the beginning of Luke 8. It was this group of women who passed on the message of the resurrection to the apostles in Luke 24.

*"For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." **Luke 14:11***



New Members & Baptisms

December 2023

Stephen Bohanan
Taylor Jarman
Ashley Jarman

January 2024

Mark Landon Hart
Tobin Gollotte

February 2024

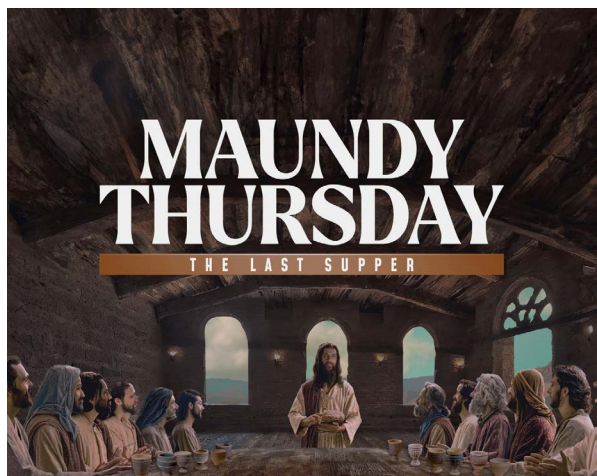
Jerry Eason
Kathy Perry
Suzie Woods
Tiffany Johnston
Melanie Cochran
Micah Cochran
Roger Wayne Jones
Kerry Martin
Samantha Martin
Amelia Johnson



Palm Sunday

March 24

Palm Sunday worship services take a variety of forms, but all have one thing in common— Hosanna!!! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD. We will also praise the LORD for the mortgage payoff of the Children's Center by gathering all around our church building in corporate prayer at 10:45. Don't miss it!



Maundy Thursday

March 28 / 6:00-8:00pm

Maundy Thursday is the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. We will serve Chicken Noodle soup in the FLC at 6PM and the service will start at 7PM in the Sanctuary. The service is centered around the Last Supper Drama.



Good Friday

March 29 / 7:00-8:00pm

It's unusual to call the death of our savior as good, but Good Friday is the remembrance of the death of Jesus. We will have a worship experience to better understand what He went through. We will read through the story, but will not have anything too graphic for children. Nursery will be provided for ages 0-3.



Holy Saturday

March 30 / 7:00 -9:00pm

Our Saturday HOPE service starts with a prayer walk at 7PM with worship at 7:30PM next to the Central Campus pond. There are several stations around the church pond where you can pray and reflect. Each prayer is symbolized by a floating candle that we will send out into the church pond.



Easter Sunday

*March 31 / Central Campus: 8:30AM, 9:45AM, 11AM
Vessel Campus: 9AM & 10:30AM*

We will have our Easter Sunrise Service at the Central Campus Pavilion at 6:30AM. The Central Campus Sunday School will be doing an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45AM. Don't forget to bring your cut flowers for the Victory Cross.



Attention Please...

Song of Songs: The Search for Authentic Love

April 12 & 13 / 6:30pm and 9:00am

Women’s weekend with Nanette Holloway.
Cost is \$40 per person. You can register online with a credit card or pay in person every Sunday at the Central Campus in disciple hall during morning services.

Knights of the LORD’s Table

April 20 / 10:00am-12:00pm

We will be meeting at the Pavilion. Axe throwing, leather punching, target practice and a bonfire. Tickets are on sale between the church services starting March 10. Seating is limited, so don’t wait to get your seat! Adult tickets are \$10 and child tickets are \$5.

Princess Tea

April 20 / 10:00am-12:00pm

Princess Tea is here! We will be meeting in the Central Campus Family Life Center. Ladies tickets are \$12 and child tickets are \$8. Purchase of the ticket includes brunch, photo with princesses and a fun craft. Tickets are on sale between the church services starting March 10. Seating is limited, so don’t wait to get your seat!

Easter information cards are available at the front desk with a calendar of Holy Week events. Take one to a neighbor or friend and give them a personal invitation.

Happy Easter!

Memorials

December 2023

- Memory of Thelma, Bill & Wayne McBeath to Good Sam Pantry Fund by Barbara McBeath
- In Honor of Denni & Kathy Houtz to the Endowment Fund by Jose & Frances Ibanez
- In Honor of Alexandria Arbena and Maria Montes to the Endowment Fund by Jose & Frances Ibanez
- Memory of Maxine Early to the Good Sam Food Pantry by Kenny & Marilyn Steidley
- Memory of Maxine Early to the Good Sam Food Pantry by Ken & Debbie Patrick
- Memory of Maxine Early to the Good Sam Food Pantry by Daris and Sue Ann Stimson
- Memory of Maxine Early to the Good Sam Food Pantry by Lewis and Linda Thomas
- Memory of Mary Abercrombie to the Ministerial Endowment Fund by Wanda J Bullis
- Memory of Bess Hermon to the Music Department by Susan Carle
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Claire Churchman
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Mitchell Gardner
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund Frank C Robson
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund Jack and J Elise Gordon Jr
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by AVB Bank
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Sybil McNabb
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Matthew and Teresa Gaway
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Ron and Sally Scott
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Jonnie Neely
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Willis and Mary Harrison
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by G L Downey
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Dave and Mary Faulkner
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Gwen and R.C. Liebl
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Sandra Wagner
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Timothy and Julie Fleetwood
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by John and Martha Starr
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Milford and Jane Harp
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by John and Benna Bivins
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Ruby Jones
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Richard Swan
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Dorothy Willman
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Drew Patty
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Debra Sanders
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the Music Department by Susan Carle
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by The Mendoza and Chaput Families
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Richard Swan
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Alon Anderson
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Kurtis Wilson
- Memory of Bess Hermon to the Music Dept by Shirley Carle
- Memory of Julia Helen Latham to the General Fund by Taylor Mallett Downs Ramsey & Russell



There was an amazing turnout for the Ash Wednesday service. Even on February 14, our fellowship of believers chooses to live out a sacrificial lifestyle with a sense of what is sacred. It was an unforgettable moment of both remembrance and repentance to prepare our hearts for this season. Praise The Lord!

Please join us!

Central Campus (Sunday Morning)

Sunday School at 9:45AM / Nursery open from 8:30AM - 12PM

Children's Worship at 11AM in the Sanctuary

Vessel Campus (Saturday Night)

Saturday Night from 6PM - 7PM

Classes for 3 years - 6th grade / Nursery for 0 - 2 years

Vessel Campus (Sunday Morning)

Sunday School at 9AM & 10:30AM / Nursery open from 9AM - 11:30AM