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# The Fountain

March 2024

#### From the Pastor...

"... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection of the dead." Philippians 3:10-11 ESV

Leonard Ravenhill once said: "Many want to be endued with power, but few are willing to be emptied of self." In our culture of instant gratification, we may be tempted to think that we can fast-forward to the power of the resurrection of Christ and our share in it.

In my youth, in the days of VHS and cassette tapes, fast-forwarding still took some time and was a tad cumbersome. But not today! We can go from one video or one song to the next, and to any point in them, in an instant. Lent, however, reminds us that we can't fast-forward to glory that way. We can't skip forward to our share in the power of the resurrection without first embarking on a journey of self-denial and taking up our cross to also share the sufferings of Christ, "becoming like him in his death" as our brother Paul says in Philippians.

In our faith journey to the kingdom of God, we can't skip over the path of suffering and dying to our old sinful nature as people of the world. As Paul says in Romans 8:16-17 "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, *provided we suffer with him in order that* we may also be glorified with him."

During this season of Lent, let's not be tempted to skip forward to the power of his resurrection knowing that whatever suffering we experience as followers of Jesus is not in vain. Indeed,

"... we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" Romans 5:2-5

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Cliff Wall





#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPRC will meet on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 pm in Conf #3 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Finance Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 pm in Conf #3

Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

M Avett will meet on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 pm in Conf #2

M Barnhardt will meet on Monday, March 11 at 10:00 am in Conf #2 Join
Pastor Cliff
for a study
of the
Book
of
Revelation

Sundays At 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Daylight
Savings
Time
Begins
on
March 10th





# Holy Thursday Gervice-March 28-6:30 pm

# Easter Sunday-March 31

7:00 am Sunrise Service

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service





Please join us in Krimminger Hall for the monthly "Community Breakfast" on Saturday, March 2. Serving is from 7:00 until 10:00 am. A record crowd of 240 enjoyed a good breakfast and good fellowship during the February breakfast. Hope to see you and your friends on March 2.

# Methodist Men's Meeting

The next meeting of the Cold Springs Global Methodist Men's Group will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 pm in the Charles Page SS Classroom. Hope all men of the church will put this important date on your calendar and plan to attend. We will be planning the Easter Sunrise Breakfast and discussing other projects.

~ Terry Bowers, Methodist Men's President (704-786-8434)



Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth-braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you."

Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you.

Joing biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland on those dusty roads as she transports you back to Jesus' world, following in the footsteps of the women who came face-to-face with the Living God. Over 7 sessions, examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today.

Starting on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm we will begin this Bible Study in Conf Rm 2.

If you are interested in attending please notify Rene'
Caldwell via email: jgcrald@gmail.com
or call 704-425-3760.

The deadline for this Bible Study will be March 10th so that the study books may be ordered.

Pray and then follow HIS nudge to embark upon this path with other women of beautiful Faith in JESUS CHRIST.

## **Birthdays**

3-Grant Coldwell

7-Dexter Allmon

9-Larry Clay

11-JoAnn Swaringen

13-Phoebe Talley

14-W.B. Allmon, Kathy

Koledge

16-Keith Pavey

21-Megan Moser

24-Carol Talley

28-Kay Jones

31-Eli Starr



#### Anniversaries

5-Homer & Carolyn Allman

12-Keith & Barbara Pavey

13-Tony & Diane Miller

15-Mark & Lynne Georgevich, Scott & Melissa Brantley

24-Andre & Loretta Gifford

### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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If you have an event/announcement you would like advertised in the newsletter and/or email, please provide information to the church office. The deadline for the newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

Events/announcements may also be sent out via church wide email. The office phone number is 704-782-1811 and the church office email address is :

admin@coldspringschurch.org. If you would like to be added to the church email group, please provide your email address to the office via the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or email/phone call to the church office. If you need to contact Pastor Cliff, his phone number is 980-221-0597, or email at pastorcliff@coldspringschurch.org.

#### FROM OUR YOUTH

The families of our Children and youth are sponsoring several meals in the coming months to support our Children going to Winshape Camp in July and our Youth/adults going on a Mission trip in June to the Eastern part of the state. Without your help, these camps and missions would be difficult to afford. We would appreciate your support for our meals on the following dates:

Wednesday, 3/20/24 - Spaghetti, Salad

The meal is from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, 3/24/24 - Palm Sunday celebration meal following worship service. Menu to be announced later.

Also on Sunday, 3/24/24 from 3:00-5:00, we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt. The Fellowship Hall will be reserved for this event.



The Lefty Cook Family, Sandra Hurlocker, Ruthanne Holdeen, Alan Wallace, The Wayne Gandy Family, The Family of Glenn Sellers, Rob Eckman, Lisa Layton and Grandchildren, Vanessa Turner, Mike Kindley, Scott Hargett, Denny and Pat Gray, Tony Carter, Alan Mears





In His sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship, Jesus utters some of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. Most of us have only encountered the Sermon

on the Mount in fragments, considering its subdivisions as complete teachings in their own right-a study on blessedness; a reflection on the Lord's Prayer; a discussion of religious devotions, money, ambition, and relationships.

What if we navigated these three chapters in Matthew as they were originally heard? What if we read them as one cohesive, well-ordered message, intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

Ladies, if you would like to gain a thorough understanding of Jesus' longest recorded message; study the Sermon on the Mount as a complete unit rather than in fragments; and learn how a disciple of Jesus thinks, speaks, and acts, then join us for Jen Wilkin's Sermon on the Mount. This 9-session study will give you the opportunity to do just that. Come and learn from Jesus, just as His disciples did.

We will begin this study on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 and continue for nine weeks ending on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. We will meet from 9-11 AM in Conference Rm #2. The cost of the study will be between \$25—\$30 for the study book. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 10, 2024. To sign up please call or text Kay Jones at 704-467-7597 or by email at: k328jonez@gmail.com



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# Events At Cold Springs March 2024

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Saturday	2 7:00-10:00 am Community Breakfast	o.	16 Bus and Vans reserved	23 All Day KH reserved Bus and Vans reserved	30	1		
Friday	1 KH reserved	8	15	22	29		Every Sunday: 8:45 am Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00 am Sunday School-All Ages 10:00 am Worship 3:30-5:00 pm GriefShare	lation Study
Thursday		7	14	21	28 6:30 pm-Holy Thursday Service		Every Sunday: 8-45 am Prayer in the San 9:00 am Sunday School- 10:00 am Worship 3:30-5:00 pm GriefShare	4:30 pm MYF 6:00 pm Revelation Study
Wednesday		<sub>ω</sub>	13 4-9 pm KHreserved	20 5:30 Spaghetti Meal youth fundraiser	27 9-11 am-Bible Study Conf #2			
Tuesday		5 6pm-Finance Meeting Conf #3	12	19 Bus and Vans reserved 6pm-Bible Study Conf #2	26 6pm-Bible Study Conf #2			
Monday		4 6pm-M Avett Conf #2 6pm-SPRC Conf #3	11 10 am Mae 12 arnhardt Conf #2 WFFM	18	25 JOY Group			
Sunday		3 2pm-GMM Meeting Charles Page SS 3-5pm KH reserved 5pm- Choir Practice	10 3pm Administrative Council 1-3 pm Sisters in Service 5pm-Choir Practice	17 Spm-Choir Practice Bus and Vans reserved	m -Choir Practice I reserved- Im Sunday Lunch 5 pm-Easter Egg	31 7am-Sunrise Service	7:30 am-Breakfast 8:30 am-Sunday School 9:30am Worship	







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