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THE SONSHINE NEWS

"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."
1 Thessalonians 5:24

FROM PREACHER JEFF

¹Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you...³how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.
-1 Corinthians 15:1, 3b-4

"He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!" These words from the old hymn ring forth not only at Easter, but also throughout the year as a constant reminder of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is also a reminder of the glorious gospel that we preach and share.

As we approach Resurrection weekend at the end of this month, don't forget about the 6th Hour Worship at noon on Good Friday, March 29. We will share the Lord's Supper as we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins on Calvary's cross. On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. In addition, our church will worship through giving a Firstfruits Offering. Firstfruits were mentioned in the Old Testament as an offering to the Lord by the children of Israel above and beyond their tithes. This offering is an acknowledgment from us to the Lord that we know He has blessed us beyond measure.

Sullivan Baptist Church is in the midst of the Trusting in His Faithfulness debt reduction campaign to greatly reduce and possibly even eliminate our building debt by June 2025. There has been an overwhelming response to Trusting in His Faithfulness since the campaign began in April 2023. Receipts from the 2024 Firstfruits Offering will be used as a "principal-only payment" toward reduction of the debt. Special offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Center to be used for Firstfruits. Thank you for always being faithful stewards.

Easter should be the most important celebration in the life of a Christian. Jesus overcame death, hell, and the grave to bring us hope for eternal life beyond this earthly life. The apostle Paul said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." (1 Corinthians 15:19) Let's rejoice!

God loves you, and I love you! -Pastor Jeff

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

The missions emphasis for the months of February - April is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 3-10, 2024.

**MAKE
JESUS
KNOWN**

IT'S NOT
ABOUT US.
IT'S ABOUT
JESUS.





Rev. Jeff Strong, Pastor
 Andy Coffman, Minister of Music & Worship
 Ross Turner, Minister of Students
 Sharon Arredondo, Director of Children's Ministry
 Paul Overbay, Senior Adult Director
 Christina O'Neal, MCAT Director
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 Anita Overbay, Ministry Assistant
 Church Office: 349-6288; Fax: 349-6075
 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-Th (Lunch 12-12:30 p.m.)
 website: www.sullivanbaptist.org

The church received "Thank you's" this month from the Vernon McCray Family, JC Schools
 Homeless Education Program, and Suzanne Huron. Welcome new members
 Nevada & Kristin Hilton, and Michael & Hannah Clevenger.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Hey Senior Adults! Come out on March 19th, at 10 A.M., to stuff Easter Eggs for our community-wide Easter Egg Hunt! We will have donuts and coffee. See you in the Fellowship Hall!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Norma Burleson	9 Dwight Smith	21 Louise Cookenour
3 Shirley Hall	10 Marion White	21 Jonathan Millsap
3 Heather Koenig	12 Jane McConnell	22 Richard Depew
3 Jeff McConnell	12 Ava Osterman	22 Granger Mullins
3 Robin York	12 Emily Parton	22 Gordon Zollman
5 Linda Eades	13 Susan Bailey	25 Thelma Smith
5 Richard Halbrook	13 Marilyn Charlton	26 Gene Rowland
5 Noah Hillman	13 Temperance Hurd	28 Erin Fogleman
5 Ross Turner	14 Bella Davis	28 Sharron Richardson
6 John Arredondo	15 Nora Sanlin	29 Dylan Byrd
6 Missy Russell	15 Sandra Smith	29 Sara Hodges
7 Lee Cowan	15 Gray Taylor	29 Enoch Hubbard
7 Jane Overbay	17 Norma Quillen	31 Brenda Burleson
7 Kim Riddle	19 Kevin Horne	31 Nancy Hunt
9 Karter Percy	20 Brenda Falin	

Deacon Ministry for March:

Widow & Shut-In: Greg Feathers 360.4854; Ed Guinn 244.7585;
 Michael Horne 360.1572; Greg Jones 440.6703
 Hospital: Matt Bailey 863.3541; Larry Barnett 534.4022;
 Beeler Mullins 306.1539; Tommy Riddle 863.6788

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 Grief & Crisis: Greg Wilson 349.5029
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