



From the pastor...

# April

When we look at the events of the final days that Jesus was on earth, we can glean some insights into the heart of our faith.

**The Last Supper** pictures a time of separation and fellowship. Jesus excused Judas to go his own way and to do what he had set out to do. Only then did Jesus open His heart to his disciples. He gave special significance to the bread and the cup that only His followers understood. Eating the bread signified He would be in them, nourishing them, sustaining them. Drinking the cup meant that His blood was shed for their sins, for their salvation. As we celebrate The Lord's Supper **we too are separated from the world unto Christ. We have special fellowship** with the One Who gave His body and blood for us.

**The Garden of Gethsemane** jars our sense of faithfulness. Jesus was in agony while the disciples were asleep. We can identify with them because many times we fail, even though we try to follow Christ. Christ didn't want to be separated from His Father. He didn't want to become sin with all its wickedness and shame. This battle was so fierce that his sweat became like great drops of blood and the angels had to strengthen Him. But He was obedient. He was also gracious toward his weak disciples. The Garden reminds us to be **obedient and faithful in prayer**, even though we fail at times.

**The trials** that Jesus faced were unjust. The time, the procedure, and the outcome were all illegal. The religious trials before Annas, before Caiaphas, and before the Sanhedrin were rigged. The civil trials before Pilate and Herod were not civil at all. Truth, though innocent, was mocked, beaten, reviled, scourged, and condemned to death as though He were guilty. The trials remind us that we may be called upon to **suffer unjustly for following Christ**.

**The Cross** was a place of death. It was where the criminal received justice. On the Cross, Jesus became the ultimate criminal, guilty of every crime and sin since the world began. Justice was done. The crimes were paid for. Now we are to take up our cross daily and follow Christ. To do that **we must die to self**.

**The empty tomb** is the point of victory. The body's final resting place isn't final now. One day we will have a new body a Heavenly body an incorruptible body an eternal body. There is life beyond the grave. When we identify ourselves with Christ's work on the Cross, we also identify with Him in His resurrection! **Because of the resurrection we have hope**. Our life is not meaningless. We have eternal life. We will celebrate victoriously with all our believing loved ones. We have no idea of all the wonderful things awaiting us.

These events remind us that we are separated from the world to have fellowship with Christ. We should understand the need to be obedient in spite of weaknesses. We can expect to experience injustice and suffering if we follow Christ. To live for Christ, we must die to self but have a clear vision of our future. **May we be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.**

Henry Hazard

**“YOUNG AT HEART” –**

For April will have lunch at Heritage Bible on April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m. Don't miss it! Meat will be provided just bring sides.

**HBC Quarterly Board Meeting**

will be on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following morning service

Our **Men's Meeting** for April will be April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. @ the church. Sign up on the foyer table at church.



**Easter Week Noontime Services**

April 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon @ Forest Park United Methodist Church  
1401 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Panama City, Florida 32405 785-6296

**Theme: People of the Passion**

Day:	Topic:	Speaker:
Monday:	Peter	Henry Hazard (Heritage)
Tuesday:	The Crowds	Bob Hayes (Africa Christian Training Institute)
Wednesday:	Herod	Gary Cecil (Grace)
Thursday:	The Thieves	Brian Rice (Heritage)
Friday:	Jesus & Mary	John Friedman (Forest Park)

Lunch will be served at 12:30 \$5 Adult - \$3 ages 12 & under



**Easter Sunrise Service** at Venture Out Beach . April 16 at 7 a.m.



**Great Commission Women**

Will meet for food and fellowship on April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Church! Sign up on the sheet on the foyer table if you plan to come.



**Anna Holmes 'Taipei Trip'**

In January and February of this year I both applied and was accepted to the Christian and Missionary Alliance's Envision program in Taipei, Taiwan. Today, the ministries of the site consist of a coffee shop, a church that meets at the shop's location on Sunday mornings and the teaching of English to the locals there. In order to serve (from June 14<sup>th</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>), I am in need of people to come alongside me to support me in prayer and through finances. Financially, I need \$2,175.00 to cover on-site expenses. If you would like to make a contribution via Heritage, simply write a check to Heritage Bible Church and designate where you are giving in the memo line. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!!

Sincerely,  
Anna Holmes

**8<sup>Th</sup> Letter Historical Retreat –**

**April 28-29** To prepare for the Historical Retreat we have created three teams to interview many current and former attendees of Heritage to gather information about the blessings, challenges, and crises while they attended. During the retreat we will review these blessings, challenges and crises we faced in the various eras of our history. This will be some of the most difficult (but also the most exciting) work ever done. There will be times of mourning as certain realizations begin to dawn and times of laughter and great insight. But never forget the goal: *to hear what the Lord has been saying to your church and take whatever corrective action He requires.*  
**Please bathe this next month in prayer and fasting. Schedule:**  
Friday 6:30PM - 9:00PM (No Dinner)  
Saturday 9:00AM – 4:00PM (Lunch Provided)

**The Christian & Missionary Alliance Biennial Council**

will be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 30-June 4, 2017. If you would like to attend to see what goes on at the Council and hear some of the guest speakers, you can do so by registering as a Corresponding Delegate at the Alliance website [www.cmalliance.org/council17](http://www.cmalliance.org/council17). Council ends on Sunday, June 4, with a special Parade of Missionaries. It is very inspiring. On Monday, June 5, you may want to join the Hazards as they visit the **Ark Encounter** and the **Creation Museum** in Williamstown, Kentucky.

**Facts & Figures**

**Finances for March**

**For Mar 1 through Mar 29**

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget:	<b>\$ 18,655.00</b>
GOF Tithes & Offering Received( 4 Sundays):	<b>\$ 26,117.03</b>
General Operating Fund Weekly Budget:	<b>\$ 4,305.00</b>
GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes & Offerings (4 Sundays):	<b>\$ 6,529.26</b>

**For Year to Date 2017, (based on 3 months and 13 Sundays):**

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (monthly basis):	\$ 55,965.00
GOF Funds YTD Tithes and Offerings Budget (weekly basis):	\$ 55,965.00
GOF Year to Date Tithes and Offerings Received:	\$ 65,728.41
GOF Year to Date Budgeted/Other Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ (57,972.91)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ 7,755.50
GOF Balance as of Mar 29 (206% of monthly budget):	\$ 38,343.58
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (13 Sundays):	\$ 5,056.04
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ (4,459.46)
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$2,290) & 24% of Tithes and Offerings (\$15,774.82)	\$ 18,064.82
Missions Fund YTD Disbursements:	\$ (12,533.95)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 9,258.53
Building Fund YTD Receipts including \$2,525 In Memory Of Gifts:	\$ 2,675.52
Building Fund YTD Disbursements:	\$ (0.00)
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 6,561.01
Associate Pastor Fnd YTD Receipts:	\$ 3,345.00
Associate Pastor Fnd YTD Disbursements: Compensations out of Assoc Past Fnd:	\$ (9,000.00)
Associate Pastor Fnd Balance:	\$ 20,112.51



Will meet on Sundays, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>