

APRIL The Connection

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**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and
to Make Him Known**



April Daily Scriptures

- 1—John 11:25-26
- 2—1 Corinthians 15:20-22
- 3—Romans 6:4-5
- 4—John 5:24-25
- 5—1 Peter 1:3-4
- 6—1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
- 7—Romans 8:11
- 8—Luke 24:5-7
- 9—Acts 2:24
- 10—1 Corinthians 6:14
- 11—Philippians 3:10-11
- 12—Acts 4:33
- 13—1 Corinthians 15:42-44
- 14—Romans 8:34
- 15—Acts 17 :31
- 16—1 Peter 3:21 –22
- 17—Colossians 3:1-2
- 18—John 20:8-9
- 19—Acts 24:15
- 20—2 Timothy 2:8
- 21—Romans 4:24-25
- 22—1 Corinthians 15: 54-57
- 23—Philippians 3:20-21
- 24—John 6:40
- 25—Luke 24:46-48
- 26—Acts 26:22-23
- 27—1 Corinthians 15:12-14
- 28—Romans 6:8-11
- 29—1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- 30—Revelation 1:17-18

National Days for April

- 1 National One Cent Day
- 2 National Walking Day
- 3 National Find a Rainbow Day
- 4 National Walk Around Things Day
- 5 National Love Our Children Day
- 6 National Sorry Charlie Day
- 7 National No Housework Day
- 8 National All Is Ours Day
- 9 National Cherish An Antique Day
- 10 National Erase Self-Negativity Day
- 11 National Living Donor Day
- 12 National Only Child Day
- 13 National Make Lunch Count Day
- 14 National Reach As High As You Can Day
- 15 National Take a Wild Guess Day
- 16 National Get To Know Your Customers Day
- 17 National High Five Day
- 18 National Exercise Day
- 19 National Hanging Out Day
- 20 National Volunteer Recognition Day
- 21 National Kindergarten Day
- 22 National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 23 National Take a Chance Day
- 24 National Teach the Children to Save Day
- 25 National Hug a Plumber Day
- 26 National Sense of Smell Day
- 27 National Pet Parents Day
- 28 National Great Poetry Reading Day
- 29 National Peace Rose Day
- 30 National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

- 2—Joe Johnson
- 3—John Britt
- 6—Carlee Allard
- 6—Kevin Blackmer
- 6—Wayne Burns
- 6—Tammie Reinert
- 9—Braelynn Parker
- 10—Bonnie Moore
- 12—Kamryn Blackmer
- 14—Quinell Tanner
- 14—Amy Britt
- 15—Alice Hajek
- 17—Erica Burns
- 17—Pat Burns
- 17—Jackie Rose
- 17—Keyton Trato
- 20—Landen Gleason
- 24—Robbie Bolton
- 26—Allie Heuchert
- 27—Randy Hall
- 28—Matalyn Burks
- 29—Martha Weeks
- 30— Diana Allard

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Pastor David's Corner

Ah, Spring!

It IS Spring, isn't it?

As I write this a couple of weeks before the first day of April it is freezing, with a "feels like" of 2 degrees and windy. That doesn't feel much like Spring.

Two days ago, as I was leaving the house to drive to the church, it was very windy and overcast. I said something about it being such a beautiful weather, and Bobbi quoted "This is the day hat the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24). Yes, indeed.

I have often remarked that when I wake up and see the green side of the grass and not the roots, at least the day started well. Paul commented in his letter to the Romans, "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

I urge you to think about that for some time. Let it percolate in your soul for a while.

We have just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus as the great offering of God's life for our life. We have been redeemed because He loves us so much more than we can ever imagine. For if we live, we live to the Lord....

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

I pray for the Lord's richest blessing on you this April. May you truly experience His wondrous love.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David



Finance



Moment

Stewardship cannot be reduced to a program or a yearly campaign to meet the church's budget. Stewardship is an attitude, a way of life in which every area of life is brought into a faith relationship. It is based on three underlying convictions.

First, all of us have a need to give. Imagine a world without generosity. Imagine a world where everyone thought only of themselves. What an impoverished world it would be. The truth is that generosity is an essential part of what it is to be human, made in the image of God, the One 'who gives generously to all'.

Second, the world has a need to receive. Generosity is not only essential to our wholeness. It is also a sign of Christ's love to others. When we share our resources, we participate in God's amazing work.

Third, money has a power to which we need to remain alert. Money brings with it the temptation to place our faith in it. We know it is possible for our possessions to possess us, to gain the whole world and lose our soul in the midst of it all. We know that money can be a wonderful servant, but a terrible master.

What we do with our finances reflects our priorities and commitments. The fact that we live in a culture that tends to emphasize 'never having enough' or that 'bigger is better', or that 'our spiritual needs can be met by material things' means that generosity does not happen by accident or osmosis. It requires intentional resolve and incremental steps of growth in faith.⁰⁷¹⁹

Excerpts from: A Statement on Christian Financial Stewardship
First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MB



Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care

A rainy day can be many things ...
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,
Or the picnic that has to be postponed
It can be the replenishing of a stream,
Or the overflow of a flood;
It can be relief from a hot summer day,
Or the chill of an autumn wind.
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth
Is part of Nature's plan
For stability throughout the Universe,
As old as the hills,
And dependable as the seasons.
Rain and sunshine are equal partners
In the daily expression of God's love.

— Jeanne D. Birrell



Yes, I can!

I cannot end poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but I can offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of someone who is dying.

These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

Reflections to Prepare Your Heart for Easter

Easter is the proof that evil men never have the last word about the things of God -C. Neil Strait

God expects from [people] that their Easter devotions would in some measure come up to their Easter dress. -Robert Smith

Easter is the great proclamation and promise of God that nothing can overcome God’s love, not even the murder of the Son of God. -Charles Ferrell

I’ve learned that people are more influenced by how much I care than by how much I know. -Anonymous



A Hymn Mix-Up With a Message

C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn’t have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled “Just As I Am, Without a Clue.”

Whether it’s “without a clue” or “without a plea,” the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.

Addressed to God

A letter written in a childish scrawl arrived at the post office addressed simply to “God.” Unsure what to do, a postal employee opened it and read: “Dear God, my name is Jimmy. I am 6 years old. My father is dead, and my mother is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us \$500?”

Moved by the boy’s plea, the employee shared the letter with coworkers, and together they collected \$300 to send to the family.

A couple of weeks later, another letter arrived. Jimmy thanked God for the money and added one final request: “Next time would you please deliver the money directly to our home? If you send it through the post office, they deduct \$200.”

April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  6pm Bible Study	2 Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	4 Holy Saturday
5 Easter 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 	6	7 8:30am Women's 4th Day	8 6pm Bible Study	9	10	11 9am Roadside Pickup—Adopt-a- Highway Everyone welcome! Come Join Us!!
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter	13	14 8:30am Women's 4th Day	15 6pm Bible Study 	16	17	18
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 3rd Sunday of Easter	20	21 8:30am Women's 4th Day	22 6pm Bible Study  Administrative Professionals Day	23	24	25 World Malaria Day
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4th Sunday of Easter	27	28 8:30am Women's 4th Day	29 6pm Bible Study	30		

A Note from Barb...

Here we are, anticipating Spring again, as the seasons “duke it out” between winter and spring. When you live in Michigan, you never really know what kind of weather you can expect from day to day. Some may disagree with me, but I love the many changes in the weather even though sometimes on certain days I really wish it was just sunny and 75 degrees with a very slight breeze.

But we, as Christians know that whatever the weather brings our way, we can trust that God’s love and mercy will never change. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8
In this season of Easter, we need to remember that God sent His **only** Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16. Happy Easter!



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