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about the opening of a fountain that will cleanse the inhabitants of Jerusalem of their sins and impurities;

- about the coming day of the Lord, when He will rule visibly as King over all the earth, worshiped by all the nations of the earth.

So this is your assignment: before Sunday read Zechariah 1.1-6.8. Don't try to examine carefully the individual trees. Read to see the forest and the lay of the land. As is suggested in the ESV Study Bible's introduction to Zechariah: Allow the images and symbols to activate your imagination before attempting to discern the details symbolized.

The Gospel According to Zechariah — that's the Gospel now celebrated, face to face with the Shepherd/King, by Marie and Waymon. And may it be the Gospel that one day you also will be allowed to celebrate in the presence of Him Who has come to purchase forgiveness and proclaim peace.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 29

- 9:30** *Infants:* S Coffey & J Foster
Creepers/Toddlers: D, J & O Bowers
Toddlers: M & M Krieg
- SS** *Infants:* D Gaines, A Creamer
Creepers: S Evans, E Beatty
Toddlers: J & H Wade
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

April 5

- 9:30** *Infants:* Y Cornell, B Griggs
Creepers/Toddlers: C Weekley, A Millard
Toddlers: E & JM Griggs
- SS** *Infants:* J & C Hildebrand
Creepers: M & B Parker
Toddlers: L Choquette, B Fingerle
- 6 PM** *Combined:* Elwood Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Tammy Higgins at 706-820-0491.

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From the Senior Pastor...

Their mortal bodies have been swallowed up by life. That's how Paul describes it in 2 Corinthians 5.4. They now stand in the presence of their Lord. Though they are no longer visible to us, they now see their Savior face to face. Marie Frederick — along with her husband, Charles, her sons, Bud and Bob, and Bob's wife, Karol — was a charter member of both East Ridge PC and of Covenant PC. Marie's graveside celebration took place last Monday afternoon.

Waymon Gaither was Jeff and Todd's father. He was a godly man whom the Lord wonderfully blessed with a precious wife, Sue, four sons, four daughters-in-law, and ?? grandchildren. He was also a man used by God to bless others. Waymon and Sue were and are regular attenders of Woodland Park Baptist Church, but it was our privilege and honor to celebrate the blessings of his life in our sanctuary this past Saturday afternoon.

As a church we are able to celebrate, even as we weep, the death of such saints, because of what we will celebrate in a particular fashion during the next three weeks — the passion of our Lord.

His royal entrance into Jerusalem on a foal, His cleansing of the Temple, His celebration of the final Passover, His prayers in the Garden, His betrayal and arrest, His trial and crucifixion, His resurrection and appearances

— these historical moments of salvific importance will fill our hearts and minds, and be the specific focus of our worship.

We're going to view these events from the perspective of an OT prophet who lived more than 500 years before the birth of Christ. His name was Zechariah, who, along with Haggai, was raised up by the Lord to stir up God's people to complete the task for which they had returned to Jerusalem: the rebuilding of the Temple.

This coming Sunday, March 29, we will look quickly at the night visions of Zechariah in chapters 1.1 - 6.8. Palm Sunday, April 5, we will examine more carefully Zechariah 3.1-10, 6.6-9.17, as well as chapters 7-9. And then Easter morning, Pastor Mullinax and I will lead us through the awesome message of Zechariah 9.1-14.21.

These concluding six chapters, tell...

- about a king riding into Jerusalem upon the foal of a donkey;
- about a shepherd deserted by his flock, who pay for his services with thirty pieces of silver, which end up being thrown into the temple to the potter;
- about a shepherd struck down, by the Lord, and the sheep scattered;
- about the Spirit being poured out upon people who mourn and grieve as they look upon the one whom they have pierced;

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Middle school & high school youth

will not meet this Sunday due to shepherding.

Breakfast & Egg Hunt for Missions

— Saturday, April 11, is the date for this annual event designed to raise money for the youth summer mission trip. A full breakfast is served from 9 - 10:15 AM at the church. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Donations will be accepted. The egg hunt follows at 10:30, for children age 2 through the fifth grade. The egg hunt will be set up in separate areas designated for differing age groups. You do not need to bring eggs. Prior to the egg hunt we will have a story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter.

Parents Conference — “Parenting on Purpose” is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 10 AM - 2 PM. This free conference includes lunch. If you are a parent with a child in the 0-18 age range, this is for you. Topics include: discipline, communication and fueling your child’s passion for Christ. Speakers will be Dr. Caines, Ken Henry and Tony Souder, director of the Chattanooga Youth Network. Registration begins March 29.

NURSERY NEEDS

We need rockers, swings with reclining seats that babies can sleep in, toys appropriate for 6-15 month olds (please no cloth toys), and contoured changing table pads. If you'd like to buy one of the table pads and donate it to the nursery they run \$22, and we need two. Large items can be donated or loaned. Just put your name on the rockers or swings, and let Heather know they are only on loan.



WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Spring Seminar Reminder

The “God of All Comfort” seminar with Dee Brestin is this Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 AM until 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our *ETERNAL* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (p.167) and *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (p. 251).

Upcoming Concert

Palm Sunday, April 5, Chattanooga Christian School’s Select Ensemble will present a concert during the evening service.



Interested in a short-term mission trip this summer along the border of Texas and Mexico? CPC is putting together a group to travel to El Paso to work with our supported missionaries, Jeff and Heather Vaughn. The Vaughns minister with BEAMM (Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries) in El Paso and Juarez. Trip dates are June 19 through June 28. See Pastor Mullinax for a fact sheet.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to the families of Jeff & Todd Gaither in the death of their father, Waymon Gaither, on March 18.

IRONMAN’S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman’s Breakfast Saturday, April 4, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Reid Swanson and his topic is “Things You Can’t Say in Church.” Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.