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Matthew 21:1-22
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 Matthew 27:1-26
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**ANNIE
 ARMSTRONG
 EASTER OFFERING**



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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

**OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE
 LIVE STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
 www.facebook.com/hbcmeridian
 AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL.
 www.youtube.com/hbcmeridian**

PLEASE TUNE IN AT 10:30 A.M.

**WE WILL ALSO MAKE THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
 AVAILABLE ON DVD OR AUDIOFILE (USB FLASHDRIVE).
 TO ORDER EITHER OF THESE (AT NO COST),
 PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

**CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 6-10
 MONDAY-THURSDAY OPEN 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
 CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

**THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES
 SCHEDULED AT HBC FOR THE
 WEEK OF APRIL 5-11.**

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

I haven't checked our records, but I'm safe in assuming that for the first time in Highland's history, we will not be able to meet together for Easter. At the time of writing this, Easter is thirteen days away, and now on top of all the uncertainty and social-distancing, it just doesn't really seem like Easter, does it? Maybe it's me. Maybe it's because we've been so busy and preoccupied with rethinking how we do "church" that it just doesn't "feel" like Easter yet. I hope you don't feel that way, but if you do, let me give you a needed reminder that God gave me yesterday.

EASTER IS NOT A FEELING; IT IS A FACT!

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, "*For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*"

We all love getting dressed up for Easter. We love how the worship services are crowded and there is an excitement in the air unlike any other Sunday in the year. There are parts of the day that we love, but if even these things cease for a time, the fact of Jesus' resurrection remains.

Paul says that the death and resurrection of Jesus are most important. There is nothing more important that has happened in human history than when the Son of God wrapped himself in human flesh, died on a Roman cross and was raised again three days later. Paul even goes on to say in verses 5-8 that Jesus' resurrection is based on eyewitness accounts, most of whom were still alive at the time Paul wrote this letter. That's over 500 people who saw the resurrected Lord walking and talking.

Jesus' resurrection changed everything. The fact of His resurrection declares victory before the battle is over. His resurrection declares hope in the face of your despair. His resurrection brings life to those who are dying in their sin. His resurrection declares how much God loves us. His resurrection declares that He will never leave you nor forsake you. There is a virus that may be deadly and stop an entire globe from living and working for a few months, but the fact of the resurrection declares Jesus' victory over the worst virus, sin and its results, death and the grave.

So, no matter how you feel going into Easter, have faith that Jesus is still the resurrected Lord. He is still in control. And He is still working all things for your good. My prayer for you and myself as we go into Easter is to use this time as an opportunity to reach more people with the gospel than we could ever reach in our building. I encourage you to go ahead and begin inviting your neighbor and co-workers to join us online for our Easter celebration. We will put a Facebook Event page up so that you can share it. Call your neighbor. Text them. Do whatever it takes to invite them to join us online as we celebrate Christ's resurrection together.

JESUS' LAMENT OVER A LOST NATION Luke 19:41-44

1. Jesus wept over their _____. (41-42)
2. Jesus wept over their _____ . (44b)
3. Jesus wept over their _____ . (43-44a)

ONLINE GIVING

If you own an Android phone, download the app by clicking this underlined link: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ministrybrands.ministryone&hl=en_US

If you have an iPhone, download the app by clicking the underlined link below: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/church-by-ministryone/id1400938486>
Open the app and select Highland Baptist Church.

If you have the Shelby Membership App, you may provide your cell number and enter a code provided by the app to obtain your giving data. If you already have an online giving account, you may sign-in and give online. If you do not have an online giving account, the app provides the option to create one.

TEXT GIVING. The number for text giving is 601-340-9409. Type HBC in the message.

THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowles (Susan) on the birth of their granddaughter, Matilda Grace Bowles.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Lindsay Hall and family in the death of his father.
...David Kennard and family in the death of his father.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL

IN MEMORY OF MRS. JEAN GRIFFIS:
Designated to the Youth Ministry by Alice James

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

John Maxey, Associational Missions Strategist for Lauderdale County, is seeking volunteers from LBA churches to work outside the walls of the church to bring support and help to the vulnerable senior and immunocompromised populations of Lauderdale County. Volunteers should be outside the CDC limitations. If you are willing to serve please contact the LBA office at 601-483-1419 or jmaxey_lba@outlook.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT MARCH 29, 2020

Budget	15,615.69		
Child Development Center	107,085.00	CDC Req. to date	302,357.51
Designated	250.00	(13@23,258.27)	
Total	122,950.69	CDC Receipts to date	319,481.00
Budget Req. to date (13@22,740.93)	295,632.09		
Budget Receipts to date	310,010.09		