

CONNECT



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MARCH 2016

Weekly Connection:

SUNDAY

- 7:07 AM Prayer
- 8:15 AM - Early Worship
- 8:15 AM - Radio Program
WBBA 97.5
- 9:30 AM- Sunday School
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship
JAM Kids Hour
- 6:30 PM - Praise & Worship

TUESDAY

- 9-10 AM Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Young Adults-Coffee H.

WEDNESDAY

- 6:05 AM- Men's Prayer – FC
- 6:00 PM Teens
- 6:30 PM Prayer in sanctuary
- 7:00 PM– Small Groups
Caravan (Sept.—April)
- “Wacky” Wednesday (May-August)

FRIDAY

- 9-11 AM Walk-in prayer—
the Sanctuary

Easter, it would seem arrives early this 2016 year, yet it is never too early to celebrate life, resurrection, and being filled with hope. March 27 is Resurrection Sunday also known as Easter when the Bride of Christ celebrates the reality of having a live groom who made it possible for the marriage celebration.

As we come to Resurrection, it should remind us of several important truths that we can embrace, encouraging our hearts and offering hope to all.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE HIS SACRIFICE WAS ACCEPTED FOR OUR SALVATION

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 4:25).

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9)

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE HE IS INTERCEDING FOR US

He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25)

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE OF HIS RETURN AS LORD AND KING

God has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead Acts 17:31

Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all peoples on earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen (Revelation 1:7)

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE OF DEATH BEING THE DOORWAY TO LIFE

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die (John 11:25-26)

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” (I Corinthians 15:54

It is vital we have the certainty of Christ's Resurrection: The Apostle Paul made these remarks to a Corinthian Church who were asking about resurrection in chapter 15:

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith..... 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. Continued on back page



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 18-19 - District Celebrate Life at Roxanna, IL

May 12-14 - Regional Celebrate Life at Olivet Nazarene University

June 27-July 1 - Teen Camp at Camp Table Rock

Bears to BUILD FUN!

NYI youth group fundraiser - now through March 6th; see a teen to participate. Three easy steps:

1. Choose an animal (each is 15" long and will come with a custom made "I love Jesus" t-shirt)
2. Fill out order form and return the bottom portion along with payment to Pastor Greg or President Paula Monroe
3. Join us on Saturday, March 26 in the Family Center @ 2 PM for a Bears-2-Build stuffing party!

Animals cost \$20.00 each (**no orders taken after March 6th**)



PCN Children's Ministry



Saturday, March 19th @ 2 PM
rain reschedules to March 27th

We will meet at King Park at the picnic tables in the northeast corner of the park. In case of rain the hunt will be rescheduled for the following Saturday; same time and place.

There will be a collection box in the foyer for collection of candy for the hunt. We need individually wrapped candy please. If you would prefer to give a monetary donations, they can be given to Trena Martin or left in the church office with Marilyn.

Thank you for your help. Trena Martin



Nazarene Missions International

In the ordinariness of our lives, may we be people of daring faith and do extraordinary things for God
Please keep these needs in your daily prayers:

- Matt & Rachel Grossmann and their little family in Alaska and Jonathan & Brittany Kroeze in Senegal
- Missionaries and their families serving around the globe
- Our University students as they head toward year end final papers and exams
- Those unspoken names represented by band aids on the cross on the sanctuary platform
- Lives to be changed in our families and in our community.
- The ministry of Samaritan's Closet
- The formation of Snack Pack program in conjunction with South School.



Calendar Highlights

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 8 Prime Time
- 10 Church Board Meeting
- 13 Time Change—set clocks ahead one hour
- 18 & 19 Ladies retreat
- 19 Easter Egg Hunt
- 20 Guest Speaker—Rhonda Hughey
- 27 Easter Sunday

- 03 Church Elections
- 12 Prime Time luncheon
- 14 Church Board Meeting
- 23 IL. District “Men of Purpose” conference @ Shelbyville, IL
- 24-27 Revival with Dr. Jim Diehl

Men’s Basketball - Monday & Thursday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center

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 ■ Tumbling every Saturday morning (some exceptions); see Anne Nash for dates and times. ■

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Gerald Bennett | 22 Janice Walters |
| 2 Steve Smothers | 23 Jeff Freesmeyer |
| Dennis Wade | Jack Kirk |
| Jennifer Webel | 26 Patty Curry |
| 7 Ron Booth | Sheila Davidsmeyer |
| 8 Kent Carnes | Janeen Freesmeyer |
| Sara McClain | 27 Evelyn Workman |
| 9 Dominic Keefe | |
| 10 Anne Nash | |
| 14 Don Clarkson | |
| Karla DeVries | |
| 16 Kaitlyn Freesmeyer | |
| 18 Dave Sheppard | |
| 19 Mackenzie James | |
| 20 Greg Webel | |
| Sara Sheppard | |
| 22 Savannah Nash | |

Happy Anniversary

- 1 John & Marilyn Lightle
- 13 Jody & Vicki Dramer
- 23 Rex & Mary Ann Ehrigott
- 27 Dan & Anita Mefford
- 29 Jack & Linda Kirk
- 29 Delbert & Freda Sheppard

Nursery Helpers

- SUNDAY Nursery**
- 06 AM Chad & Brandi Ruzich
 - PM David & Grace Guthrie
 - 13 AM Matt & Sheila Davidsmeyer
 - PM Fred & Jennifer Ruzich
 - 20 AM TBA
 - PM Katie Davis
 - 27 AM Vicki Grammer
 - PM Jarrod & Michelle Kirk
- TODDLER Nursery - Sunday AM**
- 6 Mikyla Collard
 - 13 Emily Guthrie
 - 20 Macey James
 - 27 Ashlyn Collard
- WEDNESDAY Nursery**
- 02 Susanne Curry
 - 09 Della Rush
 - 16 Don & Annelle Kirk
 - 23 Ben Guthrie
 - 30 Donna Davidsmeyer



SPECIAL SPEAKER

Rhonda Hughey Sunday, March 20th
AM services



Rhonda has been serving in revival & transformation ministry for 15 years igniting faith and serving as a catalyst for change. Rhonda has lived in the midst of revival and has experienced transformation in the nations.

This personal experience has ignited a fire in Rhonda to call the Church in the Western World out of her spiritual captivity and into a revolution of intimacy with Jesus. Rhonda travels nationally and internationally, helping leaders prepare their communities for the habitation of God's presence so His Kingdom will break in on the earth in revival and transformation!

Rhonda's passion is to see people personally restored by the love and power of Jesus and for His glory to be reflected through His Church resulting in the evangelization of the lost and transformation within every sphere of the community. Her ministry journey has lead her through many different streams in the Body of Christ depositing in her a deep love for unity and diversity making her an effective voice for gathering the Church for God's purposes in our cities.

Rhonda serves as the Director of *Fusion Ministries, Inc.* and is the author of "Desperate For His Presence" published by Bethany House Publishers and the co-author of "REVIVAL". *Fusion Ministries* serves as a Transformation Center in the United States and Rhonda serves as a Senior Leader at the Int'l House of Prayer in Kansas City.

2016 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

service sponsored by Church Women United of Pike County will be held at Calvary Baptist Church of Pittsfield on Friday, Mar. 4 at 2 p.m.
All are welcome.
Refreshments following.
Call 285-4282 for more information.

Church Elections

Sunday, April 3rd

Good Friday ~ March 26th
"Walk to the Cross"
from 6-8:30 p.m.
at the church
sanctuary. This is a
reflective time of prayer



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17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

Pastor Jo



EASTER OFFERING
FOR WORLD EVANGELISM
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH
THIS OFFERING HELPS
FURTHER THE WORK OF
THE CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE AROUND THE
WORLD.