

FROM OUR PASTOR

April

NEWSLETTER

Easter



As Easter approaches, I believe that at Salem Baptist Church we need to see this time of year not only as a time to celebrate the glorious sacrifice that Christ made on the cross and the victory of Christ over death and the grave, but also as an opportunity to see the work of Christ on the cross transform lives. There is no other time in the life of the church where we can be more intentionally evangelistic than at Easter. This Easter, we are going to make a concerted effort to tell people why Jesus died on the cross. He did it for you!!!

The Outreach Committee is facilitating an Easter Visitation/Invitation to our immediate community. We are going to give personal invitations with a gift book, Easter flyer, and church brochure to the homes around the church on Sunday, April 10. We need everyone to come to the fellowship hall at 3:00pm, and we should be finished by 5:00pm.

There will be an opportunity to get witness training on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30pm for the adults, and 7:00pm for the

youth. This training will simply give you a framework to share your story when God “opens a door” for you to share the Gospel. Even if you may not be able to attend the visitation, this training will be valuable as we make an effort to be a witness for Christ in Oglethorpe County, beyond Oglethorpe County, and to the ends of the earth.

It is my hope and prayer that being a part of Salem Baptist Church will never just be about attending an 11:00am service on Sunday, but that it would also be about reaching our community and the world no matter what it takes.

One last note: Please be in prayer for the Alaska Mission Team as we raise funds and prepare to see God work while we obey his command to be His witnesses.

In Christ,
Pastor Brett



The Unassuming Underdog

By Brody Bearden

March always brings out the madness.

If you are a basketball fan, then March is always a month where you get to watch all the basketball you want as teams vie their way through the NCAA tournament. They call it March Madness for two reasons...1) It drives you mad when you see your team fall short 2) It drives your wife mad because you are watching so much basketball. :)

My favorite part about watching these games, besides the ultimate win or go home certainty, is that there is always an underdog that comes unheralded out of nowhere and takes the other teams by storm.

They usually come from a school that most people have no idea where it is located, but they play with such heart and passion that people can't help but notice. The underdog is the team that everyone else expects to lose early in the bracket, but their hometown truly believes they have what it takes. They are the team that just doesn't seem to stack up physically with the rest of the tournament field when comparing size and speed, but their team chemistry and camaraderie is sensational.

You know, if you really take a step back and think about it, Jesus was an underdog. He came out of Nazareth which had people asking, Naza-what? But the heart and passion he taught with had people following him everywhere. Rulers and Priests expected his ministry to fizzle out over time, but those closest to Him knew they were in for the ride of their life. Even in the most tumultuous times, the

cohesiveness of the disciples proved just how revolutionary Jesus' ministry was.

Especially when we think about the events surrounding Easter.

From that dark Friday on the Cross...

To that glorious Sunday when Jesus rose from the grave.

Now that's an underdog story.

When all hope seemed to be lost. When the disciples seemed utterly defeated. When those closest to Jesus and his way of life and truth felt abandoned and deflated...He arose.

Jesus defeated death.

Jesus conquered sin.

Jesus saved you and me.

That's the beauty of the underdog story, because you can't help but cheer for them. You can't help but to let out a little scream when they pull off the big upset.

And in the case of Jesus, the beauty is that His win...over death and sin...is a win for everyone. His win, is what gives us life and hope and joy.

So this Easter Season...this month of April as we spend time reflecting on what exactly Jesus did on that cross, my prayer is that you would cling to the fact that despite appearing to be an underdog while on earth, He was indeed the undisputed champion.

Peace, Love, Christ
Brody

8th Annual YOUTH Auction

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came out to support us!
We raised over \$4000!!!

Upcoming Events

April 9th - Braves Game
April 17th - Community
Easter Egg Hunt

May 6th - Malibu Grand Prix
Lock-in

June 6th - 10th - Impact
Youth Leadership Camp



Children's church
Schedule for April

Brody & Trisha - April 3
Gloria Peterman - April 10
Maggie Faz - April 17
Laray MaSk - April 24

Alaska Mission Trip

Please continue to pray for all the preparations for our mission team to Alaska this Summer in July.

News and Upcoming Events

★Russell and Anel's Baby Shower★
April 3
drop in 3-5pm
registered at
Toys r us and Target

★ Women's bible study★
April 3 and April 10th at 5pm

*Celebrate Easter
with Salem Baptist Church*



Palm Sunday | April 17th

Palm Sunday Worship Service - 11am

Community Easter Egg Hunt - 5pm

Meal to follow - 5:45pm (hotdogs, chips, & drinks)



Easter Sunday | April 24th

Sunrise Service - 7am on the Porch

Fellowship Breakfast after the Service

Easter Musical - 11am - "The Power of the Cross"

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Current Prayer List

Brooke Bentley	Dale Bradford	Buddy Christian Family	Benson Justice
Eddie Boswell	Ayden Gailey	Dennis Hemphill	Joyce Parker
Zelda Buckman	Albert Paradise	Jean Channell	Carolyn Paradise
Earlene Abbott & Family	Nancy Godfrey	Randy Power	Betty Woodward
Bessie Mae Paradise	Jane Briggs	Rebecca Armour	Jerome Bradshaw
Della Paradise	John Faz	Sue Ellen Buckman	Maria Bridges
Bill Paradise	Dawn Howard	Marilyn Mattox	Mildred Sanders
Mitchell Family	Audrey Lewis	Mike Power	Doris Graham
Tonya Virtue	Dennis Pitts	Louise Massey	Gladys Slay
William Prichard	Barbara Wolfe	Josh Mixon	Jennie Evans
Our Economy	Donald Day	Eilene Forbes	Dot Parkingson
Our Government	Vance Boring	Janice Gilbert	Inez Rogers Family
Our Military	Pat Fortson	Jean Hayes	Bobby Maxwell
Our Schools	Angie Haynie	Angela Nelms	Kay Albright
Bobby & Suzanne Whitfield	Ralph Huff	Ned Sanders	Japan
	Missionary Vicky Stewart	Randy Prichard	Sgt. Phillips Casey
		Jo Watkins	Tony Howard