



The BCC Connection

March
2023

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Sunday Worship Hours
Christian Education Hour 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.

Thank you!



To all who donated items to the Food Pantry, we'd like to offer our heartfelt THANKS! Your donations really helped to boost our inventory!

Ladies Fellowship
Luncheon
Save the date
April 29
10:30

Ladies'
LUNCHEON



From your Favorite Pastor



We are going to take a one-month change of direction in our studies here to address an important thing happening: the Revival at Asbury University. If you don't know, there has been a massive movement of God at Asbury University in Kentucky (where Jade will go this fall ☐). This movement has spread to several other universities where worship, prayer, praise, and repentance has been occurring. As I watch this, I wonder if my prayers for the next generation are coming true. What I want to do here is look at revival and answer some questions about it: What is it? What's the purpose? What are the stages? What's next? Let's start with revival itself.

What is a revival? A revival is a movement of God amongst His people that moves through different stages, which we'll look at later in this article. Sometimes that revival is local, but it occasionally spreads across regions and changes into an awakening. There are stages that go in a particular order during a revival and are indicative of a true revival as opposed to a planned "revival" (such as a church having scheduled revival meetings). There is a Scripture that we look to which many have prayed through for this movement to begin. 2 Chronicles 7:14 "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Let's deal with the context issue here, as this passage was written for the nation of Israel and what they can do when they face judgment for abandoning God. It also speaks of His temple and it being the place where He will dwell with them. I do think we can take this same passage and use it as a blueprint for us as Believers as I do think we are also His people (I am not advocating replacement theology here). Before we get to the four parts of revival found in this Scripture, we need to see the very first and most important part: it all starts with God's people. Revival is for followers of Christ and servants of Him.

The first thing that needs to happen within His people is a rising of humility, "...will humble themselves..." We have to be humble enough to realize our need for Him, to realize our own complacency, and to realize our own sin. When we are honest with ourselves, we see that even as Believers we will have sin creep in and control our lives. There has to be a humility to recognize this sin and what it does to us and that we can't fix it ourselves. This is important as the second step is to seek forgiveness.

We are to pray, seek Him, and repent of those sins that have crept in over the years and kept us from fully serving God, "...and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,..." There needs to be a necessary step of turning away from the sin that still controls us and holds us back. Francis Chan in his book Until Unity says that this is a necessary step for the church to be what it is called to be. We are called to be the light of Christ in the world, which we can't do when there is unrepentant sin in His body. We have seen these first 2 steps happening at Asbury, where students and staff have humbled themselves before God and sought forgiveness for the sins that have plagued their lives. When we do that, we see a major character of God come forth.

God will hear us and forgive us of those sins, "...then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin..." God will hear truly repentant hearts and their cries for forgiveness of sins, and He will forgive! He knows if it's real and only responds if it is. The revival occurs when the church and His people seek His forgiveness for their sins. I believe God wants to forgive as His character is one of mercy and love for people, and so He wants to forgive those who have their names in the Book of Life. The weight of those sins on our relationship with Him being lifted gives us a new freedom and healing.

He promises to bring that healing when these previous steps are done, “...and heal their land.” This humility, repentance, and forgiveness brings about a healing in our personal lives, a healing in our relationships with others, and then a healing within His Body of Believers. I truly believe that after He heals the church, He moves into the world. This movement ties into a true revival in His Body because it leads to an outreach. He uses His people to move outside their walls to reach the unbelievers around us. This happens because of a renewed passion for Him and a real desire to fulfill every Believers’ mission: love God, love others, make disciples. This is where the difference between revival and awakening comes in.

Terry Slachter in his book The Next Great Awakening argues that there are 4 stages to an awakening. The first stage is culturally accepted immorality and spiritual indifference. We have been witnessing this for years, but I think we have seen an acceleration of this in the last few years in our woke culture. There has been a blending of secular and church culture, where many churches have become much more concerned with being approved by the world. The second stage sees faithful leaders and intercessors who see this and start acting. At all times in Biblical history and church history, there have been people praying for a movement of God and who have been serving Him. We saw it with Elijah and his complaint of being the only one serving God in Israel, of being all alone (1 Kings 19). Many of us feel that same way sometimes as we watch the world around us and the people we thought felt the same as us move in different directions. But God informed Elijah that he wasn’t alone, that there were 7,000 others who were serving Him. There have been many praying for God to make a move in this nation and world, which leads to the third stage. Here we see what Slachter calls “Empowered Words and broken hearts.” For years faithful teachers and preachers have been sharing all of God’s Word, seemingly to no avail. Now they start to see it move with power among the people and the world. There is a change in the hearts of the listeners with a desire to actually hear His Word. There is a hunger to hear what God is saying and what He wants of His people. He makes a statement in his book that looks just like what we are seeing right now. “The very presence of God’s glory is experienced as Christians gather to worship. Hidden sins and burning animosities against others are brought to light, leading His children to repentance and a true desire for restoration. True humility and an overwhelming sense that their Christian commitment was phony, and their righteousness before God was nothing more than filthy rags brings many ‘church attenders’ to their knees before God, asking, *Father, what shall we do?*”

As His Word cuts and moves through people, it performs a dual purpose as it also heals. The sin is healed, relationships with God and with others are healed, and the indifference moves to passion for Him. That passion moves people to the action of sharing the hope of Christ with people around us. This is one of the main parts of a revival that moves it into an awakening. The final stage moves with power into the culture around us. It does this because the filling of the Spirit brings power and a change of direction for His Church. In Acts we see the Spirit move into the Church at Pentecost, causing Peter to preach and the church to grow to 3,000 in a single day. It focused the Church on what God desired, which is fulfilling His mission for the church (Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22:37-39; Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 28:19-20).

This all brings me to some questions that I think we need to address as individuals and as a church. Where are we in revival? Do we truly want it? Will we follow His moving? I pray for Him to take the revival happening on the campuses of our youth and drop it on us. I want to be a part of His movement, do you?

Scripture work this month: 2 Chronicles 7:14; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22:37-39; Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

Be blessed and be a blessing and may God move mightily in our congregation!



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Other Resources

Until Unity by Francis Chan

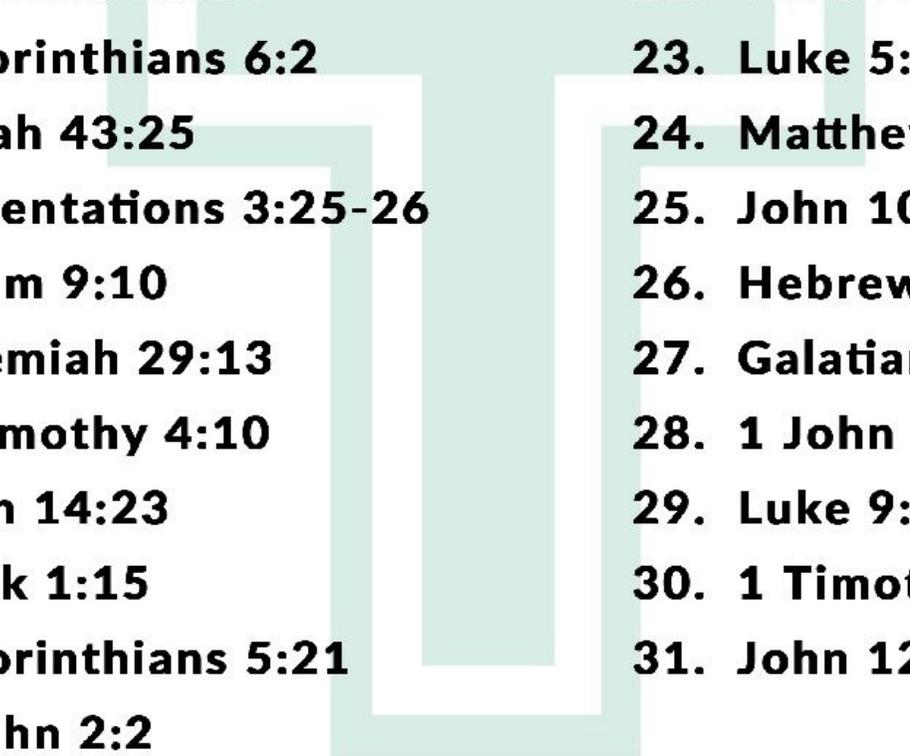
The Next Great Awakening by Terry D. Slachter

The Church Awakening by Charles Swindoll

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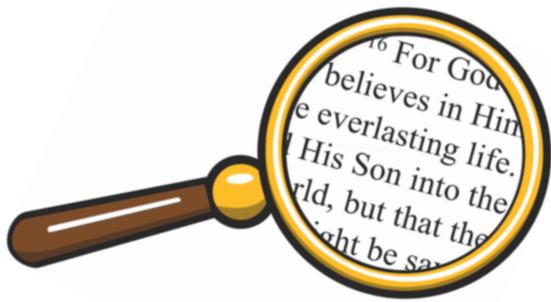
Scripture for the
season of Lent.

BIBLE READING PLAN

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1. Joel 2:13
 2. Hosea 10:12
 3. Psalm 51:1-2
 4. Acts 17:27
 5. Romans 1:16
 6. Matthew 16:24
 7. 2 Corinthians 6:2
 8. Isaiah 43:25
 9. Lamentations 3:25-26
 10. Psalm 9:10
 11. Jeremiah 29:13
 12. 1 Timothy 4:10
 13. John 14:23
 14. Mark 1:15
 15. 2 Corinthians 5:21
 16. 1 John 2:2
 17. Romans 5:15
 18. Galatians 3:26
 19. Philippians 3:12
 20. Matthew 6:19-21
 21. 1 Timothy 1:15
 22. Titus 2:11
 23. Luke 5:32
 24. Matthew 5:17
 25. John 10:27-28
 26. Hebrews 10:14
 27. Galatians 1:3-5
 28. 1 John 3:5
 29. Luke 9:20
 30. 1 Timothy 2:5-6
 31. John 12:46

“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” John 12:46 (NIV)
BlessingsOverflowing.com

Pastor's suggested readings: 2 Chronicles 7:14; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22:37-39;
Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8



Apologetics

Fast Facts: America's Christian Heritage



1. In the Mayflower Compact, the Pilgrims declared their intention of planting a new colony and advancing the Christian faith.
2. Most of America's Founding Fathers were active Christians, representing a variety of denominations.
3. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 24 had received seminary education.
4. The December 27, 1982 edition of Newsweek magazine stated, "Historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the constitution, is our founding document."
5. After an intensive study of our nation's religious history, the U.S. Supreme Court declared in an 1892 case, "This is a Christian nation."

Answers to page 6

Words about God Word Scramble

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| 1. glorious | 12. majestic |
| 2. creator | 13. immutable |
| 3. eternal | 14. impartial |
| 4. faithful | 15. incomprehensible |
| 5. loving | 16. independent |
| 6. father | 17. infinite |
| 7. foreknowledge | 18. invisible |
| 8. good | 19. jealous |
| 9. gracious | 20. judge |
| 10. holiness | |
| 11. light | |

Weekly Service Schedule for March

Service	5th	12th	19th	26th
Greeter	Brian Reed	Walt Reed	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl
Greeter	Karla Reed	Marion Reed	Jr. Love	Cyndy Habermehl
Nursery	Brian Reed	Layne Valade	Cathy Taber	Jenny Habermehl
Nursery	Karla Reed	Daphne Valade	Laurie Valade	Paula Wahl
Sound	Isaac Zander	Matt Post	Jade Evans	Jazz Evans
Computer	Vaeh Cooke	Kaylee Siddens	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander
Call to Worship & Prayer	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Layne Valade	James Huguelet
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Carl Cooke
Jr. Church Teacher	Becky Durling	Diane Lepior	Sharon Lewis	Charlotte Adolf
Jr. Church Helper	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Amber Bias	Cevin Valade
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Laurie Valade Rev. 8:13	Vaeh Cooke John 14:6-13	Layne Valade John 15:1-8	Jade Evans John 16:1-15
Benediction	Pastor	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	Brian Reed	Matt Post	Gary Hammond	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet	Dan Bryant	Tom Wahl
Communion	Brian Reed			

Please remember if for any reason you are unable to meet your scheduled obligation, **please contact someone from your team to take your place as soon as you know you are unable to fulfill your obligation.** The changes however, will not be printed in the bulletin.

Thank you for your service to our church!

Weekly Service Schedule for April

Service	2nd	EASTER (9th)	Randy & Marli (16th)	23rd	30th
Greeter	Brian Reed	Walt Reed	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Karla Reed	Marion Reed	Jr. Love	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed
Nursery	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed	Paula Wahl
Nursery	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed	Jenny Habermehl
Sound	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Matt Post	Jade Evans	Jazz Evans
Computer	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke	Kaylee Siddens	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander
Call to Worship & Prayer	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	X	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
Prayer Elder	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	X	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl
Jr. Church Teacher	Paula Wahl	X	X	Charlotte Adolf	Becky Durling
Jr. Church Helper	Jenny Habermehl	X	X	Cevin Valade	Cathy Taber
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Sharon Lewis John 17	Maddie Bias John 18:28-40	X	Dan Bryant Revelation 11:1-5	Jordan Owens Revelation 12:1-3
Benediction	Pastor	Lee	X	Matt Post	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Matt Post	Gary Hammond	Dan Bryant	Lee Habermehl	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Tom Wahl	Brian Reed	James Huguelet
Communion	James Huguelet				

WORDS ABOUT GOD

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following words that describe or characterize God.

1. Iguorsio _____
2. rtoeacr _____
3. tlrenea _____
4. uhialfft _____
5. violgn _____
6. ratfeh _____
7. drgwenoelkofe _____
8. odog _____
9. ragiscou _____
10. sisohlen _____
11. thlig _____
12. jiestacm _____
13. etabimlum _____
14. pratilmai _____
15. siroepenhbienclml _____
16. pedntenedni _____
17. ftininei _____
18. beisnvlii _____
19. eolsjau _____
20. gudje _____

This Month's Gazebo Celebration!



4th Cody Valade
8th Matt McDonald
11th Dillon Malloy
17th Lisi Cooke
28th Jonah Perry

11th Matt & Shana Post
17th Gary & Wanda Evans
23rd Tom & Sandy Braid



Know our Bible Sections (pg 11)

1. E 2. I 3. C 4. A 5. F 6. C 7. B
8. G 9. F 10. E 11. A 12. E 13. G 14. I
15. A 16. H 17. D 18. B 19. F 20. B

Mission News!

EASTER BREAKFAST, April 9th Easter will be here before we know it. This year we have designated our Easter Breakfast offering to help finance a mission trip **for summer**. We are so pleased that our teens are asking to go on a Mission Trip and we want to support them in any way we can. Please plan to attend our Easter Breakfast and support our teens.

Diane Lepior not only serves as our secretary here at BCC, but she created this ministry: ***H.E.A.R.T.S.*** It stands for: Helping Educators Affirm, Reach and Teach (children to) Serve Christ. This year a total of 5 balikbayan boxes were sent to the Philippines. Carlos is our contact person and he has such an amazing heart in serving Christ that he did not waste any time in distributing the materials that were sent. These boxes that are pretty big and very heavy, it is all Diane and I could do to slide them around on the cement floor and reinforce with packing tape like we were instructed to do. Diane is in constant need of "Children's Ministry Resource Bibles", these are also included in the boxes sent to the Philippines. But the wonderful thing is ***YOU*** have had a part in reaching people such a great distance around our globe. Thank you for your financial support of missions so we can continue to do this great outreach.

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS Jar Allows us to send a Christmas gift to our missionaries around the first part of November. We have our jar out year around so it will not come as a hardship in the fall when other ministries are wrapping up as well. Thank you for your support for this ministry throughout the calendar year. We truly appreciate your support.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) We are still planning to have a garage sale this year so please be saving items you would like to get out of your homes and contribute to a very good cause. Also when we pack our Shoe Boxes for Samaritans Purse we try to include soap. When you stay at a motel/hotel would you save the little soaps that you do not use for our shoeboxes? It is just a little thing, but every little bit helps. Also we receive at our church a small Prayer Point booklet (around 50 pages) from Samaritan's Purse telling us about other ministries they are a part of. In reading this I learned about a ministry they have in Alaska for Military couples who are struggling with the effects that war has had on their lives. They give our military couples a hero's welcome and from there they are involved in Biblically based marriage classes and activities for healing. If you are interested in reading this booklet, please see me (Sandy Braid) and I will make sure it gets passed on to you, so you can be encouraged as well.

Please remember "If we still are breathing, God still wants to use us".

WHAT IS YOUR AREA OF MINISTRY?!



Kids Corner

FAMILY SERVICE PROJECTS

- Make cards for nursing home residents
- Clean up litter at the park
- Have a garage sale & donate proceeds
- Volunteer at animal shelter
- Crochet a sleeping mat for a homeless person
- Take care of backyard wildlife
- Have a bake sale to raise money for charity
- Bring flowers to a neighbor
- Invite people over for dinner
- Donate your hair to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths
- Write letters to grandparents
- Deliver baked goods to neighbors
- Leave treats/notes for the postal worker
- Bring the trash men cold drinks
- Donate games to the shelter
- Volunteer at the food pantry
- Organize a board game event at the nursing home
- Donate food to the food pantry
- Bring fresh picked bouquets of flowers to nursing home residents

*For more in-depth explanations, please visit www.FishbowlFamily.com

- Organize monthly birthday parties at the nursing home
- Donate children's books
- Make a bouquet for your child's teacher
- Bury "treasure" at the park
- Help clean teacher's classroom
- Make treats for animal shelter
- Write thank you notes to care givers at the nursing home
- Ring the Salvation Army bell
- Donate coloring books & crayons to the ER
- Write thank you notes to coaches, teachers, etc.
- Do yard work for neighbors
- Plan a spa day at the nursing home
- Babysit for a struggling family
- Pull your neighbor's trashcans back to their house on trash day
- Adopt "grandparents"
- Deliver baked goods to the shelter
- Deliver treats to city workers
- Write on a friend's driveway
- Organize a food drive for the pantry
- Mail a card to a soldier

KNOW YOUR BIBLE SECTIONS

One way to divide the Bible into sections is to categorize them by type of writing:

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| A. LAW | D. MAJOR PROPHETS | G. ACTS |
| B. HISTORY | E. MINOR PROPHETS | H. EPISTLES |
| C. WISDOM | F. GOSPELS | I. REVELATION |

See if you can match the section to the details given below.

- ___ 1. The story of Hosea and Gomer
- ___ 2. John's vision of the future from the island of Patmos
- ___ 3. Solomon's great sayings
- ___ 4. The story of the exodus of God's people from Egypt
- ___ 5. The calling of the disciples
- ___ 6. The songs and poems of David and others
- ___ 7. The story of the Babylonian captivity and return to Israel
- ___ 8. The most complete story of the beginnings of the Christian church
- ___ 9. The Beatitudes of Jesus
- ___ 10. The great prophecy of Jesus's birth in Bethlehem
- ___ 11. The story of the creation of the world
- ___ 12. Jonah's adventures in Nineveh
- ___ 13. The details of Saul's persecution and then his salvation
- ___ 14. The promise of a new heaven and new earth
- ___ 15. The story of Abraham moving from Ur to the area of the Promised Land
- ___ 16. The details about church leadership in the Christian church
- ___ 17. Daniel's stories of heroism
- ___ 18. Nehemiah's concern for rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem
- ___ 19. The story of Jesus's birth, life, death, and resurrection
- ___ 20. The rise of the kingdom era of Israel and Judah

Grandma's Kitchen

Egg Substitutes

full details on topwithcinnamon.com



1 egg =



FLOURLESS CHICKPEA PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

It sounds strange, but these flourless chickpea peanut butter cookies are super delicious. They're made with chickpeas, and peanut butter, and lightly sweetened with maple syrup or agave. They're naturally gluten-free + vegan and a tasty and healthy alternative to regular peanut butter cookies.

INGREDIENTS

14-ounce can of chickpeas, drained and rinsed
(or 1 3/4 cups of cooked chickpeas)

1 cup smooth all-natural peanut butter

1/2 cup agave, maple syrup, or honey

Optional: 1/4 cup coconut sugar, *Depending on how sweet you like your cookies. You can substitute brown sugar.*

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

1 cup dark chocolate chips

1/2 cup chopped roasted peanuts

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Add drained chickpeas and agave, honey, or maple syrup to a food processor or high-powered blender (don't use a regular blender) and blend until smooth. Transfer to a medium-sized bowl.

Add all remaining ingredients and mix until thoroughly blended. The batter will be sticky, don't worry.

1 cup smooth all-natural peanut butter,
Optional: 1/4 cup coconut sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla, 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda, 1 cup dark chocolate chips, 1/2 cup chopped roasted peanuts

Drop batter by tablespoonfuls onto prepared baking sheets. Bake for 12-14 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool for 10 minutes.

	1 tsp baking soda + 1 tbsp vinegar
	1 tbsp ground flaxseed + 3 tbsp water
	1 tbsp chia seeds + 3 tbsp water
	4 tbsp mashed banana
	4 tbsp Greek yogurt
	1 tbsp chickpea flour + 3 tbsp water
	4 tbsp aquafaba
	2 tbsp oats + 3 tbsp boiling water
	4 tbsp blended silken tofu
	1 tbsp cornstarch + 3 tbsp water

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 most days the office works offsite*
Tuesdays by appointment
*Please use the church phone or Facebook
 to contact the office during office hours.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 	6	7	8 Ladies Fellowship 7PM Elders 7PM	9	10	11 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am 
12 Quarterly Meeting right after Worship [no potluck]	13 Missions Mtg 10 am CE Mtg 6:30 pm	14	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Pantry Ministry 10-Noon 
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Weekly activities: Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study
 Tuesdays: Karate
 Thursdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group

Reminder:

- ◆ Our Seder celebration is April 6th
- ◆ Good Friday—April 7th— 1pm worship service
- ◆ **Easter is April 9th—Early service at 8, Breakfast at 9, regular service at 10:30**

March 2

©Divine Inspirations
& Prayers

**Faith is the
confidence that what
we hope for will
actually happen;**

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**it gives us
assurance
about
things we
cannot
see.**

Heb. 11:1 (NLT)



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