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# Restoration PRESBYTERIAN

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## Our VISION

To be a church,  
a community and a world  
continually restored  
by the grace of Christ.



## Our IDENTITY

We are strugglers, sufferers,  
and sinners who share  
in God's restoration  
of all things -  
our life with God, our  
relationships, our community  
and our world -  
through the Gospel.



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To proclaim the Gospel  
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## Resurrection, Restoration, and New Beginnings

Dear Beloved of the Lord,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the many ways you all have already made me and my family feel welcomed. I also want you to know how very excited I am to serve the Lord among you and to get to know all of you at Restoration Church! Over the past many weeks as I have finished up my previous job (my last day there was February 15), I have been spending as much time as possible in prayerful reflection and planning for the beginning of my time serving as your pastor. As I reflected on the time of year when I will be starting, it struck me as particularly appropriate that it is scheduled to be during the weeks leading up to Passion Week and Easter Sunday — I will be installed on Sunday, March 5, and then my first Sunday preaching as your pastor will be March 12, which is only three weeks before Palm Sunday (April 2)!



Why is this so appropriate? Because Easter, of course, is all about Resurrection – first and foremost, the resurrection of Jesus. Easter is also about our Resurrection IN JESUS, as we by faith have been (as Paul put it) *crucified* with Christ – and therefore brought from death to life by grace through faith. Therefore, resurrection is also all about *Restoration* and *New Beginnings*. It is because of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead that we know the fulness of what it means for us even in and through the various ups and downs of our lives in this world that His *“mercies are NEW every morning”* (Lam. 3:23). Each and every day is a day of New Life with Jesus – for there is never a day when Jesus is NOT risen from the dead, NOT with us by the presence of His Word and Spirit, and NOT leading us, sustaining us, guiding us, loving us.

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## Delaware County Pregnancy Center

Please consider supporting the Delaware County Pregnancy Center's **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**.

Simply pick up an empty baby bottle in the rear of the sanctuary and fill it with coins, currency or a check (made payable to "Delaware County Pregnancy Center"). The filled bottle may be placed in the return basket on the table.

Your contribution check is tax deductible.

The last date to return your filled bottle is Sunday, March 26th.



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## Resurrection, Restoration, and New Beginnings

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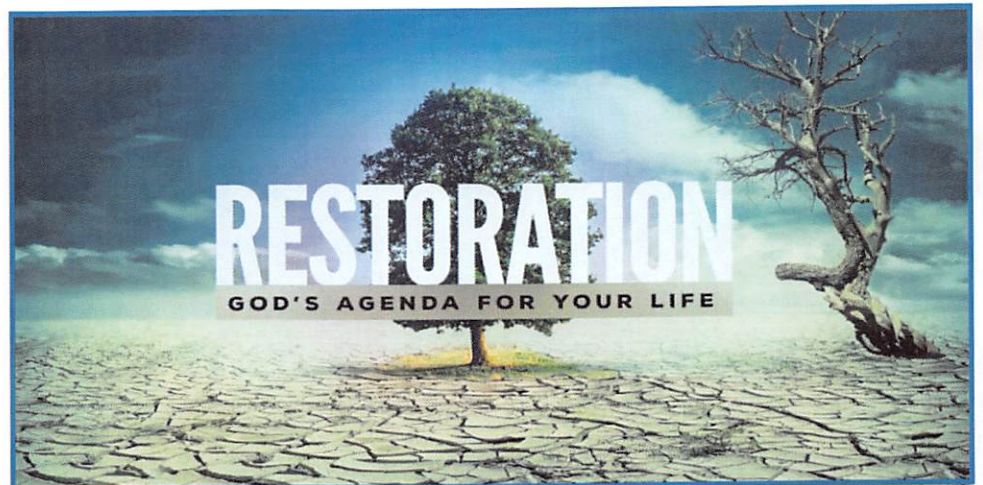
In this season of Resurrection, how appropriate is it that we will be in a season of New Beginnings for Restoration Church! It has been and continues to be my prayer that as we enter into this new season together, the Lord would breathe a special measure of His Gracious Spirit into each one of us, and also through and among us as a Body, to fill us to overflowing with new life, new direction, new joy, new awe, and new loving service to Him, to one another, and to our neighbors, to the Honor and Glory of His Name.

With this prayer in mind, I am currently in the midst of preparing a sermon series titled "Snapshots of Restoration," which will take us from March 12, through Easter Sunday, and likely concluding sometime in the month of May. This series will be composed of various scenes from the Gospel of John (and one from the book of Acts), which highlight for us different aspects of what it means that Jesus came to bring *RESTORATION* to us, to our neighbors, and to the whole world.

It is providential that we begin this series during what will also be a weekend focused on missions for our church. With that theme in view, we will start off our "Snapshots of Restoration" series by looking at Acts 2 and considering what it means for our church to be a community Restored by Jesus – *A Church Restored by Jesus is a Church on Mission for Jesus*. After that, we will consider in the weeks to follow various other topics such as, Restored Hope, Restored Faith, Restored Love, Restored Identity, among others.

I cannot wait to see what the Lord will do!

*Pastor Jon*



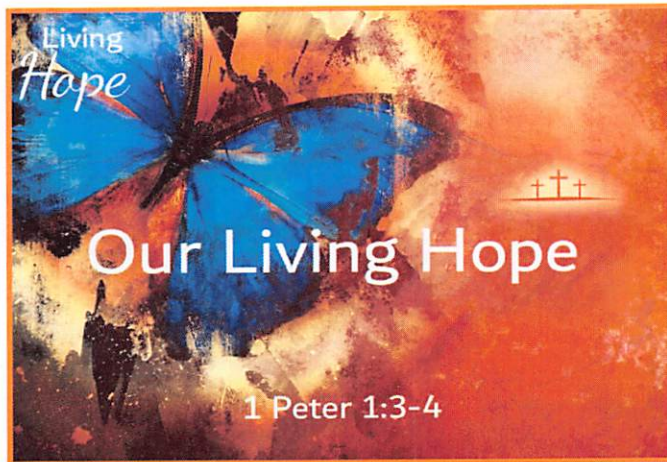


# Easter ... hope for everyday of the year!

by Angel White

Easter can invoke many emotions for us: despair, confusion or even disappointment. For the Christians of old, who also experienced pain and disappointment, the resurrection of Jesus totally changed their outlook. This

causes me to think of the Apostle Paul who endured a complete change of his life's direction, as well as shipwrecks, and starvation (2 Corinthians 11:23-33 and Philippians 3:8-10).



For Paul and the Christians of old, the resurrection of Jesus changed their mind set, how they lived their lives and interacted with others. The resurrection gave them unshakable hope.

Resurrection is what the world needs right now. There are so many people with unimaginable needs. The hope of the gospel is necessary for all. New life in Jesus is ours so that we can offer it to others (Matthew 25:40-45, James 1:27).

Resurrection brings freedom from the bondage of sin. Yes,

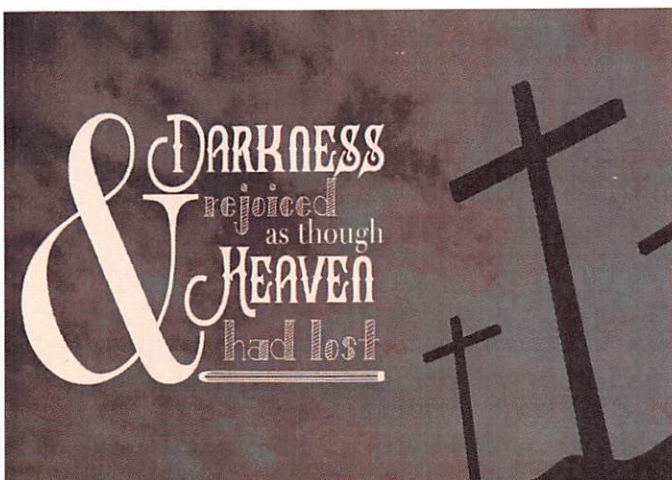
Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins, but He also died so we can be free from the power sin had over us before that perfect atoning death (Romans 6:4-7).

Resurrection is hope for the living and the dead. When we lose a loved one, it is the ultimate hurt. We are thrust into a season of despair and sadness, but Paul knowing this pain expounded on the hope of resurrection through Christ (1Thessalonians 4:13-16).

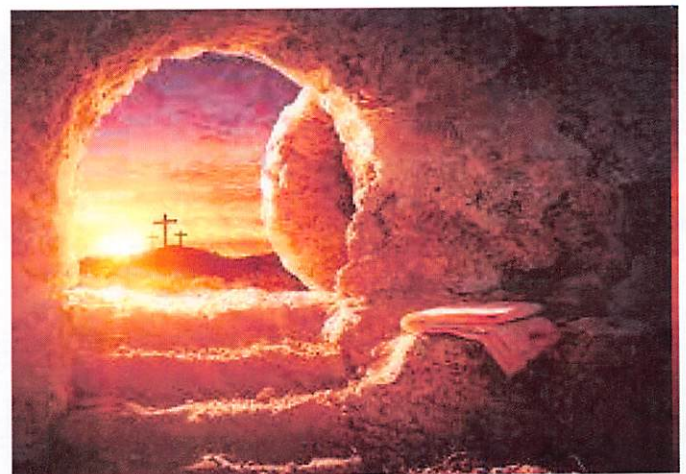
We, as believers, have the precious opportunity to share the ultimate hope to a broken and hurting world. Resurrection hope is what we need every day. Jesus gives us that hope (John 3:16).

## A Church Restored by Jesus is a Church on a Mission for Jesus!

Invite your family and friends to our Easter season services!



**Good Friday**  
**April 7th, 7:00pm**



**Easter**  
**April 9th, 10:15am**



Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged,  
for the LORD  
your God will  
be with you  
wherever you go.

~Joshua 1:9~

## A New Pastor

by Pastor Steve Wilson

In Deuteronomy 31 Moses told his people that God had told him to pass the mantle of leadership on to Joshua. He told them to “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified..., for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (verse 6 NIV84)

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their forefathers to give them.... The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged” (verses 7-8 NIV84). Change is inevitable. The question for us is, how well do we deal with change? Sometimes we try to keep what was. Sometimes we pine for the way things WERE. Sometimes we walk away because we do not like the changes. Yet, what we SHOULD do is to acknowledge the sovereign hand of God and ask Him for the grace of a teachable spirit, and for the wisdom to know how to move forward.

It is natural for us to fear an unknown future, especially if we have experienced similar circumstances in the past which made us uncomfortable. So God gave a command to His people then, which He gives to us today:

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV84) - **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...** for the Lord your God goes with you; **he will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV84) – I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) - I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (NIV84) - Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “**Be strong and courageous**, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their forefathers to give them.... The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. **Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”**

Notice the repetition. “Be strong and courageous.” “Do not be anxious, fearful, or discouraged. Notice that this is a COMMAND! Yet, we cannot NOT think something, and cannot NOT feel something. Rather, we need to REPLACE wrong thoughts, wrong feelings, with right ones. As in Philippians 4:4-9, we need to replace anxious thoughts with thankful ones... and we have a LOT to be thankful for—even in the worst of times! We need to believe what God has promised, that He will never leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6-8).

Some final words of exhortation as you, Lord willing, begin a new season with a new pastor:

❖ Do NOT give in to the disease of “comparisonitis.” Do not compare your new pastor with Dwight. Do not compare him with Jacob, and do not compare him with me. He will bring different strengths and different weaknesses. He will not necessarily do things the way his predecessors did.

❖ Remember, the pastor is NOT the church! You are! You are family. Your pastor is a God-given servant whom He has given to prepare YOU to do the works of ministry! Respect Him, Give Him grace when He blunders... for he certainly will at times. Don't trust HIM, *per se*, rather, trust GOD!

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# Facing the Challenge of Diversity

by Bob Strain

When my son was 6 years old, we had a couple in for dinner whom we highly respected and slightly feared. As dinner was almost over, they noticed my son had not eaten his vegetables. They said, "Jeremy, don't you like vegetables?" He said, "Mr. Irwin, I do like vegetables, I just don't like the way they taste."

Far too often as believers, we treat diversity in the body of Christ the way my son dealt with his vegetables. We agree with the statement of the apostle Paul, "For He Himself is our peace, Who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility." (Ephesians 2:14) However, when God places diverse people in 'our church' (which is God's house), it is not to our liking.

Do not be surprised if God engineers circumstances that bring believers with differing cultures face to face. I encourage you to read Philemon 1:8-19. Onesimus was a slave who, after robbing his master Philemon at Colossae, fled to Rome, where he was converted by the apostle Paul. Oh, the providence of God! Paul now sends him back to his master with the epistle which bears his name. In the letter Paul implores Philemon to receive his slave as a "faithful and beloved brother." Handling diversity was no longer an abstract concept for Philemon, it was a reality he was facing on his own doorstep in the person Onesimus.

From the language used by Paul it is obvious that this request will be a challenge for Philemon. Listen to Paul, ... *I could be bold enough, as your brother in Christ, to order you to do what should be done ... I make a request instead. I do this even though I am Paul, the ambassador of Christ Jesus, and at present also a prisoner for his sake ... I do not want to force you to help me; rather, I would like for you to do it of your own free will ... if you think of me as your partner, welcome him back just as you would welcome me ... If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to my account ... I will write this with my own hand: I, Paul, will pay you back ... I should not have to remind you, of course, that you owe your very self to me ... do me this favor for the Lord's sake; as a brother in Christ cheer me up!* (Good News Translation) Wow! I challenge you to show me another letter where Paul layers appeal upon appeal like he does here. It is obvious Philemon's welcoming Onesimus as he would welcome Paul, receiving Onesimus as a brother in the Lord, was a matter of significant importance.

The church at Colossae had been told that "there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." (Colossians 3:11) Now with the return of Onesimus the church would come to a greater understanding of that truth.

Are you ready for the challenge of diversity? Are you committed to seeing diversity work in the church? Diversity goes beyond ethnicity, it appears in age, economics, sociology, geography ... Who has God placed on your doorstep?



*Who has God placed on your doorstep?*

To share God's love with your neighbor requires action and service.



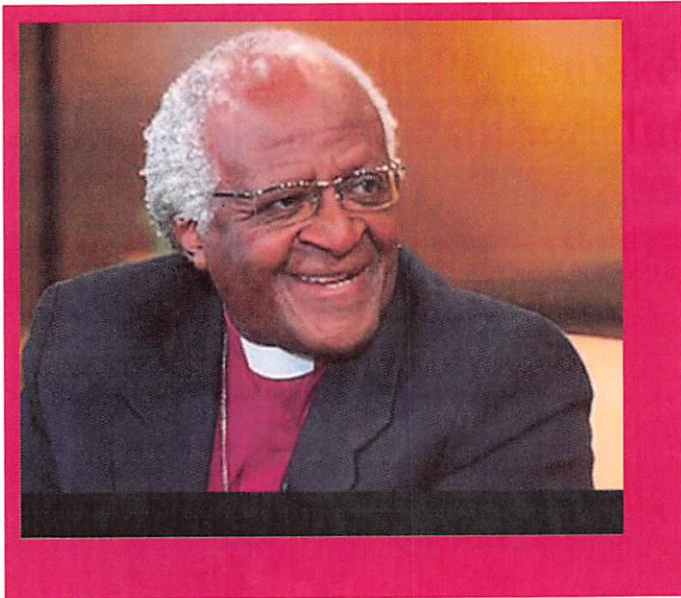
# “Blessed Are The Peacemakers” Archbishop Desmond Tutu

*Matthew 5:9  
...for they shall be  
called the children of God*

by Alan McCarrick

The Anglican Archbishop (emeritus) of Cape Town South Africa Desmond Tutu passed away the day after Christmas 2021. He was that rare Christian who was both loved and hated. He was larger than life, but humble with a delightful sense of humor and laugh.

Tutu was born in Klerksdorp, South Africa in 1931. His parental family joined the Anglican Church (remember South Africa’s close connection to Britain). The Anglican Church in South Africa sought more black leadership and proposed that Tutu study theology at King’s College, London. As a black man, he was required to get specific government permission to travel abroad or even within his own country. He was selected Bishop of Lesotho (SA) in 1975, Bishop of Johannesburg in 1979 and Archbishop of Cape Town, the most senior position in South Africa’s Anglican hierarchy in 1985.



Apartheid was the official political policy in South Africa ensuring that white South Africans dominated politically, socially, and economically. White citizens had the highest status, followed by Indians, “Coloureds” (not members of a specific African aboriginal group), and last of all black Africans. At the whim of the white government, blacks were resettled in various remote “homelands” without any choice. Very often, this necessitated husbands living apart from their families in order to find work disrupting normal family life.

Tutu emerged as one of the most prominent opponents of Apartheid’s system of racial segregation and white minority rule. His motivation was a direct application of his Christian faith in the value and dignity of all people regardless of race. He wrote and preached against the violence done by the government as well as the anti-apartheid groups. Many anti-apartheid groups felt that the time for peaceful resistance had passed. He stressed non-violent protest and encouraged foreign economic pressure on the government. Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, but the Apartheid laws were not finally abolished until 1991.

Due in large part to Tutu’s stress on confession, restitution and forgiveness rather than retaliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was formed to allow victims as well as perpetrators to come forward. Although imperfect and incomplete, the commission attempted to move toward healing rather than vengeance. To a significant degree, South Africa was spared what could have been wide spread bloodshed.

As a gracious and joyful spokesman for racial justice, his Christianity was always plainly seen. In his international persona, he supported positions that most conservative Christians would feel uncomfortable with and cooperated with and respected many non-Christians when they worked toward common goals.

*“We cannot use religion as a form of escapism, skulking behind our prayers, because that cannot be an authentic Christian spirituality.”*

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# Mini Missions Conference

## March 11-12

*Our Missions Team has planned a special time to learn more about opportunities to support and participate in local missions!* God can use you, no matter what your situation, to help spread His love and Word to those around you and in your community!

Want to know how you can be used by God? You are invited to attend! A missions-related program will be available for children ages 3-11 during the two open Saturday sessions.



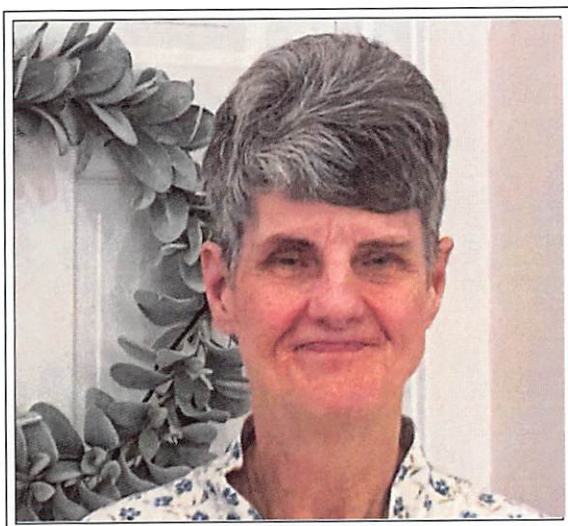
## LOCAL MISSIONS

### Saturday, March 11:

- 9:00am .... **Men's Breakfast** - Pastor Jon Bonomo will lead a missions-oriented discussion for the men
- 11:00am .... **Session One** - Jeff Scott will give an update and share the ministry of DiscipleMakers
- 12:00pm .... **Session Two** - Cheryl Garrish will present practical ways to participate in local missions/ministries
- 12:45pm .... Lunch

### Sunday, March 12:

- 9:15am ..... **Sunday School:** **Children** (ages 3-11) will be taught by Rachel Lamb  
**Adult** class will be taught by Bob Strain
- 10:15am ..... **Morning Worship** - Pastor Jon Bonomo will challenge us with a message centered on "A Church that is Restored by Jesus is a Church that is on a Mission for Jesus"



## Monica Armstrong

by Beth McCarrick

I asked Monica what she would like people to know about her and she kiddingly replied that she is 61 and single. So now we all know that Monica has a sense of humor. She's a local girl who grew up in this area and attended Chichester schools. As for hobbies, she enjoys walking and listening to music. She enjoys playing games, some of which she does on Facebook such as Mahjong. Speaking of Facebook, Monica has many friends listed and she used the platform to reconnect with some cousins that had lost contact with her. With her love of animals, you can also find her posting a cute cat video probably making her four cats jealous. Monica is always quick to compliment your posts and to encourage you with positive messages.

I wanted to know how she came to our church, and she said she had just lost her job and Keith Bradley suggested that she come to our church and has been here ever since. She enjoys the Psalms which are her favorite, but she couldn't really point to one favorite verse or Bible story. She really saw the Lord working when she, her mother and her son were able to get out of their apartment and move into a house. As for prayer, she is very concerned about the health issues of family members, and she would like to see them want to come to church. If that were to happen there would be more peace in the family and each member would realize how much they are loved.

Get to know each other!





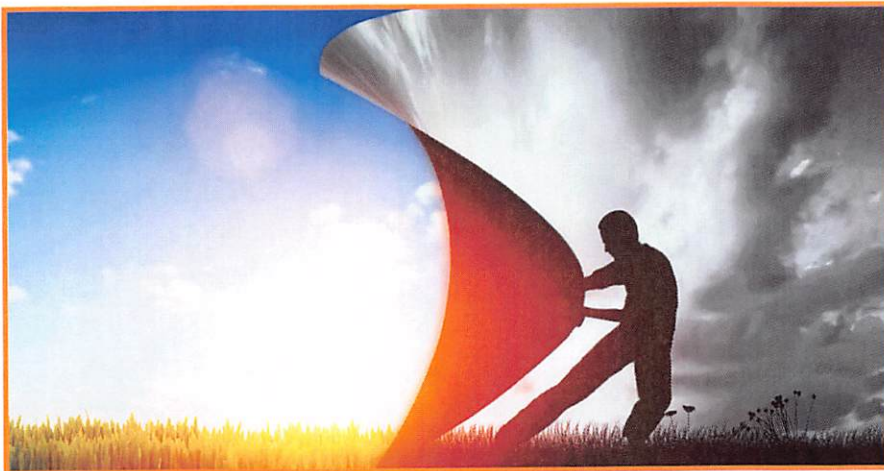
# When the Wind Blows

by Crystal Phipps



Every day, I have several alarms set to keep me on schedule for whatever I have planned for the day. With each alarm, I hear the forecasted weather for the day. I think it's fascinating that science and technology have developed to the point that we can know ahead of time what to expect when we walk out the door. I usually don't pay attention to the wind forecast unless the temperatures are extreme. On extremely hot days, I know that the movement of air will help me to tolerate the heat. On extremely cold days, the air movement will usually require extra precautions to take care of my skin, especially my hands and feet. No matter what the temperature, though, when the wind blows, we can be certain that some type of change is coming. If it's been cold or dry, the wind blowing tells us that more humid air is moving in. When it's been hot, perhaps the wind means that cooler air is on its way. The strength of the wind might indicate the speed at which the change is coming. Some of those changes are welcomed with joy...like on a hot summer day when the humidity is oppressive, a strong wind might bring the hope that a rain shower is coming that will release the dampness in the air and bring dryer, more tolerable temperatures for a time. Other times, the wind blows so hard ahead of a big storm that we become afraid of the chaos it will bring as tree branches fall down, patio furniture blows over, or even power lines come down. Whether we like it or not, change is inevitable when the wind blows.

We can't control when the wind blows, nor can we control how strong it blows. What we can control is how we respond to it. In the same way, we can't always control when changes in our lives will happen. And most of the time, we have very little control over the impact the change will have on us or those around us. What we can control is how we respond to those changes. As a very young girl, small and lightweight, I was secretly afraid of strong wind. I used to imagine being blown away, swept up into the air, being tossed into a different world where I wouldn't be able to find my way home. Perhaps I was a bit obsessed with *The Wizard of Oz*, and imagined what I would do if I were Dorothy. As I grew older and learned about the wind, and what nature can tell us about when the wind blows, the intensity of fear and anxiety during those storms decreased dramatically. I learned the difference between a thunderstorm and a tornado. I learned to feel the gentle breeze, watch the leaves on the trees turning upward in anticipation of the coming rain, and prepare myself for the change to come.



Sadly, many of us handle the winds of change in our lives in the same way. Perhaps your personality or life experiences have created a sense of anxiety when it comes to change. Do you feel safer and more secure when your routines, food choices, lifestyle remain exactly the same or with only minor "breezes" of change? There is comfort in the familiar and knowing what to

expect. Life, however, is full of changes every single day. We have seasons of our lives that require major changes. Other seasons are relatively smooth with very little change. We can agree, however, that avoiding change is impossible. Yet when it comes to church life like worship style, ministry plans, leadership change and even building renovations, we fight and argue with one another to keep everything the same. Our personal lives aren't much different. When our jobs change, our kids transition into a different stage of life, the economy changes, our favorite restaurant changes the menu, we can be a mess! We complain, whine, argue or raise our voices at those we love. Why? What's up with that?!! Why are we so resistant to change? Do we really think that we know best? What might be familiar to one of us, could mean change for someone else. So, whose comfort should we accommodate? As individuals, uniquely made in the image of God, we each have our own set of life experiences, what feels good, comfortable, and familiar to us. Life is full of letting go of the old and moving forward, adapting to the

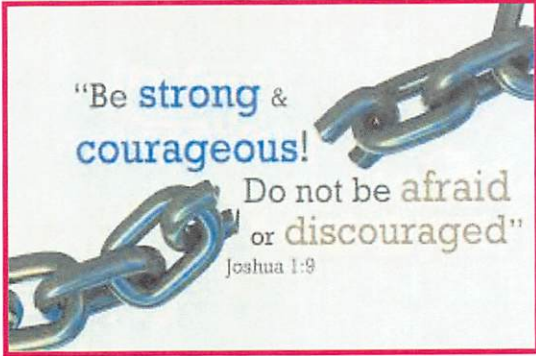
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## A New Pastor

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Trust God to do what only HE can do, and then move forward in faith, acknowledging His sovereign hand in all that comes. Be committed to this family called Restoration Presbyterian Church. Do not casually walk away or give up on it. We have been praying for



this man and for the committee which invited him to candidate. Do not doubt

that God has heard our prayers and has answered them.

❖ Do not give in to fear or discouragement. Believe the gospel that God did not even spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us (Romans 8:32 NIV84), that we might know His love and be His sons and daughters. Believe Him when He says that He will never leave or forsake you!

*A quote from "Building Community on God's Love" by Thomas Merton*



"The ultimate thing is that we build community not on our love but on

God's love, because we do not really have that much love ourselves, and that is the real challenge of the religious life. It puts us in a position where sometimes natural community is very difficult.

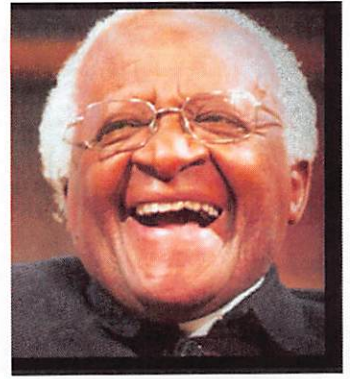
People are sent here and there, and often very incompatible people are thrown together. Groups of people who would never have chosen to be together in an ordinary human way find themselves living together. It is a test of faith. It puts God's love to the test and it is meant to. It is what Saint Paul means. It isn't just a question of whether you are building community with people that you naturally like, it is also a question of building community with people that God has brought together."

## Blessed are the Peacemakers...

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*Equally we cannot engage in a merely worldly 'busyness' or activism. For then what do we bring that is distinctive to the hectic business of sorting out our problems. The Church of God has to be the salt and light of the world. We are the hope of the hopeless, through the power of God. We must transfigure a situation of hate and suspicion, of brokenness and separation, of fear and bitterness. We have no option. We are servants of the God who reigns and cares. He wants us to be the alternative society; where there is harshness and insensitivity, we must be compassionate and caring; where people are statistics, we must show they count as being of immense value to God; where there is grasping and selfishness, we must be a sharing community – now!"*

From a sermon in St Cyprian's Church, found in *Crying in the Wilderness*, p.30



*The moral obligation of the resurrection of Christ is the missionary obligation, the responsibility and the privilege of carrying the message and telling the story, of praying and interceding, and of being involved personally and financially in the cause of this great commission.*

*A. W. Tozer*

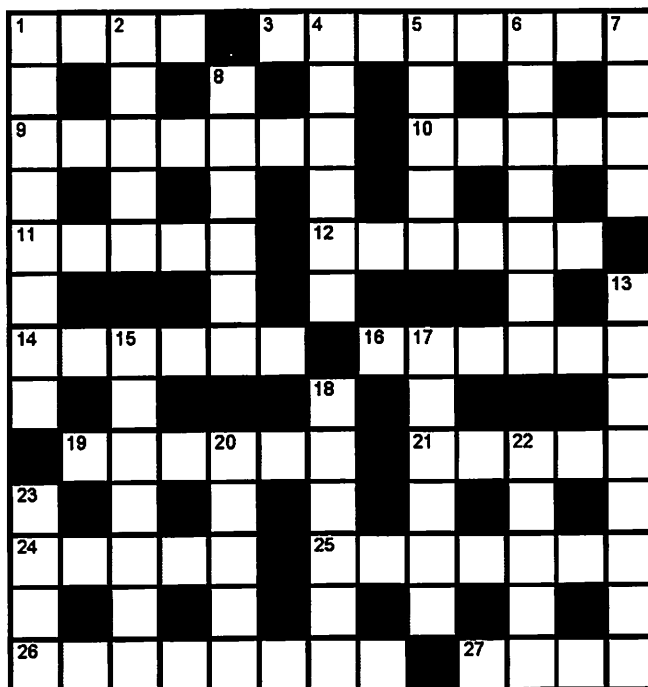




# Matthew

## Across

- 1 Fear Him who is able to destroy \_\_\_\_\_ soul and body in hell. Matt 10:28 (4)
- 3 "By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not \_\_\_\_\_." Matt 13:14 (8)
- 9 Jesus calls Peter this after he proclaims Jesus the "Christ, Son of the living God." It means "Son of Jonah." Matt 16:17 (7)
- 10 Along with clothing of sackcloth, this was a physical display of repentance. Matt 11:21 (5)
- 11 Means a "flowing of blood" and describes the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment. Matt 9:20 (5)
- 12 One sheep may "go \_\_\_\_\_" and the Shepherd will leave his ninety-nine to find it and rejoice. Matt 18:12 (6)
- 14 The Pharisees sought to do this to Jesus when he healed a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. Matt 12:10 (6)
- 16 One of the twelve apostles. Matt 10:2-4 (6)
- 19 Synonym for "young woman." Matt 26:69 (6)
- 21 The Heavenly Father feeds the fowls of the air, although they do not sow, reap or gather into these. Matt 6:26 (5)
- 24 "And ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matt 10:22 (5)
- 25 Two words. A foolish man built his house upon the sand ... "and



- great was \_\_\_\_\_ of it." Matt 7:27 (3,4)
- 26 These were what Christ performed when he went from town to town. (8)
- 27 Jesus opened these when two men answered that they believed that he was able to heal them. Matt 9:29 (4)
- ## Down
- 1 Adjective form of "Bible". (8)
- 2 These are sown by an enemy with the good seed. They will grow together until the harvest and then be gathered first and burned. Matt 13:25-32 (5)
- 4 The Old Testament prophet who said "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matt 3:3 (6)
- 5 Jesus left Nazareth and dwelt in Capernaum, which is on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sea of Galilee. Matt 4:13 (5)

6 This son of Abraham is not in the genealogy of Christ. Matt 1:2 (7)

7 This was where the wise men were from when they came to worship Jesus. Matt 2:1 (4)

8 "The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavens shall be shaken." Matt 24:29 (6)

13 The Greek definition of this word (apostolos) means "messengers." Matt 10:2 (8)

15 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ 6, verse 33. (7)

17 Although Matthew was a Jew, he wrote this gospel in Greek. Other New Testament texts were written in Aramaic. What language was the Old Testament written in? (6)

18 "Wherefore, if God so \_\_\_\_\_ the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more \_\_\_\_\_ you, O ye of little faith?" Matt 6:30 (6)

20 Begat by Azor and begat Achim. Matt 1:1-16 (5)

22 "Therefore be ye also \_\_\_\_\_: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt 24:44 (5)

23 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless \_\_\_\_\_ that curse you, do good to \_\_\_\_\_ that hate you, and pray for \_\_\_\_\_ which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt 5:44 (4)

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# Church Calendar!

(LS: live-streamed)

**Every Sunday:** Sunday School, 9:15am  
Worship Service, 10:15am, LS

## MARCH

### All Month - Baby Bottle Campaign for DCPC

- 1 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 4 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 5 ... Pastor Jon's Installation Service**
- 8 Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 8 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 11 ... Men's Breakfast, 9:00-10:45am, church
- 11-12 Mini Missions Conference
- 11 ... SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR BEFORE BED
- 14 ... Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm, zoom, Gloria Snyder
- 15 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 15 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 16 ... Session Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 19 ... Communion, during Morning Worship
- 19 ... Naaman's Creek Country Manor, 2:00pm
- 22 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 22 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 26 ... Directory Photos, following Worship service
- 28 ... Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm, zoom, Gloria Snyder
- 29 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 29 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church

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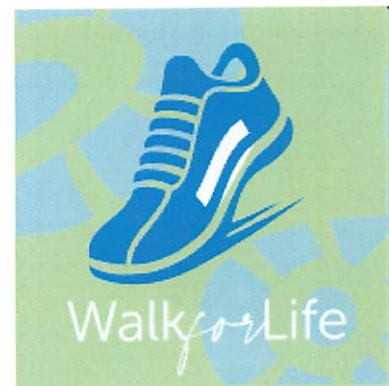
- 2 ... Palm Sunday
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- 5 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 5 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 8 ... Men's Breakfast, 9:00-10:45am, church\
- 7 ... Good Friday Service, 7:00pm
- 9 ... Easter
- 11 ... Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm, zoom, Gloria Snyder
- 12 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 12 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
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# Community Calendar!

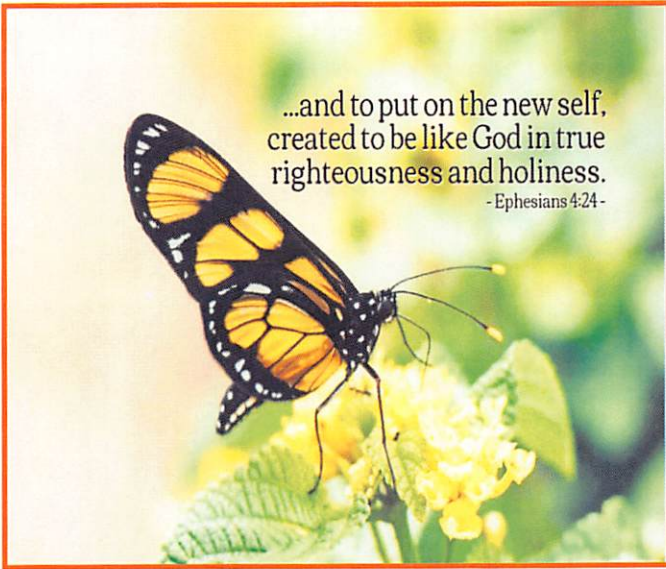
**April 10, 2023, Noon to 2:00pm**

Ladies! You are invited to the next **Wilmington Women's Connection** on April 10, 2023 at Iron Hill Restaurant located at 620 Justison St., Wilmington, DE 19801 on the Riverfront near the Blue Rocks Stadium. The cost is \$22.00 inclusive. Gia Hasan of Amirah Crossbags will be showing us her spring collection with bags available for purchase. Our speaker is Virginia Hiss of Bristol Tennessee. She will reflect on how acceptance of a variety of invitations throughout her life has been life-changing. If you'd like a reservation or more information please see Beth McCarrick.



**DCPC's Walk for Life is Saturday, April 22nd.** The walk for life is a two-mile walk that takes place directly across from the Pregnancy Center in Chester Park. It's a time of fun, food, and fellowship with an opportunity to raise funds for the Pregnancy Center. It takes place at 10 am on Saturday, April 23rd. Even if you can't join us that day you can still walk on your own and collect pledges. Please see Beth McCarrick for more information.





## When the Wind Blows

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new. The bottom line is that we should ALL be open to change. New people, new ways of doing things, new environments, new styles all contribute to the beautiful diversity that is the body of Christ.

As followers of Jesus, change is at the heart of our being. It is at the heart of God himself. He changes our hearts of stone to

hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26). We are called to "put on the

*new self*" and "put away the old self" (Ephesians 4:22-27). The whole process of sanctification is all about change. Although God's CHARACTER and personhood does not change (Heb 13:8), he is in the business of changing our lives. If we are to grow to be more like Jesus, we MUST change. If we want to move forward and thrive, we must take hold of the opportunities we are given to embrace those changes. If we learn to adjust to those changes, we can face them with strength, humility and grace when the wind blows.

Answers to Matthew crossword

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