

**April Birthdays are:**

Billy Lewis 6  
 Sara Matlock 9  
 Elnora Caldwell 18  
 Sondra Roddy 23  
 Megaera Dannenmaier 29  
 Rob Jones 30

**April Anniversaries are:**

Jerry and Mary Ingram 21

March 6	29	\$503.00
March 13	26	\$892.00
March 20	44	\$717.00
March 27	60	\$1026.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		\$223.75

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**Session Notes**

**March 3**

\*Call to order by Dr. Roddy. Present were Jerry Ingram, Steve Jones, Emily McCollum, Mark Stokes and session clerk. Susan Webster was excused.  
 \*Devotion by Steve Jones.  
 \*Approved minutes of last 2 meetings and the January and February treasurer's report.  
 \*No reports were available from the Youth Ministry Committee or the Help Fund Policy Committee.  
 \*Communications were received from the Tusculum CP Church announcing Youth Night for their Passion Play on March 16; the Children's Home reporting the Hope Centennial Campaign fund raiser; Church World Service asking for Tsunami relief funds; Bethel College announcing Youth Festival on April 1 and 2; and Employer Compliance Service reporting Information Posters available from them.  
 \*Approved sending the balance (\$165.61) from the Mary Sue Greer memorial fund to the Children's Home for their Centennial Campaign.  
 \*Discussed replacement of the bulbs in the sanctuary lights. A step ladder or scaffolding will be located and Mark agreed to purchase the bulbs. A time will be set when these preparations are completed.  
 \*Dr. Roddy reported on the called meeting of Nashville Presbytery.  
 \*Approved reservation of the church on September 9 and 10 for the Jennifer Jones/Brad Robertson wedding.  
 \*Approved ordering bulletins and envelopes for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday.  
 \*Approved having a Maundy Thursday Service on March 24 at 7:00 PM with light refreshments after the service and inviting area churches to join us if they are not having services.

\*Approved annual Easter Egg Hunt after Sunday School on Easter Sunday.  
 \*Reviewed the annual corporation report.  
 \*Set the next meeting for April 17 at 4:00 PM with devotion by Susan Webster.  
 \*Closed with prayer by Emily McCollum.

If you have not been to the church web site lately, please take a few minutes to visit it and see a few of the changes that have been implemented. An interactive calendar has been added on the calendar page with a snapshot of each week's events highlighted on the bottom of the home page. Also, the most exciting change is the addition of a bulletin board that will allow our congregation to post prayer requests or other information. You can access the bulletin board at the bottom of the home page.

Speaking of prayer requests, I want to be able to list prayer requests in the monthly newsletters, but I need the congregation to either call me with the information (I have voice mail) or send me an email by the last day of the month. I usually do not have the newsletter completed by that day so I will be able to include requests up until say 6:00 PM on the last day of the month.

-Trevenia

The CareNet Baby Bottle campaign collected a total of \$224.26! CareNet sent a thank you to our congregation.

Also, the annual Walk for Life will be June 4. Once again, the Steve Jones family will be walking. If you would like to sponsor them or make a donation to CareNet, talk to Steve or Trevenia.

It was the start of a holiday weekend, and the service station was crowded. Finally, an attendant hustled up to the local minister who had been waiting in line for some time. "I'm sorry about the delay, pastor," the attendant apologized, "but it seems like everybody waits until the last minute to get ready for a trip which they knew they were going on all along."

The pastor smiled and said, "I know what you mean. I have the same problem in my business."

## THINGS TO PONDER:

Apart from God every activity is merely a passing whiff of insignificance.

-Alfred North Whitehead

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

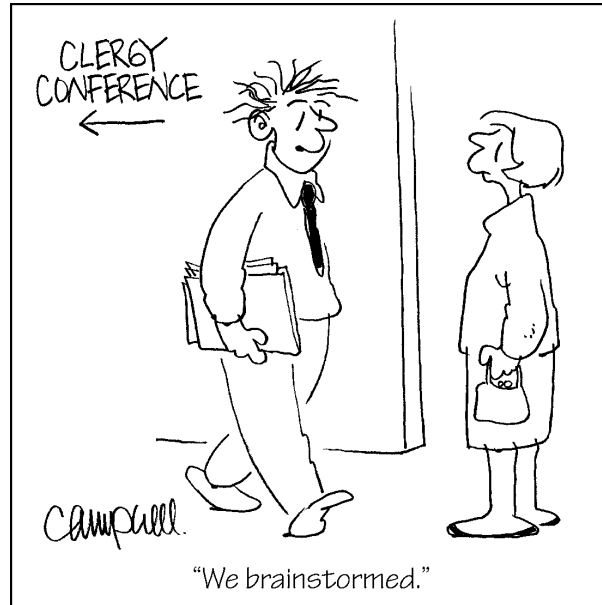
-Thomas à Kempis

Spiritual lust causes me to demand an answer from God, instead of seeking God Himself who gives the answer. Whenever we insist that God should give us an answer to our prayer we are off track. The purpose of prayer is that we get a hold of God, not of the answer.

-Oswald Chambers

Thanksgiving is the language of heaven, and we had better start to learn it if we are not to be mere dumb aliens there.

-A.J. Gossip



First Class Mail

The Communicator

April 2, 2005

Dear Congregation,

During Lent, many of us seriously studied God's Word and prepared for Easter. The intensity of preparation hit a crescendo on Easter Day. Unfortunately, following Easter, there is often a feeling of "let down." But the story isn't over yet. From now until Pentecost, we have the opportunity to continue celebrating the Resurrection as we study the stories of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, His ascension into heaven, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is an exciting time to be a Christian!

One of the things we can all do to honor God during this Easter season is to truly "be the church." Like the disciples who were empowered by their encounters with the Lord, we too can become bold enough to live God's love. This might mean simply making time to visit shut-ins or calling church members who have been noticeably absent. You might also want to invite a co-worker or other friend to join you in worship. This is also a wonderful season for Christian charity as we honor God through giving to worthy causes. Christ is alive and we are called to really be alive as His people, too!

I look forward to working in God's vineyard with you in this season.

Your pastor and friend,  
Lowell

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**Worship Service**  
9:30 AM  
**Sunday School**  
10:30 AM  
**Wednesday**  
7:00 PM  
**Women's Ministry**  
1st Saturday  
10:00 PM



## Religions of the Presidents

Forty-two men have served as President of the United States. Most have had some formal religious affiliation. Some belonged to more than one denomination or changed membership. Below is a list of denominations and the number of presidents associated with each.

- Episcopalian - 14
- Presbyterian - 10
- Baptist - 5
- Methodist - 5
- Unitarian - 5
- No specific denomination - 3
- Disciples of Christ - 2
- Dutch Reformed - 2
- Quaker - 2
- Catholic - 1
- Congregationalist/United Church of Christ - 1
- Jehovah's Witness - 1

Women's Ministry will meet on April 9 this month due to the Regional Women's Ministry meeting at Beech CP Church on April 2. Eloise Jones is the program leader and Hybernia McMillan and Leora Lewis will provide refreshments.



Do this before going to bed Saturday night!

Thank you choir members for practicing and then singing during worship for Easter. You did a great job!



The church directories are finally finished! They are located in the fellowship hall with each family's name attached to the cover. There are still about 4 that have not been completed, due to one page missing in the pictures. But those will be completed shortly.



### Thank God for Rain

Each spring the Lord sends April showers to water the earth. Without rain to nourish our trees, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, there would be a poor growing season and very little to harvest. Thank God for rainy weather!

Write the words from the raindrops on the numbered lines below. Read the Bible verse.

1 gives

11 is

29 it

8 clouds

12 to

5 Lord

25 of

4 in

3 the

2 storm

10 Ask

27 the

16 the

28 for

30 the

23 rain

17 plants

6 field

18 rain

9 He

15 makes

22 the

20 showers

14 who

24 to

21 and

13 everyone

7 men

19 Lord

10    16    5    28    18

4    22    26

29   11    3    19    14    15

27    2    8

9    1    20    31    23

12   7    21    17    25

30    6    24    13

Zechariah 10:1 (niv)

Answer: "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone." Zechariah 10:1

## Save for a Rainy Day

Any day is a good day to start saving money for a rainy day. Make your own "Rainy Day Fund" bank.

Here's what you'll need:

- A clean plastic jar (peanut butter jars work well)
- Scissors
- Felt
- White glue
- Permanent marker



Here's how to make it:

1. Clean and remove the label from the plastic jar.
2. Cut out an umbrella shape from felt and glue it to the side of the jar.
3. Use the marker to write "Rainy Day Fund" on the jar.
4. Cut a slot in the lid (you may need an adult to help).
5. When you get your allowance or earn money doing something for someone, put the money in the lid's slot.
6. Save the money for something special or important. Spend money wisely and remember to give an offering to your church or Sunday school.



Billy Graham's ministry was launched in the Rose Bowl in 1949 with a marvelous response. He returned with another crusade in November 2004 on the 55th anniversary of that historic event.

Before the event in 1949, Billy was a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter/performer Stuart Hamblen. The radio host urged his listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving the studio, Billy asked Hamblen to go to the service too. Stuart was not a Christian (his wife was), but he consented anyway.

On the night he attended, Hamblen did not go forward with others to claim Christ as Lord and Savior. His spirit was restless, so later that night he went to Graham's hotel. He told the evangelist of his churning spirit and with Billy's witness and prayers, he gave his heart to the Lord.

Shortly afterward, the actor John Wayne saw Stuart and said, "Stuart, what's this about you hitting the sawdust trail?"

Stuart responded, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else."

John Wayne said, "That sounds like a song, Stuart. Why don't you write one?"

And that's how Stuart came to write "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)."

Hamblen went on to write other Gospel songs and once said, "I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."

If you know of someone who would like to be added to our newsletter mailing list or you think would benefit from receiving our newsletter, send the address to Trevenia Jones either by email or by regular mail.



**News  
from  
Our Members  
in the  
Military**

We rejoiced for 15 days during March as Sean Moore came home on leave from his post in Iraq. Sean and Holly have bought a house in on Forrest Hills Drive. I will include a change of address in the next newsletter. He said that he looks up the church website from time to time. Sean sent word to us through Holly that upon arriving back in Iraq, he found a package awaiting his return from our congregation. Thank you to Mary Ingram for coordinating the shipments. We continue to receive donations to be sent to Sean and his unit. The box is on a table in the fellowship hall.

# April 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 AM Regional Women's Ministry Meeting at Beech CPC
3 Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:30 SS	4	5	6 7:00 PM Parables Study	7	8	9 10:00 AM Women's Ministry
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 SS	11	12	13 7:00 PM Parables Study	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship 10:30 SS	18	19	20 7:00 PM Parables Study	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship 10:30 SS	25	26	27 7:00 PM Parables Study	28	29	30