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## From the Pastor...

*"So they went out and fled from the tomb,  
for terror and amazement had seized them,  
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."  
– Mark 16:8*

In college, one of the electives I took was Music Theory. As some of you know, I have spent most of my life around music – playing the clarinet and tenor saxophone through college, marching in the drum line in high school, (unsuccessfully) taking piano lessons as a kid, and picking up guitar along the way. I had spent a lot of my life playing music, without really understanding music. So, I thought, a Music Theory class would help me better understand how and why music works.

The class was eye opening! Learning the theories behind scales and chords structures and chord progressions changed the way I hear music and the ways I enjoy it. One of the things that stuck with me was how songs – whether hymns, or concertos, or top 40 pop – end. As any of our many musicians at LFPC will tell you, pieces of music typically end on a major chord – a bright, happy, satisfying group of notes that leave the listener with a sense the things are complete. But not all music is “typical”; some songs end with a minor chord. And ending a song in a minor key is not bright and not happy, and can leave the listener unsatisfied and confused.

This is exactly how things end in the Gospel of Mark. Early in the morning, the women go to the tomb and find the stone rolled away. A young man dressed in white meets them with the greeting, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth.... He has been raised; he is not here. God tell his disciples.” But in the Gospel of Mark, they don’t follow the instructions. They run away. They tell no one.

How unsatisfying.

So unsatisfying is this ending that the early church tried to fix it. Twice. If you look in your Bible at the end of Mark you will find “The Shorter Ending of Mark” and “The Longer Ending of Mark.” These two endings fix the problem of the minor key, but they are not what the author of the gospel intended. Mark wants the disjointed finish. Mark wants us uncomfortable and confused and unsatisfied. Because, I think, Mark knows this is not an ending. It is just the beginning.

And so we will gather on Easter Sunday and read this unfinished story. We will sit with the discomfort, with this minor chord, and know there is more to come. We will sing songs of celebration, and say prayers of thanksgiving, and proclaim, “He is risen! He is risen indeed!” But then we will go back into the world knowing there is work still to be done.





OUTSIDE  
WORK DAY  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 10  
AT 8:30 a.m.

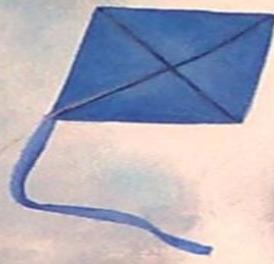
(In the case of rain, we will plan to reschedule our work for March 17.)



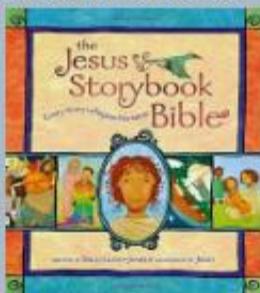
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, AT 2:00 A.M.

BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD  
BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT





OUR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM 6-7 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.  
**THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP GROUP ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.**  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO COME WITH YOU AS WE SING, PLAY GAMES, DO ALL KINDS OF FUN ACTIVITIES AND LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS.



Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 24  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Come Be a Part of a Circle of Friends!

Our Women's Bible Study meets on the last Thursday of each month and we would love for you to join us! This month we will meet on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Molly McGill's house, 6309 Bowstring Trail. If you have questions or need directions you can call Molly at 806-3717.



### GAME NIGHT

Saturday,  
March 17  
6-8 P.M.  
in the  
Fellowship  
Hall

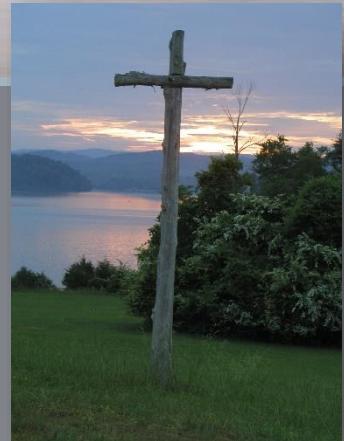
Grab Some Snacks and Your Favorite Games  
And Bring Your Whole Family  
We just love our  
Family Game Nights at Lake Forest!



## Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Cost of lunch is \$5.00

When Lake Forest Presbyterian minister Mark Curtis awakes Easter morning he'll not be among those caught in the April Fools' Day trap.



He's fully aware that the last time Easter and April Fools' Day coincided was 1956. Has it been more than 60 years since New York Yankees pitcher Don Larsen pitched a perfect in the World Series? No foolin'.

Could you imagine the Sunday morning when Christ vacated the tomb and Mary Magdalene told the disciples that Jesus was alive? Their reaction might've been, "You're not pulling that April Fools' joke on me." Well, that didn't happen because April Fools' Day didn't exist until 1700.

What is Easter? One definition from the internet: The most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and held between March 21 and April 25, on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox. Also, the period in which Easter occurs, especially the weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

Mark will talk a bit about Easter and its importance at the Lunch Bunch's gathering at 11:30 a.m. March 27 in the Fellowship Hall. The price of lunch is \$5.

There's no doubt that Mark enjoys a bit of humor, but the celebration of Easter by far outweighs the tom foolery of April Fools' Day. What happened the morning that Christ arose from the dead is the very basis for Christianity and belief that there is life beyond death.

Since he will soon embark on his fifth year as pastor at Lake Forest Mark might reflect on some of the goals he set for Lake Forest, and their outcome. Also, what does he expect for the future of Lake Forest?

He has given strong support to the Lunch Bunch and has hardly missed a gathering of LFPC members and neighbors during his four-plus years.

Mark was reared in Northern California and became very active in a church youth group where he learned to play guitar. After high school he had hoped to become a journalism major and also contemplated attending law school. Instead he got a degree in political science at California, Berkeley. He still had a strong attraction to the church so he chose to attend Princeton (NJ) Theological Seminary.

In 2006, Mark accepted a call to become youth director and associate pastor of New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville, where he honed his skills in preaching and pastoral care. He was hired as minister at First Presbyterian Church in Fulton, Mo., in 2013 but left for East Tennessee six weeks later when offered the chance to pastor Lake Forest.

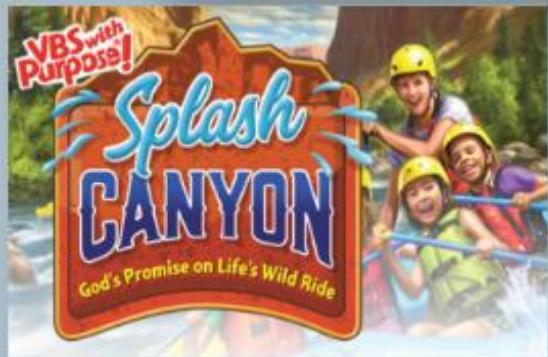
Mark met Diana, who grew up in Nashville and graduated from Carson-Newman College, while he was pastor at New Providence. They were married in 2011. She is an Elder at Lake Forest, heads the Spiritual Care Committee and sings in the chancel choir. Diana also teaches English at Maryville College.



Mark enjoys spending time with his family, which includes sons Daniel and Asher, riding his bike and cheering for the Oakland Athletics, University of California Bears and Tennessee Titans.



Maundy Thursday Service  
Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
OUR VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL WILL BE SUNDAY,  
JUNE 24, THROUGH  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, FROM  
6-8 P.M. NIGHTLY. MAKE  
PLANS TO BE A PART OF THIS  
FUN SUMMER EVENT  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**Children's Church Volunteers:**

- March 4 - Karen Talley  
March 11 - Cathie Boren  
March 18 - Sarah Smith & Andy Vinson  
March 25 - Drake Rickard



**Children's Time Speakers:**

- March 4 - Fran Dunn  
March 11 - Seth Maples  
March 18 - Josh McGill  
March 25 - John Maples

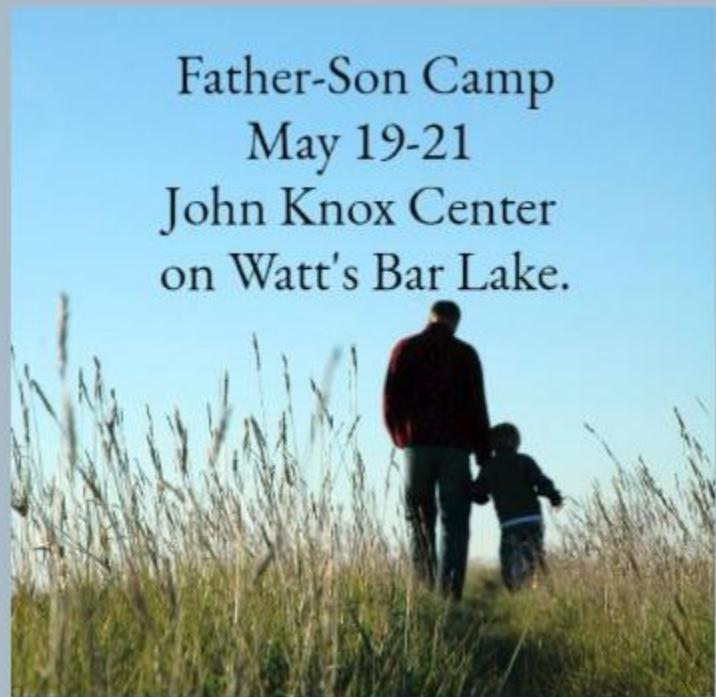
The Session  
will meet  
**Tuesday,**  
**March 20,**  
at 7:00 p.m.  
in the YAYF  
Classroom



During the winter months, we want to do all we can to insure the safety of our members and those who visit with us! In the event of snow, ice or other hazardous road conditions, we will use Phone Tree to keep you informed about any cancellation of our services. You can also check WBIR Channel 10 television for the latest information about any weather-related cancellations.

The cost is \$75,  
\$60 for boys  
5 -10 years old  
and \$30 for  
boys under 4.  
A sign-up sheet  
for this year's  
camp is in the  
narthex.

**Father-Son Camp**  
**May 19-21**  
John Knox Center  
on Watt's Bar Lake.



**Look Who's Having  
A Birthday  
in March!**



March 1 – Martha Holloway  
March 2 – Gordon King  
March 4 – Marilyn Hutchison  
Barbara Rudd  
March 10 – Andrew Farley  
March 12 – Edna Johnson  
March 15 – Shannon Brooks  
March 16 – Josh McGill  
March 18 – Lisa Gale

March 19 – Louise Davis  
March 20 – Seth Maples  
Marley Rickard  
March 22 – Jess Smith  
March 27 – Ben Norvell  
March 28 – Trevor Ott  
March 30 – Tom Allen  
Ben Birdwell  
Megan Talley

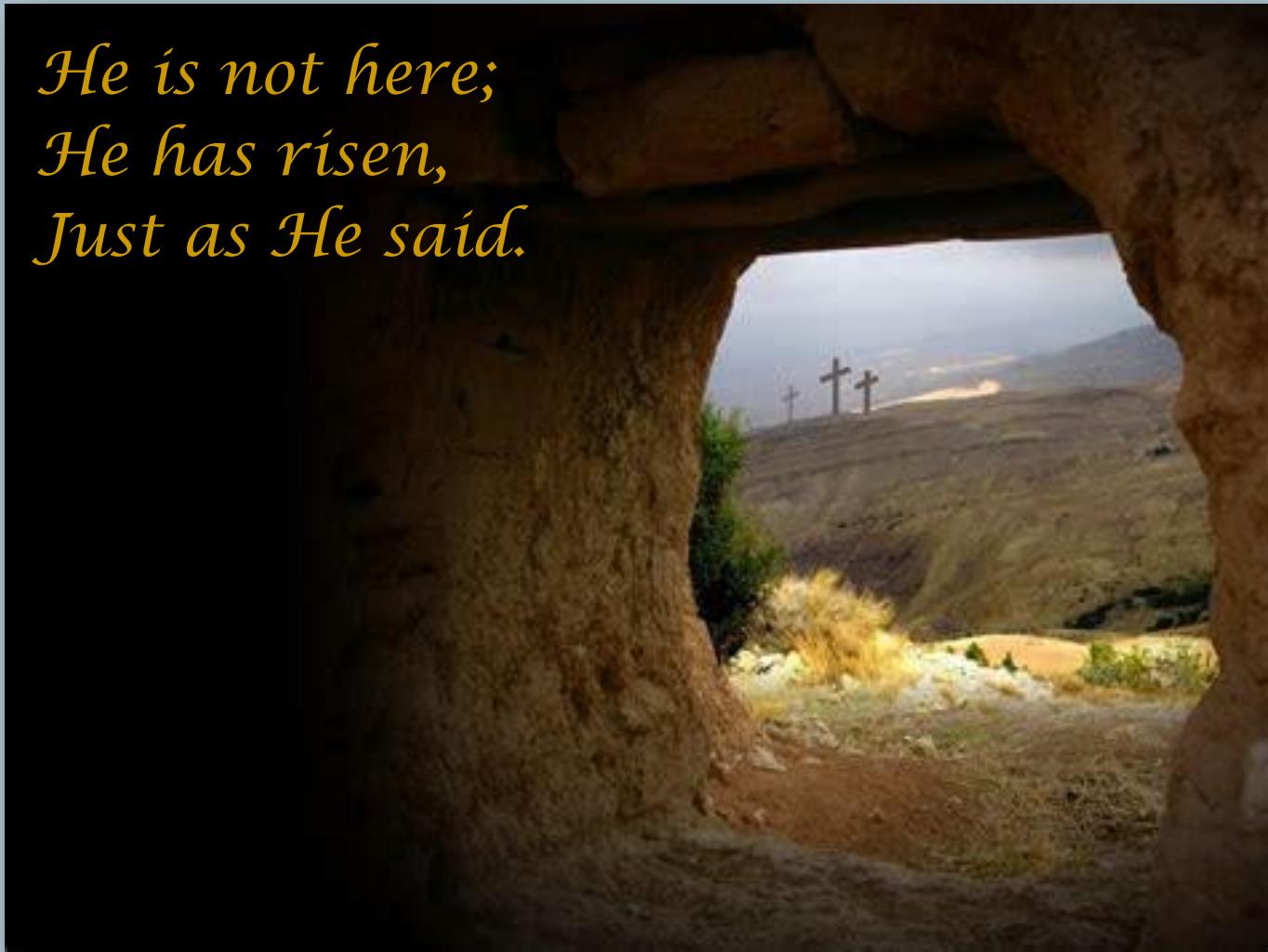
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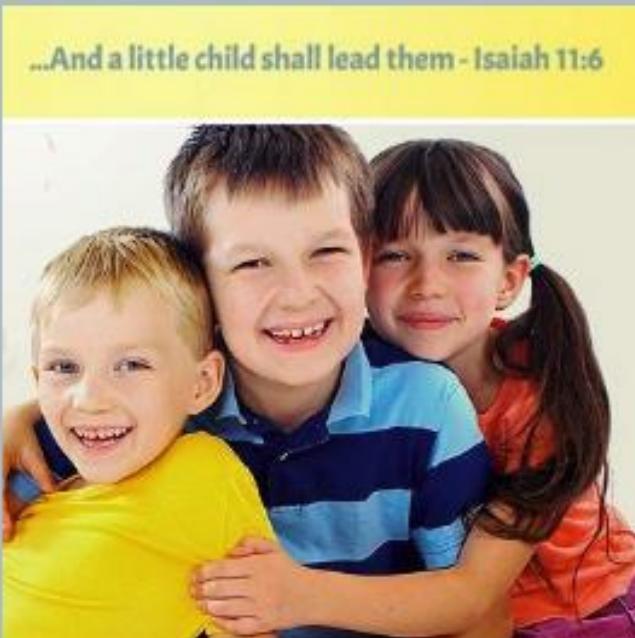
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 	5	6 Committee Meetings* 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Care Committee AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 6:00 Children's Worship Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	8	9	10 Outside Work Day 8:30-1:00 
11 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. 4th Sunday in Lent 	12	13 Committee Meetings* 6:15 p.m. Finance Committee AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 No Wednesday night activities	15	16	17 Rickard Family Party 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fellowship Hall  Fellowship Hall 6-8 p.m.
18 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am 5th Sunday in Lent 	19	20 THE SESSION will meet in the YAYF classroom at 7 p.m. AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21 6:00 Children's Worship Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	22  Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. At Molly McGill's	23	24 Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 
25 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am 	26	27 LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28 6:00 Children's Worship Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	29  Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.	30  Good Friday	31 

## LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL...

*He is not here;  
He has risen,  
Just as He said.*



CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1  
at 10:45 a.m.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY APRIL 29 10:45 A.M.

On Sunday  
April 29  
Our 5th Sunday  
Offering  
will be collected for  
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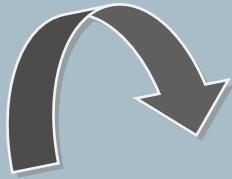


FAMILY PROMISE  
HOST WEEK  
SUNDAY, APRIL 29  
- SUNDAY, MAY 6

Lake Forest Presbyterian Church  
714 E. Lake Forest Drive  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37920  
Phone: (865) 577-2800  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 a.m.



**Deadline for the April  
FOCUS is  
Tuesday, March 27**



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