

FOUR MILE POST



April 2009

Easter is the time to get excited about the most powerful event in human history. The curse of our fallen nature is that what once thrilled us becomes ordinary. The reality of Christ's resurrection hasn't changed. We just may have lost the thrill of its significance. That is why the Bible exists. Peter says of his two letters that they are written to "stir up" or "arouse" by means of "reminder." This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder. ([2 Peter 3:1](#))

So I invite you to take half an hour today and meditate on the significance of Christ's resurrection. What did God accomplish by raising Jesus from the dead?

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, death will never have any dominion over him again.

[Romans 6:9](#): "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."

[Acts 13:34](#): "He raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption."

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, he has a name above every name and every knee will bow to him.

[Philippians 2:9-10](#): "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

Because Jesus was raised, he is now appointed by God to judge the living and the dead.

[Acts 17:31](#): "He has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Because of the resurrection, Jesus intercedes for us in heaven before God.

[Romans 8:34](#): "Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us."

Jesus' resurrection was the beginning and guarantee of our resurrection.

[1 Corinthians 15:20](#): "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

[2 Corinthians 4:14](#): "He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence."

We were raised with Jesus so that our true life is hidden now in him.

[Colossians 3:1-4](#): "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. . . . Your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we are born again to a living hope.

[1 Peter 1:3](#): "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we now enjoy his personal fellowship with us always.

[Matthew 28:20](#): "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Because Jesus was raised, he has received the promise of the Spirit and poured out the Spirit on us.

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[Acts 2:33](#): "Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing."

Because Jesus is raised, he can still heal the way he did on earth.

[Acts 4:10](#): "Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well."

Because of the resurrection, he gives repentance and forgiveness of sins.

[Acts 5:31](#): "God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins."

May the risen Lord Jesus himself arouse your sincere mind to new depths of worship and allegiance and joy this Easter season.

Always in prayer for you all,

Pastor Sam Grozdanov



Glory Years
Shut-in Ministry



Happy
Birthday
to Odell Thurston
who will be 101
years old on
April 22!

MEETINGS TO REMEMBER



Missions Committee Meeting:
 Wednesday, April 1
 8 PM.

Stewardship Committee Meeting
 Wednesday, April 15
 8 PM

Women's Connection

A time to connect with other women for fellowship. We encourage mothers, single, women & widows from our community to join us.

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. This month our meetings are:

Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, April 21

Hope to see you there!



Ministry Council

May 3
 4 PM

Members of the Council are:

- Children's Ministry
- CWE
- Deacon
- Dir. of Church Training
- Flower
- Hospitality
- Dir. of Music Ministry
- Min. of Youth & Children
- Pastor
- Sunday School Dir.
- Tape
- Ushers
- Young Adult Teacher
- Youth



Ladies' Night Out

Please join us for food, fun & female fellowship

Thursday, April 2 at
 7 PM

Red Lobster @ White Oak Village Shopping Center
 Please RSVP by Mar. 31 to Lynnette Nelson at nelson0784@aol.com or 795-5948. Let Lynnette know if you need a ride.

Friendship Café

We meet on Fridays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 AM to 1 PM.

<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>
Speaker	<i>Closed</i>	Special Guests	Three Lakes Park - Birds & picnic Lunch
Henrico Extention Office	<i>Good Friday</i>	CWE Preschool Singers	

Young @ Heart

Our next meeting is on April 14 at 11 AM. Bring a sandwich & join us!



Church Weekday Education

Suzanne Ricks, Director

795-KIDS (5437)



The children are excited about spring and Easter. The children have the opportunity to discover that God plans for spring. God plans for spring to be a time of new growth, planting and warmer weather.

We are continuing our alphabet study as we get many of our preschoolers ready for Kindergarten. As we talk about "Q", Queen Esther's crown will be our topic...maybe we'll make our own beautiful crowns and pretend to be kings & queens!

The CWE program is open during the Henrico Co. spring break except for Good Friday, April 10, when we are closed.

The 31 preschoolers sang for the Friendship Café seniors in March. We had lunch with them and had a wonderful time with the many grandparents that came. We will be singing for the Friendship Café again on April 17 at 11am. Any senior citizens that would like to join us, please do. Call Suzanne Ricks or Iris Shepherd if you want information. It is a great group of senior citizens that enjoy life and fun!

We have 61 children, parents and grandparents going to Swift Creek Mill playhouse in Colonial Heights on Monday April 13. We are so excited about seeing *The Brave Little Engine*.

Church Website Stats

<http://www.fmcbaptist.com>

Visits: 669

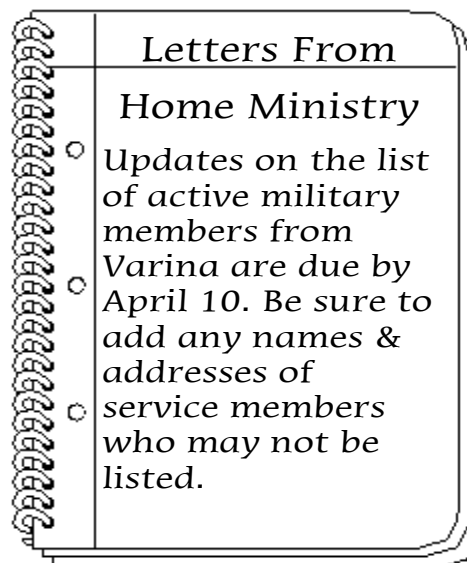
Unique Visitors: 260

Page Views: 5505

5 Most Viewed Members:

1. Duane Horst
2. FourMileCreekBaptistChurch
3. Rachel
4. Steven Mills
5. ChelleyA

We are registering **NOW** for summer and fall 2009. Call 795-KIDS (5437) if you need a registration form (or handbook) or have questions. We have full and part time programs for children ages 2 ½ through 12.



Reminder:

Dial-A-Prayer is up & running. The number is 795-1202.

Music Ministry News

I would like to remind you of two big events in April.

April 5th, 7PM *Redemption: A Praise and Worship Easter*

April 12th, Easter Celebrations:

Early Service: 8:30 - 9AM

Breakfast: 9 - 9:45AM

Sunday School: 9:45 - 10:45AM

Easter Celebration: 11 - 12 Noon

Check the weather report before coming to the Easter Early Service. This service will take place in the area behind the church. If we have rain, the service will take place in the sanctuary.

The Chancel Choir is in the midst of preparing for a Spring Concert. This concert will take place May 2nd at 7PM. The choir has been working diligently for the past two months in preparation for this concert. Please mark your calendar and plan to be at our Spring Concert.



The Joy Bells attended a handbell workshop March 21st. They practiced many hours on Saturday culminating in a wonderful concert. They were able to share what they experienced through their music the following Sunday during the worship service.

Thanks to all that are spending extra time and use of your talents to ready the music for Easter. The joy of the season is shining through your musical talents. Thank you!

FROM THE YOUTH GUY

Is it really April already?

We have so many good things going on with our youth, but I want to focus on one thing, the spring retreat. Our Spring Retreat focused totally on prayer and learning to listen to God's voice. Altogether we had 24 attend and John Ivins led our worship. I taught about three points that, if they are practiced, will increase the fruitfulness of anyone's prayer life. They are:

1— **Reverence**

We must remember that God invites us into His presence for prayer and that He chose us, we did not choose Him. We must honor Him and what He has done for us and not approach the throne with the attitude of a spoiled brat.

2— **We need to be holy or set apart.**

Set apart your prayer time by turning off electronics and eliminating other distractions. Set your heart apart for God's purpose and focus on Him during prayer time.

3— **Believe that God wants to *communicate with you* as well as hear from you.**

The bible says that His sheep will hear His voice. Where did the idea that God only speaks through His word come from? He desires to speak to us directly and personally.

When was the last time you set apart your prayer time? On this retreat I saw youth spend one to two hours in prayer and meditation and many have testified that it was one of the most amazing experiences in their lives. Have you given God the opportunity to speak to you? When you pray this week do everything you can to be alone, still and quiet with God. He won't let you down.

I Love You All,

Jeff

CARITAS 2009

Thank You!

To the 84 people who came to serve the Caritas families, a big Thank you. On the last night, the group presented us with a card of thanks signed by all 10 families. They were very appreciative of all we did for them. The week was a tremendous success and we thank all who gave money, came to serve and prayed. The message from the card reads as follows:

The families at Caritas family focus want to reach out our hearts to all of the volunteers and staff that has made every night a great experience. It has been a true blessing to all of us that came to your church to reside each night. You have truly blessed us with gifts for our children and given us help when it was needed the most. You don't really know how much we appreciate all of the things that were done for us at Caritas. We just want to say Bless all of your hearts and thank you for all of your blessings.

Jack & Jane Nelson

WMU/WOM NEWS



Make a Note.....

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

FMC Baptist Church

Four Mile Creek is hosting this year's Dover Association WMU Annual Meeting. All ladies of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend and are needed to host this event.

The sessions begin at 4:00 p.m.; followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m., concluding in worship at 7:00 p.m.

More details to follow!



JUMPERS and JAMS PROJECT

Jumpers for girls/Jams for boys

FABRIC NEEDED: At least one yard of cotton or cotton blend fabric suitable for children's clothing. Thread - any color. Place donations in box in sanctuary hallway!

The WMU/WOM is sponsoring this project to make jumpers and jams for children of the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota and the Appalachian Missions Ministry sponsored by Virginia Baptists. Workday(s) will be scheduled soon.

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond

Thanks You!

The Four Mile Creek family of faith's Sanctity of Human Life celebration, observed in January and February of this year, will be etched in my mind for many years to come. What a celebration for life! What a blessing! Thank you so much for the outpouring of your love expressed through the giving of your time, gifts and talents. The Baby Shower Luncheon in February was so much fun and resulted in many gifts for our moms and babies. Please know that "your change" will help to "change" lives as you raised \$2,066.22 through the Four Mile Creek Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you so much for standing for life and for serving alongside us through your gifts.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many thanks to God" 2 Corinthians 9:12

Blessings,

Kim Warburton



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Our Ministry Team

- Rev. Sam Grozdanov Senior Pastor
- Rev. Jeff Mills Minister of Youth & Children
- Mrs. Jackie Horst Director of Music Ministry
- Mrs. Suzanne Ricks C.W.E. Director
- Ms. Kelly Childress Church Office Ministry Assistant
- Mrs. Sandy Rutledge Lay Minister of Music
- Mrs. Carol Browning Deacon Ministry Chair



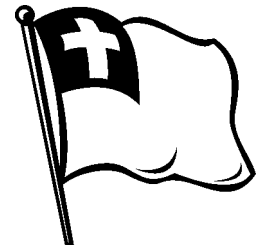
Church Office Business Hours:

Monday — Thursday

8 AM — 4:30 PM

Friday

8AM — 12PM



Staff Email Addresses:

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Disclosure: All newsletter articles must be submitted by the 20th of each month. They may be emailed, faxed, or placed in the box on the church office door. All articles submitted may be edited for content and clarity. Any articles submitted late will not be included in the current issue.

For the Record—March
Average Worship Attendance:
 219
Our Stewardship:
Monthly Requirement: \$42,067.25
Monthly Giving: \$41,991.56

Website:

www.fmc baptist.com

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Happy Birthday

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