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**GREAT BANQUET
SPRING 2020 DATES**

TCC Great Banquet #16
March 27-28, 2020
Ron Hanks, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

Men's Great Banquet #118
April 2-5, 2020
Doug Davidson, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

Women's Great Banquet #119
April 16-19, 2020
Meghan Austin, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

DCC Great Banquet #18
April 23-26, 2020
Jeanine Sneary, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD



Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 am

10:45 am

Sunday School

Classes for Children and Adults

at 9:15a & 10:45a

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

Children's Church 11:00am

April 9, 2020



MEETINGS!

Apr 12

Sunrise Service WVMBR

6:30a

Church WVMBR

10:45a

Apr 13

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Christian Education

Zoom - 7p

Apr 14

Women's Bible Study

10a - Zoom

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Congregational Care

6p—Zoom?

Deacons

7p—Zoom

Apr 15

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Apr 16

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Apr 17

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Apr 19

Church WVMBR

10:45a

Apr 20

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

The Chimes

We are called to follow Jesus, and as I write this, it is Wednesday of Holy Week, 2020. So let's follow Jesus during the end of the week when he was in the tomb.

TOMB DAYS

Since we are experiencing DEAD DAYS maybe we can identify with the TOMB DAYS of Jesus during this Corona Virus Lockdown. Those days when Jesus felt nothing, and He didn't care about anything. Those days when Jesus was dead on the inside. There was a body in a grave feeling nothing.

What happened between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection? The stone is rolled across the doorway. It's dark. You can't see or hear anything. You have to get up and touch the body to know its still there. Time passes. An hour seems like an eternity. A day seems like "forever."

And then it happens. A presence - a "light." The light touches the body and a yellow-orange fire spreads as an aura around the body. There is movement and the "dead" sits up and says, "Thank you."

Dead days inside the tomb. The truth is, we have had those times as well, and our entire world is in a lockdown right now. Times when we feel nothing. Nothing means anything. We have "Dead Days" too. Like we are inside a tomb. Those are times when we ask, "Where are you God?", and the silence is deafening.

Tomb days are not just a personal experience of mine, but this is our experience as people. This time in our world is a "dead time." It is a time when we experience helplessness. We are cast down, but not destroyed. We are facing "Dead Days" together, and yet we each face them alone in our own particular worlds. We may feel overwhelmed by the futility and helplessness or we can just be numb like a dead person.

Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.

These are tomb days, but we are heading to the hour of resurrection, the likes of which we may have never known before. I have experienced dead days. You have experienced dead days. I have walked with some of you when things looked pretty bleak. I have walked with you – I know your marriages, your job situation, career situations, financial problems, your health issues, and today we have the lockdown and desolation of this Virus and all its side affects in our society.

We may be just the “walking wounded”, but in some ways we could very easily be described as the “living” dead. Tomb days.

KNOW THIS TRUTH – Resurrection life only comes out of dead days. So, if you are truly experiencing “tomb days,” rest in the faith that Resurrection life comes out of dead days.

So, make sure you go through the motions of praising God, reading the Bible, praying, and lifting your life up to God. You may not feel any more alive at that point, but I assure you that on the basis of the Word of God – you are headed for resurrection.

See you in church whenever the “tomb” is opened and the stone is rolled away. Jack

In the meantime you can hear a Bible Study on Revelation at 6 PM weeknights on WVMBR.com and Sunday morning messages at 10:45



ATTENDANCE			
	2018	2019	2020
January	226	204	204
February	228	228	216
March	254	225	TBD
April	302	279	
May	241	227	
June	242	231	
July	227	201	
August	286	212	
September	233	234	
October	226	232	
November	252	214	
December	251	260	

Loan Balance as of end of Feb 2020
\$628,368.68

Capital Fund Contribution Through Feb 2020
\$10,416.65
Expenses through Feb 2020
\$20,000.00
\$5,815.38 Interest
\$14,184.62 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of Feb 2020
\$22,343.41

Giving thru Feb 2020
\$74,328.25
Expenses through Feb 2020
\$69,930.38

APR ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Debe Adkins	24
Bill & Pat Kavanaugh	24
Jeff & Lori Urquhart	29
Bryan & Donna Whitsett	30



APR BIRTHDAYS

Perry Snearly	04
Brent Pilger	05
Meghan Austin	06
Avery Newsome	06
Julie Schultz	06
Sara Cochran	07
Shari Hanks	07
Gary Robinson	07
Lori Carlson	08
Jeff Wilson	10
Terri Scroggins	12
Jeri Walters	12
Nic Vest	13
Clint Walters	13
Wesley Fansler	14
David Blessent	15
Jodi Lockwood	15
Amber Renfro	15
Sue Edie	16
Gayle Nazarian	16
Kristine Upton	16
Samantha Roberts	17
Tina McWilliams	18
Erin Miller	18
Randy Richards	19
Jeffrey Upton	19
Lisa Perkins	21
Olivia Nicholls	22
Mark Daniel	24
Ashton Nielsen	24
Terry Nelson	26
Shawna Nazarian	27
April Eustice	28
Rick Welch	30

APR ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Kristine Jones	01
Jeff & Debbie Byers	03
Scott & Amber Renfro	03
Tim & Lisa Vieweg	15
David & Brandy Blessent	21

God, I need faith to move not a mountain, but to move me.