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As we come to the end of our Lenten journey, we have followed Jesus on His path towards Jerusalem, where His final days were filled with triumph and suffering, hope and sorrow. We will walk through the heartache of His passion, feeling the weight of His sacrifice on the cross. We will face the somber reminder of His death and we will find ourselves confronted with the surprising and miraculous truth of Easter

morning: resurrection and new life.

In the darkest of moments, when it seemed that all hope was lost, God made a way where there was none. The stone that sealed Jesus’ tomb was rolled away, and the brokenness of the world was overcome by the power of life itself. It’s in this moment of despair that the light of Christ shines brightest—because in the tomb, death did not have the final word.

For each of us, Easter brings the reminder that even in the most challenging seasons of life, when things seem to be falling apart or when our struggles seem insurmountable, God is working to bring about new life. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, so too are we invited into a resurrection story—a journey of renewal, healing, and transformation.

As we celebrate the victory of Easter, let us remember that our journey does not end at the cross. It’s through the cross that we find our way to resurrection. And just as Jesus walked from death to life, so are we called to rise up from our own burdens and fears, embracing the new life that Christ offers.

May this Easter be a time of renewal for each of us—a reminder that no matter how difficult the journey, God’s promise of resurrection always awaits. We are not defined by our struggles, but by the power of the One who conquered death and brings us into new life.

Let us rejoice in the hope of Easter, knowing that the tomb is empty, and with it, our fears and sorrows are overcome. The journey has not ended; it has only just begun.

Happy Easter to you all and may the hope of the resurrection fill your hearts with peace and joy!

Chris Smith

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**Memorials and Honorariums**

**In Memory of Doris H. Allen**  
Meredith Brooks

**In Memory of Margaret Vickory**  
Meredith Brooks  
John & Nancy Revell  
Michael & Anne Cockerham  
Billy & Alice Cook  
Grey Graham  
Paula M. O'Brien  
Cecelia Sue Anderson  
Martha A. Thomas  
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**Care Team**

Care Team will be going out April 16<sup>th</sup> leaving the church at 10:00 AM If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Chris know. This is a great chance to go and visit our church family we don't get to see on Sundays.

**Being the Hands of Ministry**

Thank you for being willing to serve by adding your gifts to our worship services!

<b>April Ushers</b>	Wayne Hutchins	Ann Hutchins
<b>April Acolyte</b>		
<b>April Readers</b>		
April 6th	Brian Shackelford	Matthew 14:22-33
April 13th	Melisa Perry	Luke 19:28-44
April 20th	Crandall Ellison	Luke 21:1-12
April 27th	Celia Harris	Luke 24:13-35

# General Information

## Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee. It is more than just exercise, it is a time to connect with other ladies and share in stories, prayer, and scripture. There is a physical need that is met but even more so there is an emotional and spiritual need that is met when we come together. Hope you can join us.

## AA Group

Jordan Memorial hosts Alcoholic Anonymous meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room.

## Line Dancing

Line Dancing class is on Wednesdays at 10:00am and on Thursdays at 7-8pm. Cost is \$3.00

## Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open: the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM of each month!

Jordan's Closet is always looking for volunteers to help sort and organize as well as being able to help on the days the closet is open. We have seen an increase, especially on Community Meal nights, so if you would like to volunteer, please let us know!

## Senior Bingo!

Join us first Tuesday at 10am of each month in the Fellowship Hall for Senior Bingo. You might win big!

## Lion's Club

The Lion's Club is collecting old eye glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. There is a collection box outside the church office.

Join us for **Growing Together** in April! The time and date are still to be determined but once we do we will share that with you! We are back to having it at the church!

## Thumbs Up

Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## Join us for our special Holy Week Services.

We will be joining with our friends from Mt Nebo Holiness Church to celebrate this year!

Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday and Communion 6:30 PM at Jordan Memorial UMC

Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday Service 6:30 PM at Mt Nebo Holiness Church

## Easter Egg Hunt

Join us Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> for an Easter Egg Hunt following the covered-dish lunch!

## Join Us Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> for Palm Sunday!

Special music from the choir and handbells! There will be a covered-dish lunch following the service!

## Meetings

April 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM **Leadership Team** Meeting

April 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM **SPRC** Meeting

### Small Group Bible Study

Join us for small group Bible Study.

<b>April</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 AM in the Conference Room</b>	<b>6:30 PM at the Parsonage</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 AM in the Conference Room</b>	<b>6:30 PM at the Parsonage</b>

### Thank You Teachers!

We want to show our appreciation to our local teachers at Ramseur Elementary. We are asking for \$10 gift cards to local restaurants or stores that we can deliver by April 15<sup>th</sup> to the school. If you would like to donate and have us do the shopping we will be happy to do so!

### Stewardship

It's hard to believe that a quarter of 2025 is gone already! The Administrative Team would like to thank each and every one of you for your wonderful generosity.

At our January fundraiser meal (proceeds going to the general budget.) We raised \$5751. In our March fund raiser (proceeds going to the general budget), we raised \$791.

Your generosity is a reflection of God's love at work in your life! Whether, it is the widow's mite of the Church in Acts sharing all they had, scripture reminds us that every gift matters!

### Back To School Bash 2025

Our next meeting is Monday, April 28 at 6:30pm in the Craven Room Join us as we plan our tenth year event!



Dear Jordan Memorial Church Family,

The love in this church is like no other. I want to thank everyone for all of the support, love, food, words of encouragement and especially the hugs. We are always very giving of our hugs here. Mama loved this church family and so do I. My words cannot express how grateful I am.

May God bless each of you.

Love in Christ,  
Debbie Cox

### Happy Birthday Mont!

Mont Gilmore's children are giving him a 99<sup>th</sup> birthday party at Crossroads Retirement Center in the club house in Asheboro on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4. It is a floating party. Please let Jamie Poole 336-625-7690 (cell) know if you will be coming by. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you there.

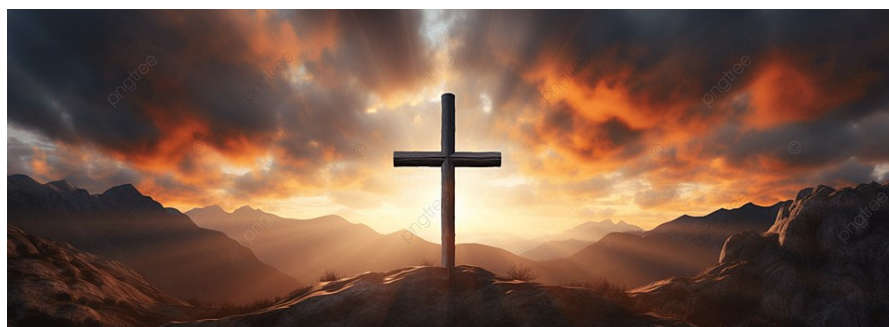
Mont's Family

# April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Faith & Fitness 9am Civitan Mtg 6pm	2 Line Dancing 10am	3 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	4	5 Jordan Closet 10am
6	7 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	8 Faith & Fitness 9am Senior Bingo 10am Civitan Mtg 6pm	9 Line Dancing 10am	10 9am Faith & Fitness Thumbs Up 3:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Small Grp 10am & 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	11	12 Civitan Soup Saturday
13 Palm Sunday	14 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	15 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm Civitan Mtg 6pm	16 Line Dancing 10am	17 Maundy Thursday 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	18 Good Friday 6:30pm @ Mt. Nebo	19
20 Easter	21 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	22 Faith & Fitness 9am Lion's Club	23 Line Dancing 10am	24 9am Faith & Fitness Thumbs Up 3:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Small Grp 10am & 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	25	26
27	28 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Back to School mtg 6:30pm	29 Faith & Fitness 9am Civitan Mtg 6pm	30 Line Dancing 10am			

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Cold and Hot Cereal. Donations of toilet paper & paper towels are always appreciated.



## April Birthdays

04-Meredith Duell  
05-Jasmine Gager  
05-Carolyn Albright  
05-James Rains, Jr.  
09-Dorsey Chamblee

09-Harris W. Marley  
13-Arthur Gant, III  
14-Elisa Sumakeris  
14-Geri Bressler  
17-Teresa McNeil  
19-Katy Gant

20-Sandy Ihme  
23-C. Mike Dorsett  
24-Timothy Rains  
25-JoLynne Allen  
27-Mont Gilmore

28-Sidney Blake  
29-Joanna Sumakeris  
30-Lee Armfield

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### **Community Meal April 15th, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

Join us for our Community Meal, it's a great time of food, fellowship, and faith!

#### Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30am

