



Pastor's Reflections

March

- ‡ **Wednesday Evenings** – We are continuing to have Bible study in the sanctuary while youth and children have theirs in the lower level of the church building. Come and enjoy supper prior to the Bible studies at 5:30. If you would like to help, come lend a hand, especially regarding cleanup. Come and enjoy.
- ‡ **Every other Monday** – Reedy Creek will continue to gather at various homes for prayer. Locations will be published in the bulletin and in emails. If you would be willing to have a prayer gathering in your home, please let us know. For February we will meet the 5th and 19th. And for March we will meet on the 5th and 19th also.

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus
and shalt believe in thine heart
that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved*

Romans 10:9 (KJV)

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Reedy Creek Newsletter

It is a lie! And yet, it has been on world-wide television, on the internet and in the newspapers all over the world. Almost every commentator has and is and will be talking about it. And every preacher and Bible teacher (including me) have and are and will be talking about it too. The program, “The Lost Tomb of Christ,” has so much publicity that its airing on March 4 is bound to draw an enormous audience. Statements have been made by reporters that this will cause much confusion in the Church.

The program argues that ossuaries – small caskets that hold the bones of the deceased – have been discovered with the bones of Jesus, Mary (His mother), Mary Magdalene (said to be His wife), and one said to be the son of Jesus. There are stories that Jesus never fully died and was revived and that He married and lived on here on earth. In the passage above, speaking of Jesus openly and believing in

one's heart that He was raised from the dead is a key essential of salvation. Will this report cause some to change their belief? Perhaps. But, it won't shake the faith of those who are truly saved and grounded in what they believe. How about you? Does it change your faith? I really believe that it is essential to believe fully in the scriptures. They were penned by men, but authored by the Holy Spirit of God. *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost* **2 Peter 1:21**. If we believe that statement is true, then we believe the Bible is true. If not, then we have a problem, a great big one.

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 we read, *¹Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; ² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye*

have believed in vain. ³ *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;* ⁴ *And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:* Note that Paul's audience receives the gospel, are standing on the gospel and are saved by it. See, it says that He died (for our sins), was buried and rose again on the third day. Of course, as we read through the gospel accounts in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we can see that this capsule account is accurate. Paul continues with *Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?* **1 Corinthians 15:12** You see, there were those even then who didn't believe in the resurrection of Jesus or anyone else. So, Paul con-

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-tinued to argue the point for support of the new believers in Corinth and for you and me also. He argues that if there was no resurrection, that he and the others who were sharing the gospel had been preaching in vain and were false witnesses *and that we are of all men most miserable* (verse 19). Why is this stuff surfacing now? Many of you agree with me that we are in the last of the last days before the return of Jesus. If we can discern that fact then so can the enemy. The Bible says of him, *... the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time* **Revelation 12:12**. Because that is so, hold fast to your faith by which you are saved and have a promised resurrection too. Of that, we read in **1 Corinthians 15:23** *But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming*. That is you and

me folks, you for those who believe the gospel. In just a month we will be in the time when this (the death, burial and resurrection) took place. Decide now because it will soon be too late. Joshua told the people to decide who they would worship and concluded with *... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD* **Joshua 24:15**. That is important advice. I hope that is your decision too. As the Bible promises, we will all spend eternity somewhere and that somewhere is our decision. As a man in the Reedy Creek community said years ago, "It all depends on what you do with the man called Jesus." He chose to reject him. How sad. Be blessed. You are. Live as though that be true.

Glory to God in the highest.

Love,

Bruce

Thought for the Month

*We have not been given
and gifted for ourselves.
We have been given what
we've been given to be
used in God's service*

From Your Library Committee

In the nineteenth century, millions of readers learned the meaning of godly womanhood from a little girl named Elsie. She had a true and passionate love for her Savior, Jesus Christ. This is the theme for the Elsie Dinsmore series. We have had Vol. 1,2,and 3 , hardbound books, donated to our library. These are good for the whole family. If you are interested in the original vol. 4 thru 12, please contact Viki Johnson for more information.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday To Each of You!!

8 Edna Cyrus
14 Mary Beth Taylor
28 Alvin Ashley



Valencia Orange Cake

Ingredients

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup orange juice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oil
4 eggs

Mix up – add

Plain yellow cake mix (dry)
1 small package orange Jell-O
Orange juice, oil, and eggs.

Mix 3 minutes. Pour into greased tube pan. Bake one hour at 350°. Sprinkle with 10x sugar.

Enjoy!



Viki's Views Reflections



My Dear Church Family ,

I have been thinking of our wonderful 30th anniversary at Reedy Creek that was celebrated in September. Bruce and I love all of you and this church so much. I started thinking back to 1976 and our coming to Cary. Here are some of my memories .

I remember so well the day that we left Cherry Point Marine Air Base. It was the last day of May and Bruce had just retired from 20 years in the Marine Corps. He had served his country well but now it was time to serve the ultimate General, none other than God Himself. Bruce had felt the call into the ministry about two years before, and now it was here. I was a little nervous about starting such a change of direction from what I had known since I was an eighteen year old bride. Was I up to the task? Would I know what to do? What would God expect of me as a new minister's wife? I knew how to be a good Marine wife, but this was scary to me!

We chose the Raleigh area so that Bruce could attend Southeastern Seminary and Campbell University without moving the children any more than we already had. I looked out the window watching unfamiliar scenery go by, and I

whispered a prayer that we could stay in one place until Bruce finished school. Six whole years in one place was an absolutely unheard of thing in both of our lives.

We came to Reedy Creek as parishioners, but Bruce was asked to be the full-time pastor that September. The church was excited to have a new family to love, and we were excited to be part of their congregation. They were so kind to us, they treated us like family. They shared their food, their gardens, and their southern charm with us. Effie Marcom said "just call me Granny, everybody does". We learned to appreciate N.C. barbeque, sweet tea, and sweet potato pie. We had found a wonderful group of Christian people to share our lives with while we grew in the service of God. We had so much to learn, but everyone was very patient with us.

One funny memory just came to me. We were having a cookout at the old church, our first since arriving. I had just moved from southern California so I dressed like I had been used to. I wore a lovely long patio dress complete with a ribbon around my waist. My hair was fixed just right with lots of curls. When I got there, everyone had on jeans, overalls, and tee shirts. I stuck out like a sore

thumb to say the least! I felt like a pair of brown loafers worn with a tuxedo! Not one person laughed, although I'm sure they were tempted to. I was as green at this job as I could be!

Over the last 30 years we have shared the joy of weddings, baptisms, and the births of precious new babies. We have helped teach most of the children who have now grown up and have children of their own. We have wept at the passing of dear ones, and have helped you to lay them to rest. The hardest part has been saying goodbye to dear friends that have moved away. Goodbyes are never easy. A few have left due to disagreements. That really hurt us. When you love much, you hurt much.

One day soon, we will serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in His home, and this time it will be forever. We will be with all of our family and friends who know Jesus as their Savior, never to be parted again. No more goodbyes, ever again. I really can't wait to see what He has in store for us. It will be awesome! Praise God.

Thank you, dear ones, for 30 years with you. We love you, and with that I will say amen and amen. God bless you all

Love in Christ,

Viki Johnson

From Your Hospitality Committee

Your Hospitality Committee will be hosting a Wedding Shower and Covered Dish Lunch for Jeremy Murphy and his bride-to-be Jen McDade on Sunday, April 1. Jeremy is fresh out of college, and Jen lives with her parents, so they really need the good ol' basics such as sheets, towels, dishes, pots and pans, etc. Let's help this young Christian couple start out with some much needed items. They are registered at Belk, Target, and Linens and Things. Be sure to come and let's have a wonderful time together with this sweet couple.

Love,
Viki

Jeremy & Jennifer





Please help support missions through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

*Whenever I count my blessings...
I count you twice !*

Special Easter Services

Praise and Worship Sunrise Service, April 8, beginning at 7:00 AM. Followed by breakfast sponsored by the Hospitality Committee.

Then stay for Sunday School class, followed by the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

Be sure to come to these services and Praise the Name of Jesus. No other name compares to the Wonderful Name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.



Don't know what direction to go?

Ask God to show you. He will always direct you in the way you are to go.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

Do you feel lost? Run to Jesus. He's your refuge and He will hold you close.

The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. Psalm 37:40

March 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 7:00 PM Prayer Gathering	6	7	8	9	10 5:30 Snack Supper and Movie Night
11 12:00 PM Visitation & Out- reach Meeting	12	13 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	14	15	16	17 6:00 PM Brotherhood Dinner
18	19 7:00 PM Prayer Gathering	20 WOM 7:00 pm	21	22 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting	23	24 Church Wide Clean 9:00 AM.
25	26	27	28 Newsletter Items Due to Sandy!	29	30	1

Spring "AHEAD" on Sunday, March 11, 2007 by one hour.



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Pastor Bruce and Viki
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God Bless Those...



Who Serve Our Country!

Reedy Creek Baptist Church Weekly
Schedule:

Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Children's Church 11 am

Midweek Services: Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Adult & Youth Bible Study, Children's programs RA's, GA's, and
Mission Friends 7-8 pm
Nursery Provided For Most Services

Chatham Creek Rest Home Ministry
4th Sunday evening each month at 7 pm

Pastor Bruce Johnson 677-1920 or 467-2819

Dan Conner, Youth Minister 677-1920

Pastor Joe Jesudason 467-4435 International Community Church
~Service held Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am

Seth Klayman, Phone 388-3678. Sha'arei Shalom Messianic Service
~Held Saturday Mornings at 10:00 am

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