



## PASTOR'S KEYBOARD



John 3:16-17 - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God sent his son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that through Him the world might be saved."

April is Easter month this year and we have some awesome plans for the next few weeks. Our Annual business meeting is April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will soon install a part time Associate Pastor. Although the budget is still geared to a single time pastorate; two will be able to accomplish more in less time. This year's business meeting will be very important with budget concerns and leadership changes. We have done a lot this past year in spite of Covid.

April 10<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday and we are planning a wonderful and musical worship service. Our church has a lot of talent and this is a wonderful time of the year to praise God with these gifted offerings.

April 14<sup>th</sup> will be our Love Feast beginning at 5:30 pm. This traditional service is considered one of the ordinances of the Church of the Brethren. Everyone is encouraged to experience this moving and emotional time with Christ and our Brothers and Sisters. There will be a time of self examination and confession, washing one another's feet or hands, a time for community and sharing simple food. The closing of the service is bread and cup communion with circle prayer and dismissal. You will be moved by the Holy Spirit. You will want to be there.

Easter this year will be Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. We gather at the normal time on Sunday and greet one another with the phrase, "He is Risen!" and respond with, "He is Risen Indeed!"

As many of our Northern family return back for the summer about this time. Please keep everyone in your prayers for travel mercies.

My thought and prayers are with each of you as we continue in the love of Christ. I don't know the future we are to share with one another; but I know who holds the future and His love is forever.

Pastor Dave.

## April

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Emily Mumma            | 19. James Kidwell           |
| Faith Palmer              | 21. Rayleigh-Sue Franks (1) |
| Jeffery Bernard           | 23. Marilyn Grove           |
| 5. Keith Betz             | 29. Cindy Condran           |
| 12. David Ebaugh          | 30. Lynn Brewer             |
| Luanne Barber             |                             |
| 14. Charlotte Bozeman (4) |                             |
| 16. Esther Sue Wolfe      |                             |



## April

No Anniversaries that the church office is currently aware of.  
(Please send us your anniversary so we can include it, thanks!)  
Sebring.church.brethren@gmail.com

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>April 1</b>   | 11am-1pm Food Pantry                                    |
| <b>April 1-3</b> | Sebring Soda Fest (Church booth)                        |
| <b>April 3</b>   | 9am Women's Bible Study                                 |
|                  | 10am Worship  |
|                  | 11:30am Annual Congregational Business Meeting          |
|                  | Fellowship Meal in Blough Hall                          |
| <b>April 6</b>   | 9-noon Ladies Aid                                       |
|                  | 5:30 Church Carry-in                                    |
| <b>April 7</b>   | 9am Coffee & Conversation at Panera bread               |
|                  | 4pm Bible Study   |
| <b>April 8</b>   | 11am-1pm Food Pantry                                    |
| <b>April 9</b>   | Venture Fund Day at Camp Ithiel                         |
| <b>April 10</b>  | 9am Women's Bible Study                                 |
|                  | 10am Worship  |
|                  | Palm Sunday   |
|                  | Fellowship Meal in Blough Hall                          |
| <b>April 13</b>  | 9-noon Ladies Aid                                       |
|                  | 5:30 Church Carry-in                                    |
| <b>April 14</b>  | 4pm Bible Study   |
|                  | 5:30 Love Feast   |
| <b>April 15</b>  | 11am-1pm Food Pantry                                    |
|                  | Noon - Single Women's Fellowship                        |
| <b>April 17</b>  | 9am Women's Bible Study                                 |
|                  | 10am Worship - Easter Sunday<br>(no meal after service) |
| <b>April 18</b>  | Noon—All Care Circle Meeting                            |
|                  | 5:30 Leadership Team Meeting                            |
| <b>April 20</b>  | 9-noon Ladies Aid                                       |
|                  | 5:30 Church Carry-in                                    |
| <b>April 22</b>  | 11am-1pm Food Pantry                                    |
| <b>April 23</b>  | 11 am Birthday Party for Rayleigh-Sue                   |
| <b>April 24</b>  | 9am Women's Bible Study                                 |
|                  | 10am Worship (no meal after service)                    |
| <b>April 27</b>  | 9-noon Ladies Aid                                       |
|                  | 5:30 Church Carry-in                                    |
| <b>April 29</b>  | 11am-1pm Food Pantry                                    |

## Noteworthy Dates

**May 27-30** National Young Adult Conference

**July 10-14** Annual Conference

**July 23-28** National Youth Conference

## Happy First Birthday Rayleigh-Sue!

All are welcome to come celebrate

Please bring a dish (no dessert)

11 am at Max Long Playground

3511 Westminster Rd,

Sebring, FL 33875



# Church Servants

Deacons on Call - Bev Hann, Chair

Month of April

Bev Hann

C - 301-739-9445



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## Mourning the loss of the following people:

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## Congregational Business Meeting April 3

Our annual meeting to review reports, vote on officers and pastoral packages will occur April 3 following the service (about 11:30am ). Active Members and associate members will be eligible to vote. **If you would like to attend by Video conference arrangements MUST be made prior to April 3 by contacting the church office.**

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## Congratulations to our new Associate Pastor Craig Luckenbill!

Pastor Craig’s call was confirmed at the Congregational Business Meeting on March 27.

Below is some more information about our new Associate Pastor.

I, Craig Steven Luckenbill, was brought up in the UCC church. I was baptized as an infant. I was confirmed at the age of 12. I met my wife Jenny in high school, we were married November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1980. We have three children Joe, Steven, and Jessie. We also have 8 grandchildren: Bently, Carson, Kenley, Owen, Camrynn, Calynn, Cortlynn, and Wade.

I was rebaptized in 1993 and became a member of the Church of the Brethren. (Little Swatara Church of The Brethren) We were involved with the seekers class, went on disaster mission work, and we both held many different positions in the church. My call to ministry goes all the way back to 1996. I’ve had some dark times throughout the years. I am so thankful today that the Lord never quit on me like I did on Him. If you sit back and listen to my story today you will find out where I’ve come from and where I’m headed. For I am not what I want to be, but I thank the Lord I’m not what I used to be.

Blessings

Pastor Craig Luckenbill



## Note from Properties

Please be aware we do not currently have a custodian cleaning the building, it is done as volunteers have time, so if you make a mess please clean it up. Thank you!





## Special Prayer List 3-29-2022

To All of our Church Family,

Please give updates to **Barbara Kesselring (863) 381-8316** or email: **kessellb@embarqmail.com**

RED is new names or issues since the last Newsletter.

### Recent Church Family:

Abby—(friend of Jenny L.) with seizures

Karen—dislocated shoulder

Sylvia—Cancer & mom not doing well

Louanne Barber (Double Mastectomy; Doing well)

Michelle Brandt (Cancer Treatments)

Jim Burner (surgery & cancer treatments?)

Carolyn Colver—giving up drivers license

Karen Ferguson (knee surgery)

Cash Hann—3 year old with fractured elbow

Gary Harnage

Curtis Heitzman (Carolyn Colver's son)

Diane Hurst—in hospital

Betty Liliquist (home after stroke)

Floyd Liliquest (caretaker for Betty)

Walter Livengood (brother in law Covid)

Scott Lofton (Gail's son) (appendix surgery)

Jenny Luckenbill traveling

Teresa Skinner—prayers for Moving from Dog attack

Tom & Jane Weiss (death in family)

### JOYS:

**Children in Worship!**

**Friends & Family Visiting**

**Sylvia's sister had a baby shower**

**Food Pantry**

**Paisley 1st Place in Pagents**

**Marie Maurice—glad to be able to attend**

### Church Body

Prayer for Leadership team

Prayer for Church financial needs  
(\$2,000 needed per week)

Living Water Ministry

### Ongoing Church Family:

Joan Bohrer

Louise Bohrer

Colleen Drew (Gail Strome's daughter)

Brenda Hollar

Jonathan Hollenberg

Stephanie Hollenberg (Life Changes)

Ramona Hollinger

Paul Levey - Depressed (home)

Faye Livengood (Home; kidney stones)

Baldy & Marcel Miranda (home)

Faith Palmer

David & Terry Smalley

Kelsey Schoendorf, (cancer in remission)

Andrew Strickland (ER)

Nick Vela (Prayer for positive life changes)

Lorraine Walker (Vertigo)(Poor health)

Randy Walker (Lorraine Walker's Son) (ALS)

### Atlantic Southeast District:

Youth and Advisors going to National Youth Conference

### DECEASED\*:

Lamar Ritenour -(passed 3/19) broken neck—pray for family

Gertie Mae Schwartz (passed 3/5, Age 92) mother of Dan Schwartz—keep the Schwartz family in prayer

### Other:

Nation's Unity and the fight for Nursing Care who are being told they must vaccinate and do not want too

Prayer for Teachers, Staff & Students

Prayers for the world

Refugees in the Ukraine conflict

**\*Remember: If you would like to send a memorial to the Sebring Church of the Brethren, in the deceased person's honor, you may send it to:**

**Sebring Church of the Brethren**

(Remember to memo their name on the check)

**700 S. Pine Street**

**Sebring, FL 33870**



# Events of April

## April 9—Venture Fun(d) Day Camp Ithiel

Contact the church office if you would like to help with the food table that the Sebring Church is hosting.

Please contact the church office if you would be interested in carpooling by either giving or receiving a ride.

Money raised at Venture Fund Day will go to sponsor district youth at National Youth Conference.



## PALM SUNDAY

April 10

Join us for special music and readings during the service. There will be a fellowship meal following the service.



April 14—Love Feast  
5:30 in Blough Hall

Join us for Feet/Hand Washing, a simple meal, time of reflection and communion.



Sunday April 17 at 10am

## Care Circle Meeting

April 18 in Blough Hall.  
All are welcome!

Please contact Bev H, Barbara K, or Mary Lou K if you are interested in attending. Lunch will be served.



Dear Church Family:

April 2022

Over the last few months I have been blessed to be a part of a bible study looking at the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7). We are nearing the end and Matthew 7:12 stood out to me. “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets” (NRSV). In our study we discussed how this applies to the rest of the Sermon on the mount. We are to bless, be light to others, forgo anger, not lust after another’s spouse, keep our word, not retaliate, show love to those who don’t show love to us, pray for others, keep our eyes pure and holy, be very careful in judgement, seek and pray with a right heart. This verse has given me cause to look at all my actions. I am a sinner freely saved by grace, but I live for Jesus in this world and I am thankful for opportunities to reflect on my life and actions for ways to better serve the body of Christ.

In Christ’s love,

Tricia Ziegler-Bozeman

*The book I am studying is: With the Master on the Mount: A Ladies' Bible Study of the Sermon on the Mount by Susan J Heck*



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