



2021

## Pastor's Column

### Easter Sunday Services April 4

Early Service will be at 8:30 am outside in the Gazebo area followed by refreshments in the basement. The main service will be at 10:30 am and will be a continuation of the 8:30 am service. Come join the celebration of Easter morning which will also include the celebration of Communion. One note - a change - there will be NO Maundy Thursday service this year.

Last year at this time we were in the midst of changing how we do things in the church. We tried live video which really did not work too well, as the temperature went up outside we began drive in worship. Most of the programs were put on hold but the drive in worships went over quite well and we were able to function pretty well. Then we were able to have in person worship with a limited capacity for quite a while during the summer and early fall, but again the virus numbers rose and we were back to square one.

Now this Easter the numbers are down with the virus due to vaccinations. We pray those number will stay down. Palm Sunday we added a new part of worship which had been missing for a year - CHOIR! What a blessing to be able to robe up and process into worship. We were only six in number but mighty in spirit and with Cathy leading us on the piano it was just the spiritual uplift we needed.

Like everything in life God helps us to cope and we have done that. It has been a stressful year but we have run the race and stayed the course. We can thank our God and our Lord Jesus Christ for making sure we stayed together in spirit and truth.

Easter should have a very special meaning this year. Jesus went to the cross in order that he take the sins of the world on his shoulders and we find eternal life. What that means for us is that eternal life is there now as we live amongst the uncertainties of life. This past year has taught us not to take the world for granted but to live each day with Jesus as our guide. To learn, depend on, and to follow what He went to the cross for and that is to be a compassionate, forgiving, loving and caring person. Our world will always need disciples of Jesus Christ. We will always be needed to help make it a better world. That is what Jesus needs from us. He needs us to really care about people and how we live our lives helping people find the right path to follow with their lives.

So, this Easter season we will not dwell on the past but learn from it. We will be better people for it. We are renewed by it. The resurrection of Jesus Christ - NEW LIFE! Thanks be to God for giving us Jesus Christ. Amen!!

*Pastor Jack*



# Scriptures for the Month of *April*

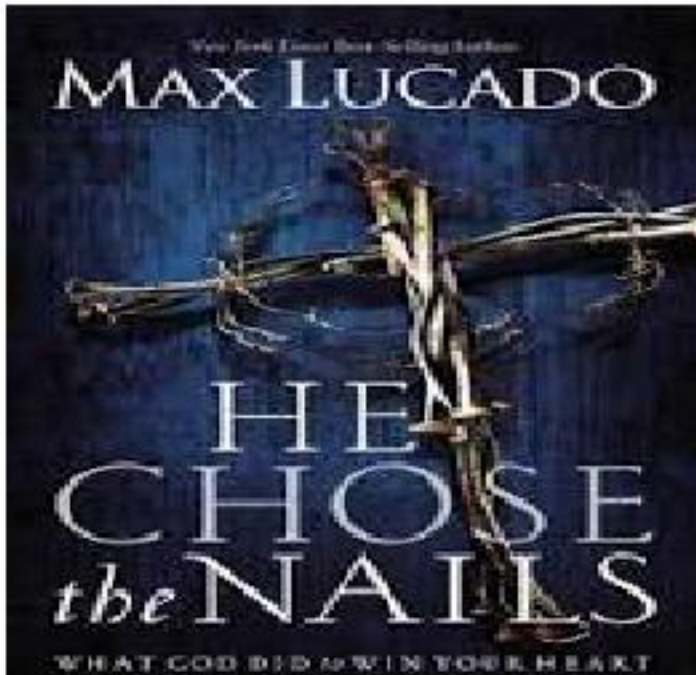
Sunday April 4: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20: 1-18

Sunday April 11: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1- 2:2; John 20: 19-31

Sunday April 18: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4:1; John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-48

Sunday April 25: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23: 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

## Bible Study



An ongoing ministry is Monday morning Bible Study at 10:30. Come join us! During this Lenten season we have been looking at Max Lucado's "He Choose the Nails". There are 5 sessions for Lent plus a sixth session if needed. We are on session 3 - "He Chose to Invite Us Into His Presence" and what I have discovered is that there is much to study as we look at our study book. So, we are going slower than the usual pace and will take us past Lent and Easter both. The session schedule will be:

March 29 - Finish session 3 & start 4

April 5 - No Bible Study (Smith's kids are here)

April 12 - Finish session 4

April 19 - Start session 5

April 26 - Finish session 5 & start 6

May 3 - Finish session 6 - series done!

After Max we will go back to "How to Read Your Bible" by Jennie Allen.

May 10 - No Bible Study (Jack and Peg on vacation)

May 17 - Session 3 & 4

May 24 - Sessions 5 & 6

May 31 - No Bible Study (Memorial Day)

We will then decide how far or long into summer we will study!



## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Prayer Breakfast is at 8:15 am Saturday, April 3 in the Welcome Center. This is a time we share what is happening in our church and find areas and people we need to pray for. It is one of the foundation stones that keeps our church going in the right direction. Prayer is an extremely important part of who we are and what we do as a church of Jesus Christ. Please plan to attend from 8:15 to 10:30 am the first Saturday of the month. You will be glad you did!

## Thrift Store

The Thrift Store will be open again this year:

April 8 1-5 pm & April 10 8 am-noon  
April 24 Area Garage Sale day  
May - Not open due to Garage Sale  
Garage Sale May 21 8 am - 5 pm  
and May 22 8 am - noon

Please let us know if you can help!  
Donations for the Thrift Store are always  
welcome!



## Spring Garage Sale May 21-22

The main information for our sale has been in the past newsletters. Please let us know if you can work at the sale. There are 4 areas that need volunteers.

Also, we are asking for donations for sale. We take donations all year but during this special time we are looking for more good items to sell! April 4-May 15 is our donation drive season. If you have anything or your neighbor has something to donate we will be glad to have them dropped off at the big garage just east of the church.

We hope for good weather and a fun time! Plus, the funds we raise go directly to pay the loan on the Welcome Center!

## Palm Sunday at Open Doors UMC

Here are a few pictures of Palm Sunday. We are happy to have a choir, to celebrate with the palms and to be OPEN DOORS UMC. In the May newsletter we will celebrate Easter in pictures as well.

What do the pictures tell? They tell the fact that we want to tell the story of Jesus and His glory. We want to keep telling the old, old story for it never fades as we joyously worship our God. Let us be truly thankful that God has been with us and will continue to guide and lead us in the future. Thanks be to God!



L.E.O.T.A.

Let's Eat Out Together Amen

L.E.O.T.A. Let's Eat Out Together Amen - started up in March. Come join for a fun time of food and fellowship!

April 24, Saturday - Little Hacienda 3375 Little Pete's Road  
May 18, Tuesday - Billy Gails 5291 Hwy 265  
June 26, Saturday - Gettin Basted 2845 W Country Blvd

All lunch times will be at 11:30 a.m. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Debbie Herman 281-460-2038 by phone or text message by noon the day before each luncheon if you will be attending. Thanks! Hope to see you there!

*Movie Night  
Wednesday*

*April 21*

*6 p.m.*

*Join us in  
fellowship!  
Movie-TBA*

## Ministry House/Gazebo

Further remodeling was done to the house this winter. The kitchen, dining room, hallway, main bath and master bath all got new laminate flooring. We are now working on putting a fiberglass roof over the entire back deck. This will help keep the sun off the deck and siding of the house.

We are redoing our website to be more informative and friendly to use. Once that is done, a letter will be sent to all United Methodist district superintendents in a five state area to share with pastors and families in their districts. We hope Ministry House will be used this summer, fall, and even into the winter of 2021. Please keep this ministry in your prayers along with our new Gazebo Ministry (once a month event at the Gazebo!).



### Gazebo Ministry

Our first event this season at the "Gazebo" will be the Early (sort of sunrise) Service on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 8:30 am. Hopefully no bad weather but it will still be chilly out at 8:30. So, dress warmly and come to the warmth of Easter fellowship as we begin our celebration of the Risen Lord! After the service there will be a fellowship time either inside or outside.

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We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.

March

May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 8:15 -10:30 am Prayer Breakfast
Easter Sunday 4 8:30 Gazebo Sunrise Service Coffee and Refreshments in Welcome Center 10:30 Worship	5 Church Hours 1-5 NO Bible Study 1:00 Women's Ministry	6	7 Office Hours 10-5	8 Office Hours 10-5 Thrift Store 1-5	9	10 Thrift Store 8-noon
11 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship	12 Church Hours 10-5 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Women's Ministry	13	14 Office Hours 10-5	15 Office Hours 10-5	16	17
18 BLUE Sunday 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship Church Council	19 Church Hours 10-5 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Women's Ministry	20	21 Office Hours 10-5 Movie Night 6:00	22 Office Hours 10-5	23	24 Thrift Store 8-noon L.E.O.T.A. 11:30 A.M. Little Hacienda 3375 Little Petas Rd, Branson
25 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship	26 Church Hours 10-5 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Women's Ministry	27	28 Office Hours 10-5	29 Office Hours 10-5	30	



# April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Pastor Jack Smith	5	6 Keith and Susie Bouchev	7	8	9 Frankie Oldani	10
11	12	13	14 Mike and Sara Herrmann	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Mike and Tina Short
25 Peg Smith	26	27	28	29	30	