

Flexing Their Muscles!

Some of you know that I have had guineas for the last five or six years. You might think it's like having chickens, but there's a big difference between the two. They're big, smart, won't let you pick them up and are strong flyers for long distances. But, they're also surprisingly sociable with me. I let them free-range during the day, but I always make sure to get them into their coop/barn at night and close them in to protect them from predators, otherwise they'd have been gone long ago.

Years ago I had to chase them through the woods from time to time, but now I usually can just call them and they come back to the house. It's been challenging, especially during the start of breeding season in March. I got them as babies, and guineas can't be "sexed" until they are full grown, so now I have too many males and not enough females. But they're getting older and I really thought they had settled down. But, this afternoon the males felt challenged took off after one of the pearl grey boys, Gabriel, and chased him around and around. They are very fast and can be fierce when it comes to the ladies. He was running for his life. When they finally stopped he had been totally scared into "exile". That was about 3 o'clock.

It's normal for guineas to stay close together in the flock. But, he just watched them from

the far side of the yard staying away from the sharp beaks and claws of his brothers. Around 5 o'clock everyone else had gone into the covered yard, but Gabriel was still terrified. I tried this, then that, but he just kept his distance. It was getting dark and starting to rain. Help me Lord, what can I do???

Suddenly the others ran into the barn out of sight and Gabriel's eyes lit up! He dashed into the enclosed covered yard and I closed the gate behind him. Safe at last! 'His eye is on both the sparrow and the guinea!' Thank You Lord!



Here's What's Coming Up:

- Sundays—Sunday School at 9:45 am. Worship Service at 11am
- Wednesdays—Youth Meetings 6:30pm
- Thursdays—Ladies Bible Study 10 am
- Saturdays—Every Other-Craft Bunch 10am
- March 1st—Men's Breakfast at Onley BC 8am
- March 9th—Daylight Savings Time Begins Leadership Team Mtg follows Worship
- March 17th—St Patrick's Day Impact Hunger Deliveries 11am-1pm
- March 20th—First Day of Spring
- March 30th—The Lord's Supper
- April 13th—Palm Sunday
- April 18th—Good Friday
- April 20th—Easter Sunday—Sunrise Service 6:45ish—Breakfast Treats Follow
- April 21st—Impact Hunger Deliveries 11am—1pm

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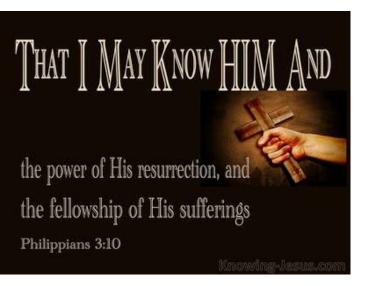


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As Winter slowly leaves us and Spring arrives, we enter a season looking at the Cross. On April 20th we will celebrate Easter. Traditionally we see Easter Eggs, Rabbits, and activities creating a feeling of joy and fun. However, I believe there is a much more significant reason to celebrate.



Christ has risen. I'm sharing with you a thought for each service that should prepare your heart for the Easter season. We invite you to join us during this Easter season.

March 2nd—Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet: I was attending a foot washing service once and it wasn't glamorous, Jesus washed at least the 12 and maybe others. We tend to evaluate a task and determine what is appropriate and what belongs to someone else. Jesus states that He is a servant to everyone. The other part of this message is that we are all sinners in need of cleansing and only the Blood of Jesus can cleanse us. (Romans 3:23 and John 1:9)

March 9th—He Announces His Betrayer: Was it Foreknowledge and Fulfillment of Prophecy? Was it Preparation of the Disciples? Was it Exposure of Judas? Or was it a Demonstration of Love and Forgiveness? A Reinforcement of the New Covenant? As Christians we are called to embrace the Love, Humility and Forgiveness that Jesus so powerfully embodied.

March 16th—I am the Way and the Truth and the Life: This was a comforting statement for the Disciples, but do we believe this? In the beginning God created the earth. In time God sent Jesus, His only Son, who died on a cross, was buried and arose to return to Heaven and He is coming back. In John 10:7-10 we read about The Shepherd and His care for His sheep, the comfort comes when we rest in our Shepherd and not the many voices around us.

March 23rd—I am the True Vine: Connection and Dependence, Spiritual Nourishment, pruning and growth, abiding in Jesus, we will be looking at Jesus and the Father working their vineyard. We will also look at the Old Testament imagery of Israel and the vine. Isaiah 2:21 and Isaiah 5:1-71.

March 30th—I will Empower You by the Holy Spirit: He is our Comforter and Counselor, Truth and Witness for every believer; John 16:13. Looking at the role of the Holy Spirit, the promises of Jesus and we will be experiencing Christ through Faith, walking in Joy and knowing, without a doubt, He is who He is.

April 6th—I will turn your Grief into Joy: John 16:23-30 looking at the role of the Holy Spirit, the promises of Jesus and we will be experiencing Christ through Faith, walking in Joy and know without a doubt He is who He is.

April 13th—Final Exhortation: "I Have Overcome the World", It's Palm Sunday and the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We want to look at John's encouragement, "Christ has Overcome the World". We want to see the implications for the Believers, experience assurance of victory. Today we begin that final path to the cross that complete His victory over Sin and Death.

In closing I want to encourage each of you to pray for our Church. Every one of us has needs, whether for health issues or encouragement in our daily walk. Also remember our Missionaries overseas and locally. Remember our local churches and their needs. God has been good to us. Let us share his blessings.

Note: March 30th is the fifth Sunday we will be having communion that Sunday.





Our Goal for 2025 is \$1,500.00



She helped start the first annual Southern Baptist Easter Offering for North American missions. In 1934, only a few years before her death

years before her death, the offering was renamed in her honor.

Sunday, April 13th

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.

Join us at 11 am

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 20th 6:45ish (TBA) Breakfast Treats Follow



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Standard Hours of Worship <u>& Meetings</u>

<u>Sunday Morning</u> Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service 11:00am

Wednesday Evening Youth Meetings 6:30pm