

In the **KNOW**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND FIRST?

- **There is a PRAYER TIME 15 minutes before the morning service in the Pastor's Study.** These prayer times help create an atmosphere of expectancy.
- **VISION Sunday next week!** Every year we commit one Sunday to recasting the vision and direction of the church around the mission God has given us. Come be challenged and inspired by where we believe God is leading us to focus our energies and resources over the next 12 months...and beyond. It is also **BABY DAY** and we will recognize all our babies & toddlers (birth through 3 years of age). We need pictures ASAP!
- **Ladies Luncheon, "The Spirit of Loveliness" May 7 @ 11:00 AM.** This annual gathering of ladies of all ages will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite a friend and bring a special guest to share in this Mother's Day tradition.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming!!** Mark your calendar for June 6-10. This year there is a new twist or two that will add to the excitement and the experience your children will encounter. More details coming very soon.
- **We will be hosting the District Conventions & Assembly again this year.** The dates are June 20-22. Help will be needed in getting the place ready for these meetings and services.
- **GET in COMMUNITY!** small group discipleship takes place on-site each Sunday at 9:45 AM. These life-sharing and learning environments are Bible based and explore topics for personal and spiritual growth each week.

Tithe Giving	\$5,476.50
Faith Promise (Missions)	306.00
Building Fund	175.00
Sunday School	81.25

**PRAYER** is a priority

**OUR WORLD**

Local, state, national and world leaders including the President, his advisors, and others in authority.  
 Those serving in the military, including chaplains.  
 Jay & Teanna Sunberg, LINKS missionaries serving in Bulgaria.  
 The Persecuted Church!  
 The people of Japan recovering from a devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster

**OUR CHURCH**

The Pastoral Staff, Leadership Team, & Sunday School Teachers  
 Outreach and discipling efforts to reach the needy and develop Christlike followers.  
 12 new families this year.  
 Dr. David Graves, G.S.; Rev. Harold Berrian, D.S.; and Zone churches and pastors. Rev. Scott Colliins and Covington Eastside  
 Nate Berrian, volunteer in Peru for 6 months.

**OUR PEOPLE**

**Health Concerns:**

Chase Morrison, Mike Gonzalez, Debbie Meadows,

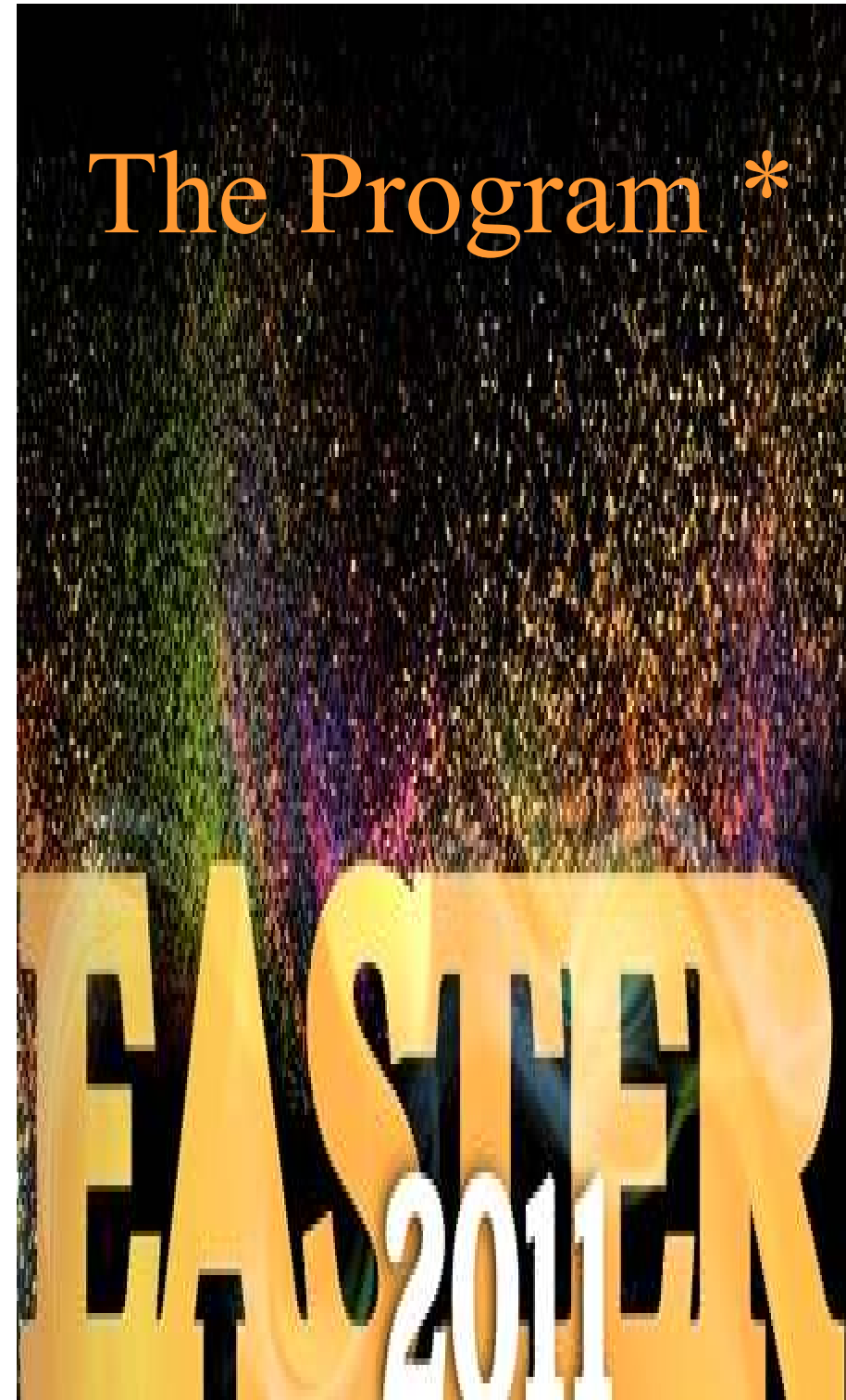
**Shut-ins:** Corrine Bullock, Rena Davidson, Virgil & Nelle Dickison, Pauline Fannin, Verna Felty, Emma Flannery, Edith Gray, Cecil Lilly, Arnold Litteral, Mary Metz, Candice Rice, Myra Speaks, Lucille Tackett

**OUR PASTORS**

- Dr. Steve Ruby—Lead Pastor**
- Brandon Gibbs—Children & Families**
- Andrea Covert—Worship Arts**
- Jerrold Covert—Youth & Families**
- Denver Prater—Visitation & Outreach**
- Paula Sergent—Discipleship & Assimilation**
- Curt Skeens—Teaching**

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# FIRST

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## Happy EASTER!!

We are really glad you came today! We know everyone is at different places in their spiritual journey and do not automatically assume you know who God is, but this is one place where we think you can come to understand Him better and get to know the real Jesus, who wants you to experience His love and life. We won't ask you to wear a nametag or make a speech, but we are so happy you are here!!

## HILLS

we die on...has nothing to do with The Song of Music or the region of the country we live in. These are the values we embrace and the things we believe are important. Keep your eye on the 7 hills we would die for over the coming weeks.

## We are kid and family friendly

Your kids will **LOVE** this...

**kids' first ministries** is designed to connect and transform the "little ones" and we think they (and you) will find it to be a BLAST!

Our children's ministry area is safe and secure, too. We care about what you care about.

**Children's EASTER Musical @ 5.** Note the adjusted time for the service. Come and be blessed!!

## grow up \*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** are a great opportunity to develop your faith while you deepen your sense of community with others who are pursuing similar goals. Currently we are studying an ancient letter written by a guy named Paul to a church that existed in the first century called Ephesus. We think you will discover more about yourself then you might imagine. Check it out each week at 7:00pm.

# Talk Notes

*"Easter HOPE"*

Luke 23.44-49, 24.1-6

*The Event*

*The Easter story starts where many of us live*

**Luke 23.44-49**

Too often we base our relationship with God on His \_\_\_\_\_ rather than His \_\_\_\_\_.

Or we base it on our \_\_\_\_\_ not on His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Day 1**

**Day 2**

**Day 3**

**Luke 24.1-6**

*Three Powerful Words:* \_\_\_\_\_ !

*Awake!*

**Because "He is Risen" there is...**

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 5.6, 8**

**Luke 24.11**

*Alternate Plans*

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*God's Plan*

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**Because "He is Risen" there is...**

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ephesians 1.18-21**

*Three words that changed history:* \_\_\_\_\_ !