

THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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**"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!"**

Luke 19:38, NIV

THE PASTOR'S PEN

In the next few weeks, we will be looking at the life and ministry of the Old Testament prophet Elijah. Elijah was a great servant of the Lord that experienced many triumphs during his ministry, but he also endured many hardships. As we take this journey together, we can apply what Elijah experienced and went through to our own lives.

In 1 Kings 17:24, a widow lady gave Elijah the greatest compliment anyone can receive. She said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth." God had sent Elijah to a place called Zarephath where He had commanded a widow lady to provide food and water for Elijah. When Elijah came to Zarephath, the LORD did provide for him along with the widow and her son (1 Kings 17:15-16). As the LORD did provide, the widow's son collapsed and died (v.17), and the widow said to Elijah, "Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son? (v. 18)."

It was then that Elijah went to the LORD in prayer, and asked Him to restore the widow's son back to life (v. 21), and the LORD raised him back to life (v.22). That takes us to the compliment the widow gave to Elijah. She called Elijah "a man of God." May people hear our words and see our actions and call us people of God. May people see Jesus in us!

The widow also said to Elijah, "the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth." May people be drawn to the truth of the Word of God by our words and actions. That begs the question, "What did Elijah do for this widow lady to see Jesus working through Elijah?" Elijah was totally dependent on God, and he let God work through him to accomplish His will. What do I need to do to be totally dependent on God, and how do I let Him work through me? Seek God through prayer and the reading of His Word and also be willing to submit to the will of God for your life.

LISTENING HEARTS

Our WMU hosted the Alverta Bolick Home in West Asheville. This is a home for six men. They came to church on Saturday, February 14th, Valentines Day, and we celebrated with them. They enjoyed snacks and playing BINGO. Everyone had a fun time.

March is the month to support Annie Armstrong. This offering helps support our North American missionaries and their families. The week of prayer is March 1st-8th. North American missionaries take the gospel to unreached communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. They depend on our prayers to open hearts and disciple new believers.

Our next WMU meeting is Saturday, March 14th at 2:00 p.m. We would love to see everyone. If you are not a member of WMU, please pray about it. We need you!

Love to all,
Sherry



I missed your birthday!

February 3rd Sharon Fauerbach
February 7th Mary Hughes

Sharon and Mary,
Please accept my apologies for missing your birthday's on the February calendar.

I Love you both!!
Christie

MUSIC CORNER

Worship Leader:

It was so good to worship after not being able to have church for a couple of weeks due to inclement weather! We are family and need to worship together. Please mark your calendars for the March 1st Bible study in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. "**Seeing Jesus**" Luke 24:13-35. It is the last one in this series, and I look forward to being with each of you. It is always hard when a study ends, it is like sending your teenager off to college. The next 45+ Class will be Friday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center for time in prayer, Bible study, wonderful food and fellowship, games, etc. We will begin a new study of the book of Daniel, so please come and join us.

In Christ,
Norma

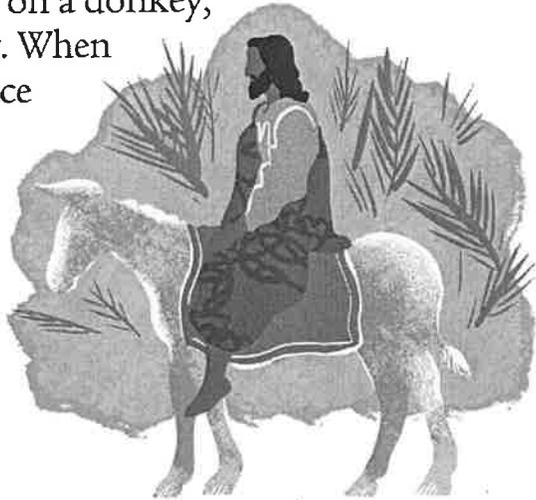
Grief Share®

A new Grief Share session will begin Tuesday, March 3rd. It will take place from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and will continue at the same time each Tuesday for 13 weeks. Make plans to join. Everyone is welcome.

Jo Ann Young and Sherry Dotson

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?



- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides

Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)



PUZZLE

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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