

## Your FIRST Missionary Journey

IN EASTER season we focus on the good news of Jesus' resurrection. It means that we who believe will also be resurrected to eternal life. But that news does no good unless it is shared. That's how it came to us too. Otherwise we would still be hopelessly lost. Thank God, somebody shared the Gospel with us, or with our parents who raised us!

Immediately after his resurrection, our Lord told his people individually and as a group to share this great message of hope. They were his parting words. "Go everywhere and tell people about me," he said. Are we?

Paul was so messed up he was hating and harassing Christians, doing the opposite of Christ's call. God will not compete for our attention but he knows how to get our attention. He got Paul's. And incredibly Paul humbled himself and followed Jesus.

**We aren't very good at guessing who is going to be interested in Christ and who won't.** Can we just leave that part to God? Our job is just to reach out and make that connection, ask that question, point them in the right direction.

Easter is coming and you have an opportunity to invite somebody. You may have chickened-out every year. Doesn't matter. Paul did a lot of "missionary journeys" and his first one was awkward. He tells us all about it in the Bible. This may be your *first* missionary journey for Jesus. He will be with you. Don't be afraid. Speak up. Watch how God meets you in the task. Don't worry. Don't rush. Pray. Speak a word for Jesus. He will bless it. He will bless you.

**"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven"** (Matthew 10:32).



### **"Bring-A-Friend" on Easter**

**Yes, people are looking for a place to worship in 2 weeks, so invite them to come along!**

**TODAY: Greeters & Ushers & Those Who Would Like to Be** ...will be meeting right after Worship with Dave Cook!

**"Potluck Casserole" Fellowship Meal**  
**Next Sunday:** right after Worship. See the bulletin board to sign-up to bring your favorite. **Team 1** will be setting-up & cleaning-up.

**Easter Outreach for the Needy, March 24 & 26:**  
Our church is partnering with other Collingswood churches to be the assembly point for 400 meals for needy families in our area.

**Thurs., March 24, 6:30PM** we will assemble the 400 meals in our Fellowship Hall.

**Sat., March 26, 10:00AM** we will gather here again to deliver 80 meals.

**New Visions Homeless Shelter:** We will be preparing and serving breakfast there, Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. See Brenda for how YOU can help.

**Youth Group:** Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the Worship Service we will enjoy a brown bag lunch together at the church building and then carpool to Blueberry Hill for a hike. See Chet or Kathy.

**Our Yearly Scripture Memorization Program:**  
Pick up your *Scripture Brochure* in the lobby. There are monthly scriptures to memorize for the entire year as well as bonus scriptures.

**Men's Breakfast Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:55-8:15 at Crowne Plaza Hotel.** A great breakfast meal and guest speaker former *Philadelphia Eagle* "**G. Cobb.**" \$20. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2349 Marlton Pike W, Cherry Hill (at Route 70 and Cuthbert Blvd).

**Help our Teens & Children by Supplying the CANDY for the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt!** Note: *we already have enough plastic eggs!* Questions? See Hoa Ly.

**Our Camp Manatawny Retreat: will be May 20-22.** This is the time when just our congregation and friends go to Camp for the weekend or a day to relax, fellowship, eat together, play soccer, baseball, board games, go on hikes, etc. Join the fun!

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Welcome & Scripture:** Josh Henderson (Psalm 145:17-21)  
**Opening Prayer:** Dan Swinehart  
**Lord's Supper:** Jess Nitla, Jeff, Bill Ceraso, Tommy Walker  
**Scripture Before Message:** Gerry Hogan (Rev. 11:15-19)  
**Announcements & Prayer:** Tony Ceraso, Jr.

**Nursery: Margaret & Nina** Next Week- Marguerite & Jaela  
**Green Cleaning Team:** March 16-19 **Hardee** Coordinates

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher  
 Church Office- (856) 854-0197

**ELDERS:**

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876  
 Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276  
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**Worship.....134**  
 Bible Class .....93  
 Wed. PM.....50  
 LIFE Group.....44

**Contribution..... \$5,035**  
 Budget Goal .....\$4,260

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

“The apostle Peter”



Psalms & Proverbs

Tony & Gerry bring the Message!