

County Churches Conduct Special Services In Preparation For Easter

Area churches are preparing for Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection with a variety of Holy Week worship opportunities that include cantatas, Maundy Thursday Communion services and the recollection of Christ's suffering.

Holden Beach Mission

The choir of Holden Beach Baptist Mission presents the cantata *It Took A Miracle*, by John Peterson, Sunday, March 24, at 7 p.m. at the mission on Holden Beach Road.

Kit Jackson will be directing the musical.

The church is located next to True Value Hardware. The Rev. Jack Hancox is pastor.

Sabbath Home

Sabbath Home Baptist Church will begin Passion Week with the musical, *Alive*.

Directed by Lou Midgett, the musical will be presented Sunday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the church, which is located on Sabbath Home Church Road near the Holden Beach Causeway.

Oceanview PFW

Oceanview Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church near Holden Beach will retrace the final week of Jesus' ministry with special services the week of March 24-31.

On Sunday, Dwarka Ramphal, interim pastor, will remember Palm

Sunday in his 6:30 p.m. message at the church, which is located on Holden Beach Road at Silver Hill.

Weekday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a different speaker each night: Monday, Richard Heil will focus on Bethany to Jerusalem; Tuesday, Harold Varnum on Jesus' last teachings; Wednesday, Ray Carlisle will discuss the plot and Christ's concern for others.

Thursday the church will re-enact the Last Supper and the washing of the disciples' feet. On Friday, the focus will be on Christ's crucifixion and death.

St. James Episcopal

Two celebrations of the Eucharist begins a full week of services at St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church in Shallotte.

On Sunday, March 24, no church school will be held.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m., followed at 10:30 a.m. by the Liturgy of the Palms. The second service will begin with a procession from the prayer and memorial garden into the church.

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 a.m. Monday through Thursday, followed by a light breakfast.

Also on Wednesday, the devotion of darkness, *Tenebre*, will be conducted with readings from Scripture with a candle ceremony in which the lights are successively extin-

guished.

On Maundy Thursday the 6 p.m. service will begin with the Sedar, the Passover meal, with the Holy Eucharist at 7:45 p.m. followed by the stripping of the altar.

On Good Friday the church will be open from noon to 3 p.m. for devotions, the Good Friday liturgy and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Holy Saturday liturgy will be at 10 a.m.

Camp Methodist

Camp Methodist Church in Shallotte plans two inspirational services in preparation for Easter.

The first is a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. March 28. A Good Friday service is planned at 7 p.m. March 29.

The church is located on Main Street in Shallotte. The Rev. George Speake is the pastor.

Bonaparte Baptist

Bonaparte Baptist Church will host an Easter cantata, *The Promised Redeemer*, to be presented Sunday, March 24, at 7 p.m. by First Baptist Church of Boiling Spring Lakes.

The church is located on Somerset Drive off N.C. 179 about two miles north of Calabash. The Rev. Hilton Willetts of Leland is pastor.

Calabash Presbyterian

The Palm Sunday service at Calabash Presbyterian Church will center around the 11 a.m. message,



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER

DESSIE LONG of Shell Point community near Shallotte has created her own Holy Week observance, a nearly life-size rendering of *The Last Supper* that is lighted after dark. The scene is located on Shell Point Road, about three miles off Holden Beach Road (N.C. 130 east).

Destiny, The Hand of God, a personal story of God's presence during the Three Mile Island crisis.

The church hold services at the Calabash VFW Hall in Traders Village. Francis M. Womack Jr. is pastor.

A Maundy Thursday Communion service is planned at 7 p.m. March 28 at the home of Edith and Horst Burkert, 44 Ridgewood Drive in Ocean Forest subdivision at Calabash.

New Britton Baptist

New Britton Baptist Church of Ash will present the Easter play, *Is*

It Is? Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Spokesman Debra Young said the public is invited to attend. The church is located on Kingtown Road.

Zion Methodist

Zion United Methodist Church at Town Creek offers a full schedule of Holy Week services, said spokesman Ralph Frazier, beginning Palm Sunday with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Lynnwood Boyette of Bethel-Lebanon Circuit in Columbus County.

The Rev. Donnie Jones and the

choir of St. John's United Methodist Church in Wilmington will be guests at the 7:30 p.m. service Monday. The Rev. George Speake, pastor of Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Wednesday's service, also at 7:30 p.m., will feature the Rev. Tim Russell of St. Paul UMC in Tabor City, and the Zion church choir.

A Communion service is planned at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday.

On Saturday, an Easter egg hunt is planned for the children, starting at 10 a.m.

HERE COMES THE EASTER BUNNY!

Egg Hunts Planned For Area Children

The Easter Bunny soon will be hopping through Brunswick County.

At least four community Easter egg hunts are scheduled over the next two weekends, and the famed rabbit is expected to stop at two of them.

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department's annual egg hunt is Saturday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the government center in Bolivia.

The hunt is open to children ages nine and under, and participants should bring their own baskets.

Spokesperson Emma McGraw said door prizes, candy, and eggs will be provided to all participants. The Easter Bunny is expected to stop by and talk with the kids.

Also as part of the spring holiday, the parks and recreation department is sponsoring an after-school arts and crafts program for kids ages 6 to 13.

The program schedule is as follows: Friday, March 22, Leland Library; Monday, March 25, West Brunswick Branch Library, Shallotte; and Wednesday, March 27, Southport Library.

The hour-long program starts at 4 p.m. each day. Kids will make bunnies and ducks and dye eggs. All materials are provided, and there is no charge.

For more information, call Mrs. McGraw at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Long Beach

The Easter Bunny is also expected to hop through Middleton Park at Long Beach Sunday, March 24, when the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department holds a puppet show and egg hunt.

An Easter puppet show, "Care-takers of Imagination," starts at 2

p.m. at the park. It is funded in part through a grassroots grant obtained by the Brunswick County Arts Council.

The egg hunt follows the puppet show and is open to children ages 10 and under. Hunt times will be staggered: age 3 and under, 2:30 p.m.; ages 4 to 6, 2:45 p.m.; and ages 7 to 10, 3 p.m.

Kids should bring their own basket. For more information, call the recreation department at 278-5518.

Calabash
Calabash Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment and Calabash VFW Post 7288 will sponsor eggs hunts next weekend for youngsters who live in the Calabash area.

The VFW post has scheduled its hunt Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the post, located on Carter Road in Calabash.

Spokesperson Mary Benes said children up to 10 years old are invited to participate.

The fire department's annual hunt is scheduled Easter Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. It's open to children of all ages.



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Bunnies Hopping To Durham

Carolina Shores Garden Club members recently made a dozen Easter bunnies to send to the Ronald McDonald House in Durham. The women used balloons and papier-mache to make the rabbits, which will be used as centerpieces for dining room tables. Pictured with three of the bunnies are Doris Brooke (left) and Gladys Doyle. Elsie South of Calabash coordinates the group of local volunteers who send crafts to Ronald McDonald Houses on a regular basis.

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