

Church News Briefs

Local Churches To Celebrate Easter Sunday With Sunrise Services

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Once you've read about the events during the Passion Week, you can't help but realize that Jesus suffered greatly to grant us a new covenant.

Following His death we were also granted a special "Comforter" in the form of the Holy Spirit. But what Jesus had to endure before He gave up the ghost and died, can bring tears to one's eyes.

The soldiers scourged Jesus, which meant they beat Him, inflicting severe suffering and pain with a whip of leather; they spit upon Him and took a reed and hit Him on the head. They also gave Jesus something bitter to drink, a drink mixed with vinegar and gall.

As an Old Testament prophet foretold, the soldiers did not break any bones in the body of Jesus. They did break the legs of the two who hung on the cross beside him. And the soldiers did pierce Jesus' side with a sword to make sure that He died before the Sabbath day arrived.

St. Matthew states that after Jesus died on the cross graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves. They then went into the holy city and appeared to many of the people.

There was also a great earthquake, the veil of the temple was torn from the top to the bottom... then the fear of God was upon many. (St. Matthew 27).

But it was too late. As prophesied Jesus was already dead and His resurrection would take place in three days.

Jesus appeared at least three other times after that third day. For example, He appeared eight days later to the 11 apostles. He also appeared later to about 500 people on a hillside in Galilee.

On the day we call Easter, it is recorded that Jesus appeared at least five times.

Now that you know what happened almost 2,000 years ago, you may want to know what is being planned in honor of Jesus' giving His life for us.

At New Emmanuel Congregational Christian Church, 3546 Beatties Ford Rd., Easter services will begin at 6 a.m. with a Sunrise Service. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. by the Men's Fellowship of the church.

The Children's Easter Program will be held at 10 a.m. The morning worship celebrating the resurrection will begin at 11 a.m. with featured soloist Sonya Lee.

Rev. Henry McDowell and the church family of New Emmanuel cordially invite the public to attend.

At Silver Mount Baptist Church, on Old Pineville Rd. in south Charlotte, the Youth Department will present "For God So Loved."

This original Easter pageant, authored by one of the members of Silver Mount, tells the ageless, inspiring and life-giving message of Easter through characterization and song.

The Youth Department and supervisor, Modupeh Walker, and the minister, Rev. William Lee Jr., cordially invite the public to attend.

This Easter pageant will be presented Good Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to come and share Easter Sunday with the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 381 Crestdale Rd. in Matthews. Rev. J. C. Robinson, pastor.

Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 a.m.; breakfast will follow. Morning worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m. The annual Easter program (sponsored by the Sunday School Department), will be held at 2 p.m.

The Baptist Training Union will begin at 5:30 p.m. and evening worship service and Bible Class will start at 6:45 p.m.

Clinton Chapel will present the Cantata, "The Glory of Easter," by John W. Peterson during the 11 a.m. worship service Easter Sunday.

The combined choirs of the church will sing praises to God. The church is located at 1901 Rozzell's Ferry Rd. and is pastored by Rev. Retoy Gaston.

Sunrise Service at Weeping Willow AME Zion Church, 306 Billingsley Rd., begins April 7 at 6 a.m. Breakfast will follow the service.



Rev. Danna Martin
.....Sponsors concert

Three churches: Weeping Willow AME Zion Church, Clement Memorial AME Zion, and Cathey Memorial AME Zion Church will participate in this special service. Rev. Monroe Culp will be the guest speaker.

Salem Baptist Church will hold a Sunrise-Baptismal Service April 7 at 6 a.m. at the church, 5318 Salem Church Rd.

Following the service, breakfast will be served.

The 11 a.m. worship service will be held at the usual hour and at 1:30 p.m. the Easter Program, including the children and adults of the church, will be presented.

Rev. Jiwright, pastor of the church, and the church family of Salem ask all to come out and have a spiritual good time.

At St. John Baptist Church, 2000 St. John Rd., Rev. Robert Leak, pastor of the church, will preach on "The Power of the Resurrection" at 11 a.m.

All churches in the Newell-Hickory Grove and Gunn areas, including Morning Glade, pastored by Rev. Graham; St. Paul Presbyterian, pastored by Rev. Bob Walton; New St. John Baptist, pastored by Rev. Robert Leak; and Logan Chapel, pastored by Rev. Larry Frye.

This annual joint Easter Service will be held at Logan Chapel AME Zion. Guest speaker will be Rev. Robert H. Leak of New St. John. The St. John Choir will render the music.

This service will be held at 6 a.m., Sunday, April 7. Breakfast will be served.

The Easter sermon at New Life Baptist Church will be "The Stone Is Rolled Away." Rev. Danna Martin, pastor of the church, will deliver this message during the 11 a.m. worship hour.

Sunrise Service will be held at 7 a.m. Breakfast will follow. Having survived the rigors of Lent, St. Timothy's Anglican Church is preparing to celebrate the Great High Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, also known as Easter.

There will be a Low Mass at 6 a.m. while at 10 a.m. the asperges, incense, choral and congregational singing and all the beauty of a Solemn High Mass will be presented.

You are invited to come and share in the joy of the resurrected Lord. St. Timothy's Anglican Catholic Church is located at 2211 Margaret Wallace Rd.

Parkwood CME Church will sponsor an Easter on Parade Fashion Show Sunday at 2 p.m. The church is located at 1021 Parkwood Ave. The public is cordially invited.

New Hampton Presbyterian Church will have Sunrise Service Easter Sunday at 6 a.m. There will be Holy Sacrament and an Easter breakfast following the service.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Isaiah Phinisee is pastor and the church is located at 211 Hampton Church Rd.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church Sunday, April 7, at 6 a.m.

Participating churches in this joint service include Greater Bethel AME Church, Rev. Levi Brown, minister; C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rev. George Goodman, pastor; Elm Street AME Zion Church, Rev. Charles Woods,



Rev. Robert Leak
.....Thanks participants

pastor; Grace AME Zion Church, Rev. Marion Jones, minister; Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church, Rev. John Jenkins, minister.

The message for the morning will be delivered by Rev. Levi Brown. Choirs from the participating churches will furnish the music.

Moore's Sanctuary is located at 4101 Morris Field Dr.; Rev. John Jenkins, pastor. The public is cordially invited to share in these services.

Adams-Metropolitan AME Church will celebrate the "Risen Christ" with an early morning Sunrise Service.

This service will begin at 6:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Odell Beasley. A great preacher, Rev. Beasley is indeed a servant of God. He is well known for his pastoring experience, love, kindness and compassion. The owner of Beasley's Funeral Home, Rev. Beasley has shown his fellow man by giving not only materialistically, but also spiritually to the community.

You are invited to come and receive your blessing from God. Rev. Mayo L. Rich is minister.

The Junior Choir of Weeping Willow AME Zion Church will hold its annual Choir Day, 2:30 p.m., April 14, at the church, 306 Billingsley Road.

Area choirs have been invited to render selections during the program. At 7 p.m. the Junior Choir will be in full concert.

The public is warmly invited to share in these services. Rev. J. W. Henderson is minister.

WOMEN'S AGLOW
The Charlotte Evening Women's Aglow Fellowship cordially invites you to attend its next fellowship meeting, Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn, 212 Woodlawn Rd.

Speaker will be the talented Melba Pasquier.

No dinner will be served and no reservations are necessary.

NEW EMMANUEL
The Senior and Junior Usher Boards of New Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ will celebrate a Combined Ushers' Anniversary April 14, 3 p.m.

All ushers are invited to come and take part in this program. The church is located at 3546 Beatties Ford Rd.

Leona S. Winchester is president; Rev. H. L. McDowell, minister.

JIMMY SWAGGART
The Jimmy Swaggart Crusade team will be at the Charlotte Coliseum for a three-day crusade April 19-21. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 19 and 20.

The final crusade service, Sunday, April 21, will be held at 3:30 p.m. All seats are free.

GREATER BETHEL
Last week we reported incorrectly that Rev. Mayo Rich was instrumental in establishing the Greater Bethel AME Church. The report should have read that Rev. Rich pastored Bethel AME Church for several years and was instrumental in adding "Greater" to the church's name and moving the church to its



Rev. Isaiah Phinisee
.....Holy Sacrament held

present location on Grandin Road. We apologize for any inconvenience.

TORRENCE GROVE
Easter Sunday at 5 p.m. the Torrence Grove Chorus will be in concert at the church, located in Newell.

This is the third annual concert of the chorus. Under the direction of Patricia Staton, the chorus will render "Home Over The Mountain," "God Is" and many other moving selections.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Come help the Torrence Grove family praise the name of God. A thank-you in advance comes from the Torrence Grove Chorus. Rev. S. B. Turner is pastor of Torrence Grove AME Zion Church.

MBG REVIVAL
The Mecklenburg General Baptist Association will sponsor a full week of Revival Crusades at the West Charlotte Senior High School Auditorium, April 14-19.

Rev. Clay Evans, a national (TV) and radio preacher, recording artist and talented singer, will lead the revival.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

TORRENCE CHAPEL
The Junior Usher Board of Torrence Chapel AME Zion Church invites you to join them in celebrating their 10th anniversary Sunday, April 21, at 4 p.m. The service will be held at the church, located on Torrence Chapel Rd. (Take Cornelius exit of I-77 North to Davidson.)

Guest speaker will be Rev. Bernard Sullivan, pastor of East Stone-wall AME Zion Church.

Rev. G. Sidney Waddell is minister.

GARR MEMORIAL
The Garr Memorial Church Women's Enrichment Seminar will be held Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at the Garr Memorial Church family life center, 7700 Wallace Road.

Dinner reservations must be in by April 7. The cost of the dinner is \$4.50.

The speaker will be Muriel Sanbo. For more information about the emphasis "Preparing the Eagles Nest" or dinner reservations, call 568-7700 (church office). The nursery will be open and free of charge.

ELM STREET AME ZION
Elm Street AME Zion will sponsor its First Annual Baby Contest. The concluding date is Sunday, April 21, with the program beginning at 3 p.m. The church is located at 125 Wadsworth Place. The public is cordially invited to come out and view the six beautiful contestants.

Rev. C. E. Woods is pastor.

ST. JOHN
The Paradise Voices' third anniversary was a spiritual success as many people packed the church to hear the glorious praises to God through song.

"I'd like to thank all the choirs and choruses who helped make the Paradise Voices' third anniversary a success," Rev. Leak, pastor of the church, stated.

The theme Sunday morning at New St. John is entitled, "The Power of the Resurrection." This sermon will be held at 11 a.m. at St. John, 2000 St. John Rd., Newell-Hickory Grove area.

UNION MISSIONARY
Rev. Leak will be the evangelist for the week at Union Missionary Baptist Church. This marks the Spring and Youth Revival Week at Union. Rev. L. D. Jeffries, minister.

Rev. Leak will begin preaching Monday night, April 8, and end April 12. Revival kicks off Sunday, April 7.

The public is cordially invited to hear this dynamic man of God preach the Word.

NEW LIFE
The New Life Baptist Church, 208 Bruns Ave., will sponsor an Outdoor Concert beginning noon Saturday, April 6, at the church.

Featured will be Rev. Danna Martin and Temple. There will also be good, hot fish sandwiches and plate dinners. Polish sausage will also be sold.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST

Beginning Monday, April 1, and ending April 12, the Annual Youth Revival at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will be held. Each evening beginning at 7 to 7:45, Rev. Robinson will teach a class.

Although these classes are designed for youth, all adults are welcome to sit-in to show their support.

Following class, prayer service will begin.

The youth of Mt. Moriah will be in charge of service.

Rev. Winford Galmon, pastor of Red Branch Baptist Church in Mint Hill, will be the guest speaker for the week. Many churches throughout the Carolinas have been invited to worship with Mt. Moriah.

The public is cordially invited to come see the youth at Mt. Moriah.

NEW EMMANUEL
On Wednesday, April 10, the series "Believers are Achievers" will continue. Dr. Onwa Chekwa, chairman of the Department of Business and Economics at Johnson C. Smith University, will be the special guest speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Henry McDowell is pastor of New Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 3546 Beatties Ford Road.

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