

# The Mustard Seed

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## **A Note from Your Pastor**

Greetings friends! I do not know about you, but I am so happy that Springtime is almost here. I just love the month of March! And why do I love the month of March? Two reasons!

Reason number one: Springtime! I just love Springtime! Seeing the flowers and the trees begin to bloom and blossom it makes me think of the following Christian hymn, "How Great Thou Art." When you and I look up and gaze at the heavens we will see the beautiful blue sky. We will see the clouds that bring the earth its rain and snow. Each snowflake is different each cloud is different with its shape and size. "How Great Thou Art."

The Bible says that mankind was made to scan the skies. And watch what happens when we scan the skies and gaze at the heavens the Bible says in Psalm 19 the heavens declare the glory of God. The heavens declaring the glory of God is not a one-time thing the heavens are declaring the glory of God continually. Every moment, every second, every hour and every day the heavens continually declare the glory of God. The heavens continually gave testimony to God as the Creator. The shooting stars we see at night declares the glory of God. The moon we see at night declares the glory of God.

I love what Adrian Rogers said he said, "We see in Genesis 1:1 that God stood upon the platform of nothing and spoke a world into existence. We see in nature that God has put Himself on display so that all can see.

Nature is God's theater show casing His glory. Each spring I am reminder how great our God is, and I stand in awe of His Glory!!

And now the second reason why I love spring: March Madness is almost here. I love watching the college basketball tournament every year on TV. There is no doubt about it that March is my favorite month for sports.

We are excited to have Pastor Mark back with us at HCC. Pastor Mark will be leading a Bible Study on the Book of James starting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a six -week Bible Study from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and we will be meeting in the Church Fellowship Hall. The textbook Pastor Mark would like for us to purchase is *Be Mature: Growing Up in Christ* by Warren W. Wiersbe. The Approx. price of the book is around 15.00 dollars.

Here is a quick overview of the book: "*Perhaps of all the books in the New Testament, James most squarely focuses on results. His pull-no-punches approach to spiritual maturity and his preference for actions over words makes his text the perfect backdrop for a study of how to grow in faith.*" There will be a sign- up sheet in the Welcome Center please sign up today if you are interested in joining us for this wonderful Bible Study.

You and your family are invited to join us for our Easter Sunday Services on April 4<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ!! We will be having two Easter Sunday Services the first one will begin at 8:30 a.m. and immediately after the service will be having breakfast in our Fellowship Hall and an egg hunt. The second service will be at our regularly time at 10:30 a.m. Please come and join us for any of these two services and for breakfast as we

celebrate with great joy in our hearts, our Savior, Jesus Christ conquered the grave!

If you have no church home, we would love for you and your family to join us on Sunday Mornings at Huntsburg Congregational Church for worship at 10:30 a.m. Your presence would truly bless us!

Blessings, RJ

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### ***Just some friendly reminders:***

Would you like to get the newsletter via email? Please send your email address to the church email address and we will work on that for the next issue. The church email address is [hcongch@windstream.net](mailto:hcongch@windstream.net). Church website is [www.faithwalk.com](http://www.faithwalk.com).

The Newsletter will now come out quarterly - January, April, July and October. Please put your articles, your committee events and reports in the "Newsletter" mailbox. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is the third Sunday of March, June, September and December. Don't forget to pass on your birthday and anniversary dates to be included in the **CELEBRATIONS** section. You can email any address changes or articles to [mlou6382@yahoo.com](mailto:mlou6382@yahoo.com). ***Please contact me if you would prefer not to be included on the mailing list for the newsletter.*** Make sure to let me know if your email address changes. Sometime I get messages that the newsletter is undeliverable so you may miss an issue.

Your Editor - Merry Lou Knuckles



## *Children's Corner*

### *By Little Miss Church Mouse*

Hello, there friends!

I hope you have been doing well. We only have a few more months left of school before we head into summer. If your family is coming to church we have Sunday School going and there are the CSB and GEMS programs as well.

I went to an egg hunt one year with my young cousins. There were hundreds of eggs hidden in plain sight for each of them run and grab before someone else did. The kids all lined up in their assigned areas and were chatting excitedly about how many eggs they would find.

Finally the bunny waved his big carrot to "go" and the kids went rushing forward grabbing eggs as they went. In a few minutes the kids were excitedly opening eggs to see what they had inside. Some kids received eggs with numbers in them and won prizes.

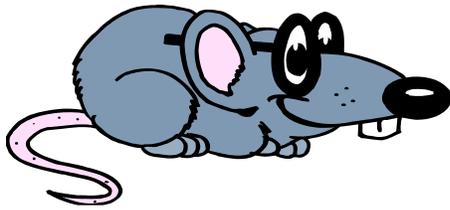
I noticed one little girl crying because her egg was empty. I overheard her grandmother tell her she should not cry because she received a special egg. The little girl looked puzzled at what her grandmother said.

How could this empty egg be special? Her grandmother told her many years ago Jesus came to the world as a baby, a gift from God to all of humanity. When he grew older he preached the gospel of God to flocks of people, telling them of the gift of salvation through the grace of God. Then one day King Herod decided Jesus was too popular and what he was preaching did not follow what the king believed so they decided to crucify him. After Jesus died on the cross he was placed in a tomb. Three days later Jesus' followers came to the tomb, it was opened and it was empty, like your egg. That empty egg like the empty tomb is a reminder that God is good and he loves us. It reminds us of Jesus'

salvation and what he has done for us. The little girl smiled and so did I.



***I can't wait to - - -  
See you in Church!***



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## **COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

### **Women's Fellowship**

President Debbie Walker 632-3000; V.P. Marilyn Holderman 636-6262; Treasurer Anne Johnson 537-4986; Secretary Colleen Lockhart 636-3052.

Women's Fellowship meets at the church in the room downstairs and follows guidelines for coronavirus. All women of the church are invited to attend our meetings which are ordinarily held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month with Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Our next meeting is April 13.

Even with the cancellation of some of our events, we have managed to keep busy!

Although the Valentine's Dinner was not held this year, we baked cupcakes and cookies and gave to everyone after worship as a Valentine's gift and Debbie and Charlotte decorated a backdrop and took photos.

Robbi from Women Helping Women spoke at our February meeting concerning their rally being held in Columbus on May 12 to support Paulette's Law House Bill and GPS ankle monitors to track domestic violence offenders. If you are interested in more information or want to attend the rally, please talk to Lynnette or call Robbi at 304-588-6583.

Women's Fellowship provided the dinner and set up the Fellowship Hall on March 7 for Pastor RJ's installation. Thank you to everyone who attended to celebrate with us.

The goal of Women's Fellowship this year was to remodel the Visser room by Easter Sunday. We are so thankful that our prayers were answered, and God sent so many individuals to help. Remodel included new carpet, new ceiling tiles, new LED lighting, updated electrical, coffee bar area, paint, wainscoting, and furniture. Thank you to all who helped support the remodel. We hope to enjoy an after worship get together soon.

An outdoor rummage and bake sale will be planned in June after the pavilion has been completed. Vendor spaces and food will be available. So please save up your gently worn clothes and collectibles and listen for more details.

Ladies, if you are not on the calling list to provide food items for the monthly Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall, please contact Colleen at 636-3052. We hope to start these again very soon.

Our next meeting is April 13 at 6:30 p.m. Ladies, please join us if you are able.

Submitted by Colleen Lockhart  
WF Secretary

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**The Bible is true, Jesus is Lord.**  
**And Christianity makes sense**

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## *Celebrations*

Take time out during the busy week to brighten someone's day by sending a card for their birthday or anniversary.

*Happy Birthday - God Bless all of you.*

**April**

8<sup>th</sup> - Emily Hollar  
11<sup>th</sup> - Rita Johnson  
23<sup>rd</sup> - John Sudyk

**May**

1<sup>st</sup> - Rich Lockhart  
4<sup>th</sup> - Kelly Phillips  
8<sup>th</sup> - Vaughn Holmes  
26<sup>th</sup> - Andrew McNany  
30<sup>th</sup> - John Smith



**June**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Carson Hoover  
15<sup>th</sup> - Kurtis Fisher  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Fran Harr  
25<sup>th</sup> - Fred Mullet  
28<sup>th</sup> - Lauren McNany  
29<sup>th</sup> - Lynnette Bramley  
30<sup>th</sup> - Rebecca Fisher

*Happy Anniversary -*

*and many more years together....*

**April**

15<sup>th</sup> - Carson and Lois Hoover

**May**

1<sup>st</sup> - John and Karen Smith

**June**

13<sup>th</sup> - Hank & Bunnie Myers