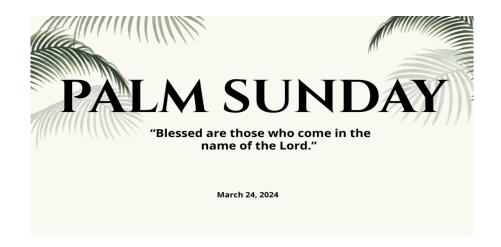
Romans 8:18-25 - The Believer's Present Groaning and Promised Glory.

- I. Contrasting Groaning & Glory Romans 8:18.
  - A. Present suffering (duration, intensity, & location) Ro 8:18a.
  - B. Promised weight of glory (duration, intensity, & location) Ro 8:18b.
  - C. **Promised glory wins; there's no comparison** (2 Co 4:15-18; 11:23-28; Ga 6:17).
- II. Creation Groans to be Glorified Romans 8:19-22.
  - A. Creation is eagerly expecting glory Ro 8:19.
  - B. Creation is enduringly enslaved to groaning Ro 8:20-22.
    - 1. Creation endures subjection waiting for flourishing 8:20a (Ge 1:31).
    - 2. Creation endures futility waiting for eternity 8:20b (Ge 3:18-19).
    - 3. Creation endures slavery waiting for freedom 8:21a.
    - 4. Creation endures corruption (decay) waiting for completion 8:21b.
    - 5. Creation endures pain waiting for pleasure 8:22.
- III. Christians Groan to be Glorified Romans 8:23-25.
  - A. The content of our expectation Ro 8:23.
    - 1. The grounds of our expectation is the Spirit's Presence 8:23a (Nu 13:23-27).
    - 2. The object of our expectation is our completed adoption: our body's redemption 8:23b (Ps 6:6; 2 Co 5:2; Phil 3:20-21).
  - B. The counting on our expectation Ro 8:24-25.
    - 1. We wait with hope: courageous, confident, expectant, reliance 8:24a.
    - 2. We wait without the advantage of sight 8:24b-25a.
    - 3. We wait with persevering eagerness 8:25b.

Conclusion. Titus 2:13. "It Will Be Worth It All".



"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be reveled to us." Romans 8:18

## **Nursery Workers Today:**

Sunday School: Cheyenne Irwin, Brandy Hill

Morning Worship: Lorna Atkins, Jodi Jones, Kelsey Mitchem

Evening Worship: Lindsey Patrick, Brandy Hill **Wednesday 3/27:** Bev Salyers, Hannah Burnett

9:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements
Choral Opening – "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Deacon Prayer and Scripture Reading - II Corinthians 11:21 - 33
Congregational Singing – "It Is Well with My Soul" #705
Congregational Singing – "See, What a Morning"
Choral Anthem – "The King is Coming"
Congregational Singing – "Like A River Glorious" #737
Congregational Singing – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #139
Children's Church – 4 yrs. through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
Testimony in Song – Lorraine Walker
Message – Pastor Young
Invitation – "I Surrender All" #596
Closing Prayer

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- Today 4:15 PM Missions Committee
- March 31 7 AM –Sunrise Service on Resurrection Sunday at Mound Hill Cemetery.

## Please be aware that there will not be an evening service on Resurrection Sunday.

- April 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:45 PM The Bible Study on "The Divine Structure of Scripture" will begin in the Fellowship Room. Please enter through the door directly from the outside parking lot. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office.
- April 19 20 -Scioto Hills Camp RENOVATE Men's Retreat with speaker Jason Lee. See sciotohills.com/renovate for more details and to register.

The family of **Esther Staufer** would like to invite the ladies of the church to her **baby shower.** It will be held on this **Friday, March 29, at 5:30 PM,** in the Fellowship Room. Esther is registered on Amazon.

**Thank you to everyone** who sent a card to help brighten the day for my mom's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. They were all beautiful and very much appreciated. Thanks for remembering those who cannot attend services due to health concerns. We do miss being with our church family. **Sherri and Marjorie Jarvis** 

**Thank you, church family,** for your support and prayers during my time of surgery and convalescence. Special thanks to pastors Aaron and Marc for service beyond the call of duty, In Christ, **Fran Harris** 

**The kitchen** committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who gave of their time and effort with Thursday's Lenten Luncheon. That includes the ones who helped to prepare the meals, those who served the meals, and our dedicated cookie bakers. Praise the Lord! We served over 150 meals.

Our collection of **lost and found** items has grown again. If you are missing an earring, gloves, your Spiderman watch or favorite sunglasses, a gift card or other item, please check the small box on the office desk.

## Blessings to Anticipate

- \* Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday; AM Romans 8:18-25; PM How We Got Our Bible Conclusion.
- \* Wednesday 27 March Marc Sarrett
- \* Sunday 31 March Resurrection Sunday; 7:00 AM Sunrise Service, Fortification Hill; AM Resurrection Sunday Service with extra choir specials.
- \* Wednesday 3 April Why We Can Pray
- \* Sunday 7 April AM Romans 8:26-27; PM Lord's Table Service.
- \* Wednesday 10 April Prayer & the Trinity.
- \* Sunday 14 April Special combined Sunday School; Service "Real Church Gets Real" Dr. Tim Jordan. 5 PM "What's Up with That Job?" Dr. Jim Tillotson; 6 PM "The Priority of Preaching for Congregational Health" (2 Timothy 4:1-5) Dr. Dave Doran.
- \* Wednesday 17 April Prayer & the Trinity.
- \* Sunday 21 April Special combined Sunday School, AM & PM services with Missionaries Tom & Gail Gritts.