

NEWSLETTER

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APRIL

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The Loyal Disciple

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

John 13:23

The Greek word agape is one of the most important words in the New Testament. It means "unconditional love"—the no-strings attached love with which God loves us. Agape's Hebrew parallel in the Old Testament, "hesed", is less familiar but no less important. It means "loyal love" and describes God's everlasting love for His people Israel (and Israel's spiritual descendants, the Church).

Loyalty is almost a lost value in today's world. Everything seems to be for sale including friendship, affection, and devotion—the things which make up loyalty. Even Jesus' disciples found themselves lacking in loyalty on the day Jesus was crucified—all the disciples except one, that is. The disciple named John seems to have had a devotion to Jesus which the others lacked prior to His resurrection. John was the only one of the original band of disciples who stood at the foot of the cross in Jesus' final hours. John was loyal to the very end. Every Christian should ask himself, "Would I have been there with John? Will I be loyal to Jesus regardless of the price?" The deeper our understanding of God's agape, the deeper the manifestation of our hesed.

Devotional material is taken from Easter Devotionals by Dr. David Jeremiah

EASTER
SCHEDULE
APRIL 5

Mark your calendars

8:00 AM Sunrise Service
9:00 AM Breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Morning Service
Easter Egg Hunt that follows for
Babies - 5th Grade
6:00 PM No Evening Service



Ladies
Tea Party
& Floral
Arranging

Saturday
April 25
12pm-3pm

\$20 payable at the
door covers the
cost of the flower
arrangement.



AFTER CHURCH ON APRIL 12TH, WE WILL TAKE THE YOUTH ON A SPECIAL STUFFED ANIMAL OUTREACH PROJECT TO TYLER. AFTERWARDS, WE'LL ENJOY A FUN TIME BOWLING AND THEN HEAD TO CICI'S PIZZA. THIS IS A UNIQUE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL BLESS YOU AND OTHERS ALSO!

EVENTS IN APRIL

- 3 Good Friday
- 4 Men's Breakfast 8 AM
- 5 Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service at 8 AM followed by breakfast, Sunday School, & Morning Worship at 10:50
- 7 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10 AM
- 9 East Texas Burger Company Youth Fundraiser 5 - 8 PM
- 9 TrailBlazers meet at Logan's Place in Mineola at 6 PM
- 10 Senior Adult Game Day 1 - 4 PM
- 12 Youth Outreach and Bowling after church
- 12 GMAs & Sunbeams 4 PM
- 19 Deacon's Meeting 5 PM
- 21 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10 AM
- 24 Senior Adults Game Day 1 - 4 PM in the fellowship hall
- 25 Ladies Tea 12 - 3 PM
- 26 GMA's and Sunbeams 4 PM
- 26 Leadership Team 5 PM, Business Meeting 7 PM

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

BUILDING UTILIZATION- APRIL 1 & 15 AT 7PM
CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

BUILDING & GROUNDS- APRIL 12 AT 4:30PM
CHAIR: PHIL STEPHENS

MISSIONS- APRIL 12 AT 5PM
CHAIR: CODY FRANCISCO

DEACONS- APRIL 19 AT 5PM
CHAIR: RANDY OSBORNE

WEEKLY STUDIES

- MON 6PM- ACTS STUDY AT THE CURRY'S HOME
- TUES 6PM- GRIEFSHARE - LAST MEETING APRIL 14
- WED 6PM- ADULTS BIBLE STUDY
- WED 7PM- CHILDRENS & YOUTH
- THURS 5PM- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

To help in caring for the needs of the congregation, we have teams available. Please feel free to reach out to our deacons, Hospitality team, and Helping Hands:

Deacon: Randy Osborne 903-497-6916

Hospitality Team: Diannea Stephens: 616-617-3864

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Helping Hands: Andy Hedlund: 806-438-8581

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Arliss Utley
- 5 Charlotte Clamon
- 6 Willis Osborne
- 7 Steve Patterson
- 14 Kathy Mayfield
- 14 Robert Seals
- 14 Grace Hurst
- 14 Addie Kennedy
- 15 Tommie Spencer
- 16 Lynn Simmons
- 17 Mike Attaway
- 18 Kristin Layman
- 18 Owen Neidholt
- 19 Cody Francisco
- 19 Olga Hudgins
- 19 Tracy Holland
- 19 Pierce Phillips
- 19 Ruby Gilbreath
- 20 Sean Arnold
- 20 Chester Wilson
- 22 Donna Myers
- 22 Shonda Sutton
- 23 Bobby Sparkman
- 24 Steve Norton
- 27 Emma Sneed
- 28 J. W. Witt
- 28 Emma Overton
- 28 Patti Sparkman
- 29 Colton Sutton

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Larry and Joy Markham
- 7 Bobby and Patti Sparkman
- 9 Joe and Kasey Schoof
- 12 Colton and Lillie Sutton
- 21 Brennen and Stephanie Margos
- 27 Mike and Gail DeLong
- 30 Colin and Shana Kovic



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