For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GoD will cause right-eousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11 (NRSV)





## **Birthdays**

Apr 2 Addy	Hall
------------	------

Apr 3 Tom Truit

Apr 5 Harley Henline

Apr 7 Breanne Hoffman

Apr 7 Jacob Rupert

Apr 9 Kingston Barber

Apr 13 Chalene Johnson

Apr 15 Collin Paul

Apr 15 Jayma Zahn

Apr 16 Asher Wisel

Apr 17 John Smith

Apr 18 Lillyan Wegmann

Apr 18 Sherry Fulbright

Apr 20 Chris Hicks

Apr 21 Dave Fields

## **Anniversaries**

Apr 12 Adam and Amanda Rogers Apr 23 Taylor and Hannah Landis Apr 30 Jason and Jillian Parsons

# **Greeters**

Apr 3 Tom and Tammy L.
Apr 10 Andy and Andrea
Apr 17 John and Anna
Apr 24 Nick and Kasey
May 1 Jim and Cynthia
May 8 Phil and Nicole
May 15 Larry and Joyce
May 22 Roger and Ellen

### Acolytes

Apr 3 Hands Apr 10 Wisels Apr 17 Amicks Apr 24 Colclessers May 1 Rices May 8 Amicks May 15 Hands May 22 Ayers

**Bible Studies** - All are invited to Parson's home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

APRIL 2022							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

#### **Events**

**Apr 3** – *Experiencing God* 9:00 am

**Apr 4** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

Apr 6 – Brofest @ 7am

**Apr 6** – *Experiencing God* 6:30 (lite meal @ 6:00)

**Apr 10** – Experiencing God 9:00 am

Apr 11 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

Apr 13 – NO Experiencing God (meet Apr 17 @ 8:00 am)

**Apr 14** – Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

**Apr 16** – Easter party for boys and girls up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade at PC from 10:00-11:30am

Apr 17 – Easter

8:00 Experiencing God (both groups) 9:00 Breakfast for Church 10:00 Worship

**Apr 18** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

**Apr 20** – Brofest @ 7am

**Apr 23** – Tenderloin Supper 4-7

Apr 25 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this! Sign-up papers for snacks are on the table in front of the mailboxes.

Children's Church is held each Sunday morning after the children's story for preschoolers and up to third grade. Thank you to Ellen Colclesser and all her helpers who make children's church a great experience for our young saints!

The Huntington County Right To Life has closed permanently as of December 1st, 2021.

Some Directory Changes (this changed again since the March Newsletter)

John Chesterman

#307904 Evan's C.I. **4A-162** 610 Hwy. 9 **West** Bennettsville, SC 29512

Thank you to everyone who donated food and money and worked and helped in every way with the Soup Supper on March 19th. The weather cooperated and it was a very good evening for soup. We served about 70 people and turned close to \$800 over to the Trustees here at Pleasant Chapel.

**Thank you** to everyone that donated food and paper products during February and March. All of this was taken to the Roanoke Food Pantry that is housed at Seminary Church in Roanoke.

**Easter party** at Pleasant Chapel will be on Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 o'clock to 11:30. Boys and girls from toddlers to 6th grade are invited. Bring a basket or box to hunt eggs.

Anyone wanting to donate boiled eggs for the April 16th party, please see Joann.

The tenderloin supper will be April 23rd from 4-7pm. We will serve in a similar manner that we did in the fall. People are welcomed, and encouraged, to come to the church fellowship hall for their meal or they will have the option for curbside pickup from the parking lot.

Stay tuned to Sunday morning announcements regarding sign-up sheets for food and time slots to work. See Matt Law with any questions regarding the tenderloin supper.



Ilo Jane Martin, 104, of Roanoke, IN, died on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 8:26 p.m., at Heritage Pointe of Huntington.

Mrs. Martin graduated from Roanoke High School in 1935 and attended Manchester College. She worked at the Maumee Variety Store and Protective Electrical Supply Company. She also worked on the family farm. She was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church, WCTU Iota Sigma, the Presbyterian Youth Club, the USO Junior Hostess, Salvation Army Auxiliary and Huntington Women's Club.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1918, in Jackson Township to George W. and Etta L. Morrow Altman. She married William G. Martin in Roanoke on

Feb. 4, 1950. He preceded her in death.

**The "Dash"** At Ilo's funeral the poem called "The Dash" by Linda Ellis was read.



In essence, the poem is about three things that are often found on tombstones. The first and third are the dates of the birth and death of the person who is buried there. And the third thing found is the "dash" that is in between those two dates.

The poet talks about the importance of the dash which represents all the time that was spent in between birth and death. The author challenges the reader to think long and hard about what it is that they are doing in this short time we have in the dash.

She encourages people to slow down and consider what is most meaningful, to be more appreciative, slow to anger and more appreciative, and how to treat others well.

It's great advice for all people - to consider the brevity of life, for that is clearly one of the poem's intentions. But for followers of Christ there is an incompleteness about the words contained in "The Dash".



For believers, there's another symbol that probably should be included on

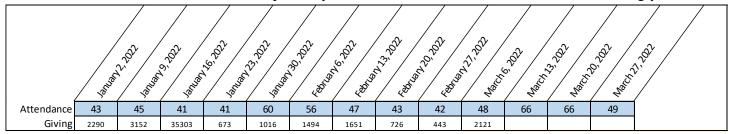
tombstones. It's the arrow (it's infinitely long which makes it difficult to put on a tombstone!) that follows one's date of death. It's an indication that the person has moved on. The death date marks not so much the end of physical death as it does the beginning of eternal life.

What happens in the dash affects the kind of eternal life one will have. And so, things done within the dash have eternal consequences. Most important, within that dash is one's receiving or rejecting the forgiveness of sins that Jesus provides by his death on the cross. Trusting one's life to Him as Lord and Savior ensures *where* that eternity will be spent.

What we do here, *in* the dash, affects *how* we will spend that eternity. Jesus said, "store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt 6:20) and "strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness." (Matt 6:33). Paul says, "let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time." (Gal 6:9)

What we do within the dash affects the quality of life that we have here and now. That's most evident. But what is also true, for followers of Christ, what we do here and now in this dash has eternal consequences. So, as we live in this dash as Kingdom seeking people, what it is we do affects not only us, but also has the potential to have eternal consequences for those around us.

May we continue, within this dash, to be most mindful of the eternal consequences of our lives and then live and love accordingly.





Golf during church

The Pastor woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So.... he told the associate pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to preach for him that day. As soon as the associate pastor left the room, the Pastor headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his church.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from heaven and exclaimed,

"You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then he hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 435 YARD HOLE IN ONE! Saint Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked,

"Why did you let him do that?"The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"