

A Word From Pastor Scott

April POWERS Bring May TOWERS

I always love this time of the year. New flowers, green leaves, green grass and newness all around. (Yeah, I know. Pollen and allergies can be brutal.) I guess I'm one of the lucky ones that doesn't have to suffer through Spring!

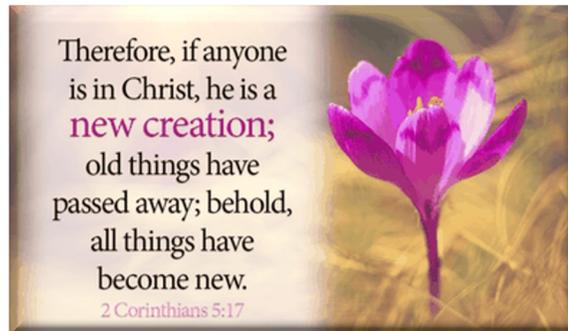
Yet, the GREATEST thing about this time of the year is walking on this side of Easter. We are reminded that Jesus did the extraordinary, most exemplary thing we could have ever imagined ...a free gift to each of us to experience what it means to be a "new creation in Christ!" (2 Corinthians 5:17) The POWER of EASTER!!! It is SO compelling to me each and every year! It is power to overcome evil, it is power to conquer the fear we have of death, it is power to enable our forgiven souls to lay down the guilt and shame we've been carrying! Easter is a POWER – FILLED time!! Do you feel it? Have you experienced it?

If you have, and I PRAY each of you HAVE, then where do we go from here? The POWER of Easter allows each of us to become a TOWER...someone who exemplifies what it means to be an "EASTER" people! You have the POWER to become a TOWER; a tower of strength, a tower of compassion, a tower of forgiveness, patience and joy, a tower for someone else that needs help, a tower...a pillar of our Church! What Easter does is free us to be far more than we were just a few weeks ago. And here's a thought...be a TOWER in worship!!

Christ did it all so we could have it all. Draw in His Power and become His Tower. Let's be like a popular company says, "Just do it!"

See you Sunday!!

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Two years ago, we introduced you to PushPay; an APP for online giving. Sadly, they have been extremely difficult to deal with and excessively expensive for us. We no longer feel it appropriate to continue with this company and want to make a simple change for the betterment of our church and it's members. Therefore, SUMC has ended its contract with PushPay, and we are excited to introduce Tithe.ly, our new giving platform. You can easily access Tithe.ly by going to the church website (www.stallingsumc.org) and clicking on the GIVE tab at the top of the page. Then scroll down and click Donate and Create your account.

The Tithe.ly giving platform comes with a \$0 monthly fee and slightly below industry standard processing fees. Tithe.ly also has a host of other add-on products that will be very beneficial to our church and comes at a cost that is a fraction of what they are worth. As stated, the new giving platform is already in place (if you still have any recurring tithes and offerings set up in PushPay, cancel them NOW or call Julie in the office and she can assist you in canceling them and getting your new Tithe.ly offering set up.) In the next several weeks we will phase in a new website, new Church app, messaging and eventually a Church Database Management System. We are confident this new company will allow us to be better stewards of your tithes and offerings, and in turn, these new resources will improve your ability and opportunities as a church family to reach your community for Christ.



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Overview continued...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Richard Graybill	05-01	Aaron Frazier	05-11	Pat Saine	05-18	Bob Matzke	05-24
Linda McKinney	05-03	Sean Ireland	05-11	Anne Peninger	05-19	Jacob Smith	05-24
Stan Carter	05-04	Madalynn Creel	05-12	Scott Ireland	05-19	Boyce Paysour	05-26
Clara Keeton	05-04	Leah Zaretsky	05-13	Billy Lewis	05-20	Kyle Bennett	05-28
Dan Moore	05-05	Chad Broadway	05-14	Jennie Burch	05-21	Evan Ferguson	05-28
Cody Lauzon	05-05	Wayne Morris	05-17	Judy Stilwell	05-21	Kristine Malarney	05-30
Wesley Edwards	05-08	Hannah Proctor	05-18	Jack James	05-24	Will Upchurch	05-31

Sunday, May 8, 2022



*Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also and he praises her.*

~Proverbs 31:28

Giving

Date	Budget/Tithe	Building Fund
Apr 03	\$11,478.60	\$ 605.00
Apr 10	\$ 3,271.62	\$ 395.00
Apr 17	\$11,543.94	\$ 145.00
Apr 24	\$ 4,134.41	\$ 825.00

***Please do not forget your church when you go out of town or on vacation.**

...For God loves a cheerful giver! ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7b

Legacy Theater...A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Friday, May 13th - Sunday, May 15th Legacy Theater proudly presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. Our own Praise Band members Jess Strzepek and Jake Forwerck head up Legacy Theater, and Stallings UMC is honored to host this event here in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a 7pm performance each night and a 2pm matinee on Saturday afternoon only. Purchase your tickets online at <http://www.eventcreate.com/e/legacymidsummer>.



Church Family Cookout

We are excited to announce a long overdue churchwide family fellowship. All of Stallings UMC and guests are invited to a Cookout on Saturday, May 21st. from 4pm to 6pm. All food will be provided by the church. Just bring yourself and a camping chair to sit in. We will be outside behind the Fellowship Hall weather permitting. Who would enjoy a little friendly competition? Bring your cornhole boards or any other outside games you think would be fun for the group. In case of rain, we will simply move things indoors.



As stated, the food is provided for by the church but we need help setting up, preparing the food and tearing down. If you are willing to help in any of these areas, contact Michelle Williams.

Rise Against Hunger

On Sunday, May 22nd we will host four other local churches as we join together to pack meals through Rise Against Hunger. The event will be in the Fellowship Hall from 4pm - 6pm. With the right amount of people we can pack 10,000 meals in this short amount of time. Rise against hunger will then ship the packaged meals all over the world to help in the battle against world hunger. Register to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DACAD2BA1FCC43-rise>.



In Loving Memory of



In Memory of Sara Clinard

◆ Ginny Bernstorf

In Memory of Jerry Farrell

◆ Ginny Bernstorf

◆ Margaret Rabon

◆ The Chancel Choir and Jubilation Hanbells

◆ Art & Barbara Stegall

◆ Anne Peninger

In Honor of Family Birthdays

◆ Ginny Bernstorf

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

—Psalm 116:15



MEMORIAL DAY

In honor and remembrance of the brave men & women who gave their lives in service to our country, SUMC Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th.