

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 25, 2021

10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Person & Online

11:15 AM Mission Team Meeting in Choir Room

Monday, April 26, 2021

5:00 PM OCC Crafting in the Youth Building

5:30 PM Finance Meeting in Choir Room

6:30 PM Cub Scouts in the Gym

7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop in the Education Building

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

9:00 AM Merry Mailers

9:30 AM MCLC Chapel

5:30 PM Daisy / Brownie / Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting in the Choir Room

7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop in the Youth Building

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

8:00 AM Facebook Live Devotional with Communion

5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary

5:30 PM Children's Choir in the Choir Room

6:00 PM Children & Youth in the Conference Room

6:00 PM Cub / Boy Scouts in the Youth Building

Thursday, April 29, 2021

5:30 PM Cadette & Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building

Saturday, May 1, 2021

9:00 AM Scouts Pinewood Derby Race in the Gym

Sunday, May 2, 2021

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Person & Online

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Ellie Page Rider
(J. Blankenship)

Gloria Mashing
(L. Schultz)

Alydia Moore
(L. Schultz)

Angie DeWitt
(L. Schultz)

Ted Hammerschmidt

Howard Thorne
Velda Day
(P. Blanton)

Mary Ann Greer
(S. Chavez)

Erik Wiley
(S. Jones)

Eddy DeWitt
(L. Schultz)

Alydia Moore
(L. Schultz)

Gervis Bailey
(K. Bailey)

John Nelson
Anna Wiggins

Judy Barbay
(L. Schultz)

Cathy Lott
(D. & V. Allen)

Charlene Blevins
(B. Vaughn)

Chad Windborne
(J. Schwarze)

Alex Baker
(C. Scott)

Ruth Wells
(B. Vaughn)

Ronnie Cuevas
(M. Bailey)

Lydia Derouen
(D. & V. Allen)

Mary Scarborough
(M. Bailey)

Douglas "Art" Howell
(T. Craig)

Kayetha Wilson
Jimmy Hooks

Neely Biggs
(M. & P. Launey)

Friends & Family of
Sheldon Glago
(J. Porter)

The Colvin Family
(A. & J. Carpenter)

Mike Harper
(C. Slover)

Kelley & Mark Allen
Shirley Kost
(L. Waughtal)

Cross Thomason
Frank Morales
(J. Bailey)

Angela Mallett
(J. Schwarze)

Friends & Family of
Allen Penton
(M. Bailey)

Connie DeConte
(A. Carpenter)

Becky Akard
(P. Blanton)

Nephew of Ron
& Linda Kern

Billy O'Neal
Ronnie Perkins
(C. White)

Andrew Palmer
(T. Craig)

Cathy Lay
(M. Brister)

Gaylynn Taylor
(M. Brister)

Hurricane Recovery Efforts, All Emergency Personnel, The Military, City of DeRidder, State of Louisiana, The United States of America, Our World, Our Enemies, Our Church, & Those Who Have Hurt Us

April 2021

Month of the
Military Child



"God is Greater Than Our Hearts"

1 John 3:16-24

April 25, 2021
4th Sunday after Easter
Sunday Worship Online & in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM



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Central to DeRidder, Centered in Christ
Our Mission is to Grow and Serve in Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"PRELUDE ON HANOVER, YE SERVANTS OF GOD"
TOM BIRCHWOOD & WILLIAM CROFT

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE
PETER SCHOLTES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
**For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
#110

WORDS AND MUSIC BY MARTIN LUTHER
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1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS
#140, v. 1

WORDS BY THOMAS O. CHISHOLM
MUSIC BY WILLIAM M. RUNYAN
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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN OF FAITH

BECAUSE HE LIVES
#364

WORDS BY GLORIA AND WILLIAM J. GAITHER
MUSIC BY WILLIAM J. GAITHER
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1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Refrain: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives. [Refrain]
3. And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 3:16-24

SERMON

"GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS"

ANTHEM

YOUR LOVE, O GOD

ARRANGED BY: FROSTENSON/KAAN, LUNDERG/YOUNG

*HYMN OF INVITATION

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
#504

WORDS AND MUSIC BY GEORGE BENNARD
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1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]
4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH
#127, v. 1

WORDS BY GLORIA AND WILLIAM J. GAITHER
MUSIC BY WILLIAM J. GAITHER
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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

POSTLUDE

I LIVE

BY: RICH COOK