



# FCC News



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## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

As we enter the month of April, we'll leave Easter Sunday behind in March. But the Easter season is just beginning.

From now until Mother's Day (May 12), we'll spend each Sunday asking the same question the disciples surely asked many times: "What now?"

Jesus was resurrected...so what? Does the resurrection of Jesus mean anything for our community, our church, our world? Does the resurrection mean anything for your life? Christians answer all of these questions with a resounding, "YES!"

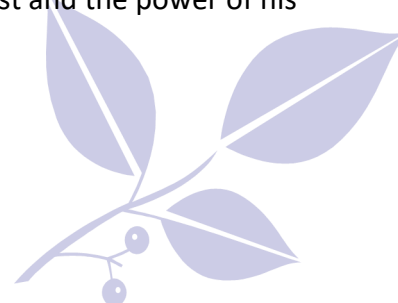
Our sermons will follow the Lectionary readings for each Sunday. Here is a preview of what's to come:

- April 7th. "That You May Believe." (John 20:19-31)
- April 14th. "This was Always the Plan." (Acts 3:1-26).
- April 21st. "Companions of Jesus." (Acts 4:5-13).
- April 28th. "Tell the Story." (Acts 8:36-40).

If you're able, I'd encourage you to look up the other Lectionary passages for each week. They always add some interesting context and draw out themes you might otherwise miss. Just search "Revised Common Lectionary" followed by the date.

May God fill you with hope in this Easter season, and may you, in the words of the apostle Paul, more deeply "know Christ and the power of his resurrection" (Philippians 3:10).

In His Service,  
 Corey





Throughout human history, solar eclipses have been seen as having great religious significance, often as omens or signs of divine warning or punishment. Major and minor religions alike have their own understandings. Our fascination with solar eclipses like the one coming up Monday, April 8th is thousands of years old. It was thought that the sudden disappearance of the Sun was one of those mysteries that only the gods could explain. Science eventually provided the answers, but for some religious believers, a solar eclipse remains an occasion of special significance.

Today, an eclipse is no longer seen as a threat or as an omen but as something to be celebrated. There is a consensus among some religious leaders that an eclipse should be witnessed with joy and happiness and blessings.

## SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

**Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!**



## CWF Announcement

Due to a scheduling problem **this month only** the CWF meeting has been moved to Monday April 15th at 5:15pm in the coffee shop.

**Donate Your  
Treasures for the  
CWF April Project**

**Saturday, April 13th 8am-3pm  
Annual Indoor Sale**

Drop off your donated items during  
the week from 9:30 to 1:00

Mini bazaar by CWF with Rachel's  
closet. Clothing, shoes, boots,  
purses and home decor accepted.

Volunteers needed.  
Sacks needed.

**Sunday Morning  
Opening Church  
Schedule**

**April 7 Pastor Corey**

**April 14 Rachel Shankles**

**April 21 Sara Davis**

**April 28 Pastor Corey**

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**April Serving Schedule**

**Worship Assistants**

**7th—Linda Priddy**

**14th—Rachel Shankles**

**21st—Linda James**

**28th—Rachel Shankles**

**Elders:**

**7th—Linda Priddy**

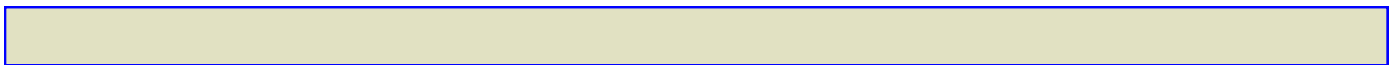
**14th—Buddy Brodrick**

**21st—Rachel Shankles**

**28th—Rachel Shankles**

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Christian Church, Hot  
Springs, Arkansas, is to  
worship God in a Christ  
-centered, spirit-led  
community; to win  
people to Christ by  
sharing the good news  
of God's love; and to  
provide opportunities  
for growth in Christian  
faith, living,  
and service.”*

**“Don't wait for extraordinary  
opportunities. Seize common occasions  
and make them great.”**



# April 2024

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 Exercise 1 pm	3	4 Bible Study 11 am	5	6  Cindy Woolery
7	8  Noel Pennington	9 Exercise 1 pm	10	11 Bible Study 11 am	12  BJ Davis	13 CWF In door Sale 8-3pm
14	15 CWF 5:15 pm	16 Exercise 1 pm	17	18 Bible Study 11 am	19	20
21	22	23 Exercise 1 pm	24	25  Bettye Nation Bible Study 11 am	26	27
28	29	30 Exercise 1 pm				