

# JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

Joy on mission...the hands and feet of God!



**NALC Disaster Relief**



**Care Basket Ministry**

## March Ministry of the Month: NALC Disaster Response

NALC Disaster Response has resources and capabilities to assist in early response and long-term recovery. We can open the gates to material resources, networking, counseling, training, and volunteers.

So far, we have collected 10 hygiene kits and several gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot and Walmart. We will continue taking donations, now through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact Pastor Paulette for more information,

### Hygiene Healthcare Kit:

- One bath towel
- One comb
- Two travel size shampoo
- One wash cloth
- One deodorant
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (in original wrapping)
- One toothbrush
- One pack of dental floss
- One tube of toothpaste (two if travel size)

\*\*Pack all items in 2-gallon zip lock bag or tote bag.

## Care Basket Ministry –

Do you know someone who needs a little encouragement? - How about someone who does not have a church home? - A new neighbor or someone goes out of their way to help others? We are launching a new ministry to connect with others and share the love of Christ. Our new care basket ministry will be a great way to meet new people, deepen existing relationships, and extend an invitation to Joy.

Scheri will be coordinating this ministry, but we need your help to bake goodies, make deliveries, and visit with people. This ministry will include our homebound members and friends of Joy, but we hope to be really creative and reach out to lots of other folks as well. If you have someone to whom you would like a basket delivered, or if you can help with this ministry in any way, please be in touch with Scheri. Together we can share some love and serve with joy in Jesus' name. To date eight baskets have already been delivered.

## We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:

*“And Jesus came and said to them,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)* This is why we exist – to:

**Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

# JOY MISSION CHURCH

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

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### ***Palm Sunday or Sunday of the Passion?***

Our forty-day Lenten journey concludes with Holy Week, which runs from Palm Sunday (3/28) through Holy Saturday (4/3). In recent years, it has become popular to replace the name "Palm Sunday" with the name "Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord." They are one in the same. The Palm Sunday designation tends to focus more on the Triumphal Entry of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem and leaves us looking toward the cross, as we wait for the rest of the story to unfold. The Sunday of the Passion designation focuses on the entire narrative of Holy Week on a single day – from Jesus' Triumphal Entry all the way through His death and burial.

While reading the entire Passion narrative in one sitting gives us the complete story all at once, it does not allow us the necessary time to reflect upon the events in succession, as they actually unfolded. For this reason, we spread the events of Holy Week throughout the entire week.

The warm welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday cools considerably by the end of worship that day. Maundy Thursday, which is named for Jesus' mandate (command) that His disciples love one another, reflects the contemplative tone of the Last Supper, when Jesus celebrated the Passover and instituted what we know as Holy Communion. Good Friday centers upon the suffering and death of Jesus,

but illudes to His rising on the third day. Holy Saturday is a day of rest and vigilance, as we await the full joy of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Through it all – the whole Passion narrative of Holy Week – the sacrificial love of Jesus is always front and center. As St. Paul writes in Romans 5:8, "But God shows His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

No greater love will the world ever know, than that of Christ Jesus on the cross. And no better news can ever be told, than that He did this for us.

Join us for worship during Holy Week as we hear the Passion narrative come to life and give thanks for the great love of Jesus, our Savior and Lord:

**Palm Sunday (3/28) 11:00 a.m.**

in person and on Facebook.

**Maundy Thursday (4/1) 7:00 p.m.**

on Facebook live from Salisbury NC

**Good Friday (4/2) 7:00 p.m.**

on Facebook live from Salisbury NC

Then worship and celebrate with us The Resurrection of Our Lord (4/4) at 11:00 a.m. in person and on Facebook.

Until then, walk humbly, serving in the grace and for the glory of Christ, Pastor Paulette



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