

## Monthly Newsletter

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM AND 11:00AM



We hear a lot about budget cuts these days in our government and whenever possible budget cuts loom, **situational awareness** is key to knowing what areas can be cut and what areas must be preserved. As we prepare for Easter I always find it amazing how an unbelieving soldier (a centurion) at the foot of the cross was aware of the situation at hand, while the religious leaders there appeared to be situationally and spiritually unaware of what had happened. In particular, I wonder what it was that his centurion saw that prompted his confession of Jesus as the "Son of God" in Mark 15:39? My guess is that this centurion probably had experience in seeing people crucified. I'm sure many people who were crucified pleaded for leniency, proclaimed their innocence, or protested in anger as they were led to the cross.

However, Jesus was a different kind of prisoner and I'm sure the centurion noticed that Jesus did not complain at all. He carries His cross without any anger and willingly allows himself to be humiliated without any protests that He was innocent. The centurion may have also heard Jesus ask His Heavenly Father to forgive those who were crucifying Him, which I would guess he had never heard anyone who was crucified say before they died.

The centurion appears to be the first person who understood who it was that was crucified, while the disciples and religious leaders did not appear to understand what Jesus was doing. What about you? What does your **spiritual situational awareness** tell you? The season of Lent is a great time for us to take an honest look at ourselves and our commitment to God. Are we living the way God wants us to live? Are we situationally aware of the opportunities God gives us to share our faith in Jesus with others? The disciples saw Jesus alive on Easter, but did not fully comprehend what had happened. I pray that our Lent and Easter worship services will help you to see and understand the necessity and benefits of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that you can tell others the good news that Jesus lives and because He lives, we too, shall live forever.

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00 PM

Maundy is a word that means "mandate" and in this service we will remember our Lord's last supper with His disciples in which He created Holy Communion for us.



### GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00 PM

This Tenebrae service will go through the steps of our Lord's suffering and death. "Tenebrae" is a Latin word that means "darkness" and during this service the lights and candles will slowly be put out as a reminder of our Lord's death.



### EASTER SUNDAY

#### HE IS RISEN

7:00am - Sunrise Worship  
(outside chapel)

7:45am - Easter Breakfast

9:00am - Contemporary Worship

9:45am - Easter Breakfast

11:00am - Traditional Worship

# FAMILY NIGHT

## SHARING GOD'S WORD



- **Youth Group:**  
Has stopped for Lenten Services. It will resume on April 30th.
- **Gathering Meeting:**  
No meeting due to Pine Straw and Yard Sale (5/3) Fundraisers.



- **Wed. Education:** Has stopped for Lenten Services. It will resume on April 30th
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery:** For babies 6M – 3-years-old.



- **During the Season of Lent, you will have Lenten Sermon Notes to complete. Worship starts at 7:00 pm**
  - Holy Week service is Thursday 17th and Friday, 18th at 7pm
- Please fill out one sermon note a month from in person worship.
- Wednesday classes resume on the 30th 6:45pm



- Starts back Wednesday, April 30th.
- **The Book Of Micah:**  
What does God require of us? If you ask 100 people that question, you'd get 100 answers. But the book of Micah makes it very clear what our job is while we're on this earth. Join Keith Garehan for this 4 week series.

# FUNDRAISERS

**Pine Straw Sale**

<b>Per Bale:</b>	<b>Saturday March 29th,</b>
<b>Pick-Up \$6.00</b>	<b>April 5th and 12th</b>
<b>Delivery \$8.00</b>	<b>8am - 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Spread \$10.00</b>	

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ENDURE

**HCLC YOUTH**

**YARD SALE**

**SAT. MAY 3**

**DROPOFF:**  
**FRI. MAY 2**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LIVING HIS LOVE



## Welcome New Members!

The following people were welcomed into membership on *Sunday, March 9:*

Cindy **Barnes**  
Alex & Liz **Cvelbar**  
Frank **Daughtrey**  
Ty & Tylar, Layla **Grunenwald**  
Joe & Lauren, Jack **Hlavach**  
Jim **Hosenfeld** & Wendy **Obrien**  
Welsey & Meredith **Jones**  
Tami, Remy, Shiloh **Kelley**  
Rob & Shelby, Cadence, Carroll **Kiebler**  
Don **Knight**  
Elizabeth **Raye**  
Clay & Liz, Olivia, Hazel **Rousey**  
Ron **Schwartzenger**  
Terry **Snook**  
John & Beth **Szalecki**  
Glenn & Caroline **Wrisley**

WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# LWML *Spring Retreat*

SAT. MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
9:30AM - 3:00 PM  
CAMP AGAPE

**CARPPOOL:** EITHER  
MEET AT CHURCH AT  
8:30 OR ARRANGE YOUR  
OWN

Please register by  
May 3rd  
<https://bit.ly/4itnlGd>



**BIBLE STUDY:**  
"UNEXPECTED" BY  
CHRISTINE CAINE

**GIFTS OF THE HEART:**  
HURRICANE HELENE  
RELIEF FOR WESTERN  
NC

# HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY "YEAR OF PRAYER 2025"



We have formed one of the most powerful and important Ministries any Church can have, the **PRAYER MINISTRY**, Holy Cross is becoming a "House of Prayer" where EVERY aspect of our Church is constantly SATURATED in Prayer. Once again together with PASTOR Bill we are declaring 2025 to be another **"YEAR of PRAYER"**

In March we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for **marriages**

Here is an idea of what You might PRAY this month!

Heavenly Father, YOU have established marriage and the family as the very foundations of society. May we love one another as YOU love us.

Help us to see that marriage, the foundation of the family, does not involve only two people, but also YOU as the one who holds our marriages together. May we all recognize that and allow YOU to be at the center of every marriage so it will be as YOU intended it to be.

Protect all marriages from the physical and spiritual evils of this world that constantly undermine the family on all sides. Bless marriages that are in a state of crisis, especially those who continue to act like everything is normal. They need YOU, Heavenly Father, to rescue them from their despair. Please grant unity, reconciliation and YOUR PEACE in their home and ours, that we may be examples to the rest of the world.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

Together we are a "PRAYER SATURATED CHURCH".

Ask GOD what role HE has designed for you and then contact John & Linda Miesch, Prayer Ministry Leaders at Church or at [Eagleprod@mindspring.com](mailto:Eagleprod@mindspring.com) OR call 919-553-3579

HELPING THE HOMELESS IN RALEIGH

HELP US, HELP OTHERS

# MATTHEW MINISTRY

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# MINISTRY EVENTS

## LIVING HIS LOVE



### “Ladies’ Bible Study”

**Saturday 4/5**  
Reese Hall  
(9:00– 11:00am)

Contact:  
Debbie Fick  
(919) 632-3643



### “Seasons of Life”

our journey through grief!

**Wednesday 4/9**

Reese Hall  
(11:00am-1:00pm)

Lunch and drinks are provided.

Contact: Debbie Fick  
drfick1014@gmail.com



### Quilting Ministry

**Thurs. 4/10 & 4/24**  
Classroom 1  
(9:00am—12:00pm)

No Experience Necessary &  
All Supplies Provided.

Contact: Dewie Francis  
(919) 302-6193



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
2nd Saturday of The Month  
Room 1

(10:00am– 12:00pm)

“She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She opens her hands to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.” (Proverbs 31:13&20)

Contact Ella McBrayer via phone or text at 919-757-7955



### Helping Hands Ministry

“Carry each other’s burdens and in this way we will be fulfilling the law of Christ!”  
(Galatians 6:2)

Are you available to provide “tangible” help to those who have needs for meals, rides, moving help, etc?

Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643 or  
Marvin Fordham (919) 219-0982



### Cancer Support Group

Meets the **2nd Monday**  
of each month

**Monday 4/14**

Reese Hall  
@ 6:30 pm

Contact: Chuck Munson Jr.  
@chuckmunsonjr@gmail.com



“I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for it will be done for you by My Father in heaven for where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them”  
(Matthew 18:19-20)

If you have any prayer requests please email them to:  
Contact: Berta Hinton @berta37@msn.com



### Men’s Breakfast

Meets the **1st Saturday** of  
each month from

**9-11 am**

in the Lobby Coffee Area

For additional information  
Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643



### “Angels from Heaven” Ministry

Will be performing on  
**Sunday, April 13th**  
At The BellaRose Nursing and Rehab  
Center in Garner  
from 2:00-3:00 pm

Contact: Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



### Mom’s In Prayer

Monday Nights @ 7:00pm

Scan the QR code  
to join the  
zoom meeting



Contact: Liz Coleman: lizy@e-colemans.com

# LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

## Please Pray For Our Holy Cross Family With Health Concerns:

<i>Sonja Coull</i>	<i>Richard Lavery</i>	<i>Eric Roeser</i>	<i>Carolyn Selby</i>	<i>Kim Ruggero</i>
<i>Jacob Boyd</i>	<i>Penny Schneider</i>	<i>Ernie Creech</i>	<i>Chris Urban</i>	<i>Dan Swan</i>
<i>Kathy Savoy</i>	<i>Ed Leigh</i>	<i>Brenda Horne</i>	<i>Duane Scheller</i>	<i>Paul Niewoehner</i>
<i>Rebecca Lavery</i>	<i>Connie Beal</i>	<i>Elisabeth Junker</i>	<i>Velvet Shank</i>	<i>Berta Hinton</i>
<i>Tom Hansen</i>	<i>John Miesch</i>	<i>Carla McMullen</i>	<i>Karla Bishop</i>	<i>Betty Lotter</i>
<i>Judy Fowler</i>	<i>Chuck Munson, Jr.</i>	<i>John H. Wood</i>	<i>Linda McLoughlin</i>	<i>Carol Matino</i>
<i>Mark Wilson</i>	<i>Dennis Reese</i>	<i>Caroline Schust</i>	<i>James Lucas</i>	
<i>Margaret Lee</i>	<i>Bill McElwain</i>	<i>David Lawrence</i>	<i>Jeanie Scroggs</i>	
<i>Connie Reid</i>	<i>Garry Bleeker</i>	<i>Joan Tucker</i>	<i>Lanny Scroggs</i>	

## Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross Receiving Cancer Care:

<b>Tonya Gordon</b> , friend of Diane Reczek	<b>Candy Robinson</b> , mother of Robin Oelrich
<b>Ralph Souter</b> , friend of Harold Winkle	<b>Colleen Gilmartin</b> , friend of George & Donna Rossetti
<b>Peggy Davis</b> , niece of Linda Beers	<b>Carla Barbour</b> , daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
<b>Judy Evans Stoudt</b> , cousin of Doug Aitken	<b>Christy Dollar</b> , Open Arms parent
<b>David Coleman</b> , brother of Paul Coleman	<b>Angela Stancil</b> , niece of Terri Pelle
<b>James Atkins</b>	<b>Fred Oelrich</b> , father of Robin Oelrich
<b>Pam Denning</b> , friend of Candice Patterson	<b>Cora Lee Cox</b> , Niece of Carrie Benner
<b>Bill Berry</b> , friend of Doug Aitken	<b>Everette Kelley</b> , child of a friend of Tara Webb
<b>Leon Goldapple</b> , father of Jennifer McNally	<b>Janet Crowe</b> , mother of Ed Crowe
<b>Nathan Fannin</b> , Margaret Lee's neighbor	<b>Cristie</b> , neighbor of Annie & Scott Dull
<b>Karen</b> , friend of Elaine Reese	<b>Tammy Cochran</b> , cousin of Annie Dull
<b>Mason Fannin</b> , friend of Margaret Lee	<b>Donna Sappington</b> , niece of Joyce Smith
<b>Derryck Sauls</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Leslee</b> , brother & his girlfriend of Cindy Barnes
<b>Jean Barbour</b> , aunt of Robert Bennett	

## Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross With Health Concerns:

<b>Lois Lintner</b> , mother of Madonna Bennett	<b>Marcia &amp; Phil Riley</b> , sister & brother-in-law of Blake Ball
<b>Sherry Whalen</b> , friend of Judy Fowler	<b>Carlos &amp; Tamy Garcia</b> , friends of Sandy Nesselrode
<b>Spenser Goldman</b> , grandson of Penny Schneider	<b>Donna Cantarella</b> , friend of Ellie Shep
<b>Sandy &amp; Bill</b> , friends of Edie Voorhees	<b>Rita Giudice</b> , friend of Penny Schneider
<b>Joseph &amp; Mary Littleton</b>	<b>Lucy Giudice</b> , friend of Penny Schneider
<b>Charlotte Bucklen and Stephen Kelley</b> , friends of the Coleman Family	<b>David Nicols</b> , nephew of Eunice Burch
<b>Shirley &amp; Brian Blatchley</b> , sister & brother-in-law of Bill McElwain	<b>William Schramm</b> , friend of Harold Winkle
<b>Steve Estes</b> , husband of Gail Estes	<b>Jim Scroggs</b> , son of Jeanie Scroggs
<b>Barbara Ekerdt-Creecy</b> , niece of Donna Steele	<b>Shawn Roeser</b> , Son of Juie & Eric Roeser
<b>Thomas Craig</b> , brother of Caroline Schust	<b>Dave Aitken</b> , brother of Doug Aitken
<b>James Norris</b> , father of Meredith Marsh	<b>Artie V.</b> , friend of John Lundoy
<b>Danny McCarthy</b> , friend of Michele Capozzi	<b>Al Barbour</b> , cousin of Robert Bennett
<b>Monica Clonts</b> , sister of Blake Ball	<b>Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider</b> , daughters of Penny Schneider
<b>Faith Hicks &amp; her daughter Grace</b> , goddaughter of the Colemans	<b>Nancy Morse</b> , friend of Ellie Shep
<b>Heather, Charlie, &amp; Joyce Pike</b> , friend of Doug Aitken	<b>Heidi Mayer</b> , friend of Doug Aitken
<b>Tod &amp; Karen</b> , parents of Sean Pritchard	<b>Margot Coleman</b> , mother-in-law to Lizy Coleman
<b>Joyce Moore</b>	<b>Kim Welch</b> , cousin of Jaime Brannon
<b>Matthew Marek</b> , cousin of Robert McNally	<b>Kris Jaeckle</b> , friend of Doug Aitken
<b>Rosie Villamil &amp; Mahtob Mahmoody</b> , friends of Elisabeth Junker	<b>Francis Larry Overby</b> , friend of John Paul Keon
<b>Linda Williams</b> , aunt of Jamie Brannon	<b>Ralph Hendrex</b> , father of Travis Bjorklund
<b>Michael Costa</b> , brother of Jennifer McNally	<b>Angie Bassette</b> , friend of Jamie Brannon
<b>Carol &amp; Larry</b> , friends of Jerry Benditz	<b>Gail Estes</b> , sister of Kathy Savoy
<b>Mary Ruth Nicols</b> , niece of Eunice Burch	<b>Amy Aldinger</b> , friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
	<b>Michael Cox</b> , friend of Denise & Andria Sears
	<b>Pierette Van Wie</b> , sister of Donna Ryder

# 2025 April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 8:00 am Pine Straw Sale 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Front Lobby) 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Classroom 1)
6 8:30 am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 LWML Board Meeting	7 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	8	9 11:00 am Seasons Of Life 5:45 pm Family Night 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm Praise Team	10 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	11	12 8:00 am Pine Straw Sale 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
13 PALM SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	14 4:30 pm Council Mtg. 6:00 pm Elders Mtg. 6:30 pm Cancer Support 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	15	16 10:00 am Ruth Circle 7:30 pm Praise Team	17 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 am Sunrise Worship 7:45 am Breakfast 9:00 am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Breakfast 11:00 am Trad. Worship	21 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	22	23 7:30 pm Praise Team	24 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	25	26
27 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	28 10:00 am Mite Counting 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	29 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	30 5:45 pm Family Night 7:45 pm Praise Team			

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# VITAL STATS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
2/2	310 (162 & 148)	\$ 14,534
2/9	289 (160 & 129)	\$ 9,438
2/16	261 (159 & 102)	\$ 9,843
2/23	311 (163 & 148)	\$ 8,814
Direct Deposit Offerings (Feb.)		\$ 13,769
<b>Total Envelope/Plate Giving:</b>		<b>\$ 56,398</b>

Total offerings received thru 2/28/25:	\$101,748
Total projected offerings thru 2/28/25:	\$ 95,408

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:	\$ 425
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 230
Backpack Buddies	\$ 135
Youth	\$ 40
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,000

2025 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 500
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