

The Sugar Beat

SUGAR GROVE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

Easter, the physical expression of God's love for you. For God so loved the world that He gave. How magnificent! How costly! The Grace God shed upon you on that day is truly amazing. The Holy God gives himself to be a sacrifice for a scum-bag (sinner) like YOU. Too strong a language?

Get over it. You are not that special, not in the view of the world. But here is where it gets very interesting. In God's eyes, you are very special. The God who spoke into being all that is seen and more importantly the unseen, knew you before you were born. Think about it, the billions of people that have lived and are living, He knows you personally. Imagine that, a person who knows your deepest, darkest secrets, you know the ones nobody and I mean nobody knows about, and yet God really loves you and cares for you. Amazing Grace!

God is Holy and you are a sinner. Nothing can change that. No matter how hard you try, on this side of the grave, you will sin until the day you die. So how can you, a sinner, know a Holy God personally? How do we enter into His presence when our works are like dirty rags? No matter how hard we try to be Holy we cannot clear our consciences

or undo the things we have done. No, becoming Holy is humanly impossible. But with God, all things are possible. It is the Holy and only the Holy that can make the unholy Holy.

So it is God that initiates your relationship with Him. But you must be willing to participate in this relationship for it takes two to form a relationship. God does not lord Himself over you but stands next to you and waits for you to make Him Lord of your life.

Think about it. God is willing to be your friend, to look upon you as Holy, if you will only accept Him. Shouldn't it be the other way around, a beggar wanting to be the friend of a rich person? But you see, with God, everything is turned upside down and inside out.

This Easter, may you know this wonderful gift God has given to you, His Son. Not just the story of the Gift, but the Gift itself, God Himself. He has done all He can for you to be His friend. Don't let this Easter pass you by without accepting Him. He is love, the ultimate gift that has been given. Receive Him openly and fully and you will be a gift to others, as He intended you to be from the beginning of time.

Bro. Gary

Easter Egg Hunt

The youth are sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt this year. They request your participation in this ministry.

Now to March 29th—Individually wrapped candy needed

April 5th— Candy will be placed in the eggs (eggs are already on hand).

April 11th Morning—Hide the eggs

April 11th—Easter Egg Hunt begins!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In an effort to decrease budget expenses, the session would like to determine if there would be enough members who would volunteer their time and energy to maintain the church yard this coming summer. This would include mowing the church lawn on a weekly basis, weed eating, leaf raking, etc. See B J Crider for additional information, or sign up for week or weeks you could donate your services.

Web Site enhancement

Get Email Reminders

If you are viewing the full-page calendar on our site and you click on an event to see its details, you will see an option to sign up for an email reminder. Every night at around midnight emails will be sent out to remind you of an event's occurrence that day. The full-page calendar can be viewed by clicking on the full-page icon at the bottom of the sidebar calendar.

Time Management Class

Don't have enough time? Want more? Attend this class and you will have the same amount of time as before. But, maybe you will be able to manage it better. The class will meet during Sunday school for 3 weeks. The first class will be April 19th, in Bro. Gary's office.

Membership Class

Have you thought about joining SGCP but wanted to know more about it. This class is for you!

Sunday April 5th, 4 pm. Let Bro. Gary know if you are interested.

Scholarship Fund

For several years the Sugar Grove session has been thinking about starting a scholarship fund for our high school graduates and those who are already attending college, vocational or technical schools, or a four year university. There are several churched in the area that do this already.

Most generally a fund is set up when a member of the church passes away and leaves money in a Perpetual fund. The money from the interest is split up between the applicants. Since that has not happened, we intend to start with a small amount and add to it as needed or people can ask that at a funeral, instead of flowers to leave money for a memorial to the fund.

By doing this it assures the students that leave Sugar Grove that we still support them. Bro. Gary has looked at other CP churches and the denomination to check with the guidelines.

David A. Travis, Elder

Men's Fellowship - Thursday, April 2nd

Speaker will be Joe Myers, sharing about the duties of the County Coroner.

Menu: Spaghetti and great desserts

Ministry Teams

Ministry teams need to have their reports to the session so we may celebrate your ministries.

Want to get to know one another?

Then you will want to spend time with one another during the Fellowship Time at 10:40 am on Sunday mornings. Yes there is food, but the real reason is to give everyone an opportunity to fellowship with one another. Jesus was always fellowshiping with others, getting to know them so he could minister to them. Come to the Fellowship Hall to minister to one another in His Name.

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Rev Dean Atchison	Eddie Rudolph
Edwina Belt	Nancy Robertson
Gladys Brown	
Caitlyn Chandler	
Nicole Katherine Clements	Micheal Travis
Mason Crider	David Travis
Stan Crocket	Becky McKinzie
Marcia Davidson	
Robert (Hunky) DeBoe	Valerie Roberson's dad
Peggy Easley	Johnnie Travis' sister
Josh & Jill Folgles's baby	Michelle Orr
Harold Fritts	
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Trish Gage	BJ Crider's Daughter
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Donnie Hunt	Everlasting Youth
Willie Mae Jenkins	Johnnie Travis' sister
Chandra Ladd	Devin Brewer
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMMain	
Michael Pierce	David Fritts
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
Casey Winstead	Chad Perryman's sister
Middle School Students	Layla Rizzo

Members of the Military

Mark Boaz	Kevin Householder	Joey Shirey
Cody Brandon	Scott Hurley	Jonathon Taylor
Ervin Davis	Josh Jackson	Rodney Travis
Brandon Carlson	David Jones	John Venable
Valerie Edwards	Skyler Powell	John Watson
Justin Hodge	Rev. Curtis Pruitt	Troy Woody
Keith Finney		

Others

United States of America, President Obama and all elected officials,
Session, Sunday School Teachers, Bro. Gary

Thank You Notes

May Kindness return to you in the same beautiful way that it was given. Thank you all for your prayers. May God's riches bless you! Bro. Gary and David Travis and all who visited or prayed for us. We love you!

Thank you so much, The Gass Family

Thank You. It's hard to find words that would even begin to thank you enough for how thoughtful you've been . . .

Thank you so much for the money to help with our trip to Louisville. We appreciated it very much. It was very thoughtful and won't be forgotten.

Love, Mark, Crissy, Emma, Bella & Bradyn

Saturday Night Live

Will be April 25th, beginning at 5 pm. If you would like to share your talent, skit, etc. please let Bro. Gary know. Come on out and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Special Worship Service Opportunities—Holy Week

Maundy Thursday— April 9th, 7PM, SGCP

Jesus institutes the "Lord's Supper" and gives a "New Commandment"

Good Friday—April 10th, Noon, General Baptist Church, West Bellville Street (Bro. Gary will be the speaker)

The day Jesus was Crucified

Easter Sunday—April 12th, Sunrise Service, 6:15 AM.

The day Jesus arose!