



# The Vision

Louisa FBC Newsletter



April 2026

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. - Lamentations 3:23

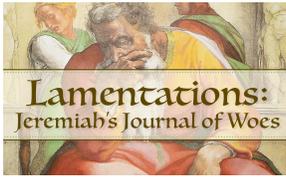
## From Pastor Chuck's Desk



Great is His Faithfulness!  
"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,

*Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. I say, 'The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him.'"*

Lamentations 3:22-23



The book of Lamentations was originally called "Alas," which is an expression of grief, pity, or concern. Similar words would be regrettably, sadly, unhappily, woefully, and probably where the name of the book came from, lamentably. The book of Lamentations comes after Jeremiah, when Jerusalem is conquered and most of the people are taken to Babylon.

Lamentations 1:1 *"How lonely sits the city That was full of people! How like a widow is she, who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces Has become a slave!"* You can hear the gloom, despair, and agony. It can remind us of the book of Job, with its depressing tone. However, the huge difference is that Job is about innocent suffering, while

Lamentations is about the high cost of our sin. This is a reminder to us that Jesus Christ is the only true innocent one who suffered and died for our sins. Isaiah 53:5 *"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."*

The book of Lamentations lets us know that in the middle of the most difficult of times there is still hope! Where does Jeremiah get his comfort? His perspective is that it could have been worse, that he could have been consumed had the Lord's compassions failed. His comfort comes from knowing that God's compassion, mercy, and love endure forever and they are new every morning.

Each morning gives me and you hope in fresh mercies, compassion and love from the Lord. In the wilderness, the Lord provided manna each morning, and the people could go out and pick up as much food as they needed for that day. The Lord says why in Exodus 16:4. *"Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain*



*quota every day, so that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not."*

Would the people trust the Lord to bring the blessings of manna from heaven every morning? We know the answer to that. They struggled trusting the Lord.

We find ourselves in the same situation, taking the blessings of God for granted. Even though He had compassion on us yesterday and He has mercy on us today, sometimes we still worry whether He will love us tomorrow. Romans 8:37-39 *"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

God's love has not run out; it is new every morning. How great is His Faithfulness! The Lord is all we need and all our Hope is in Him!

**Christ Is Risen!**



*Pastor Chuck Price*

# Treasurer's Note

by Debbie Ward



As of 3/24/2026

YTD Gen Fund Giving: \$110,342  
YTD Gen Fund Budget: \$111,476  
Annual Budget: \$445,906

Meet your new Treasurer, Marti Moore (606)369-5931. She is taking over as Treasurer beginning April 1, 2026. She will be responsible for Accounts Payable as well as other Treasurer's duties. (balancing accounts, paying taxes, filing forms, etc.) The Deacons are counting the offering; Allison Arbaugh (606) 483-1270 is in our Purchasing Agent. I will continue doing Accounts Receivable (recording tithes & offerings and getting the deposit ready through the end of September), Shila Pack takes the deposit to the bank. Jim See & Pastor Chuck will be compiling the budget.



It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as Treasurer for the past 18 1/2 years but it is time for a changing of the guard. I am confident that Marti and the rest of the people involved will continue to serve the church with the utmost of integrity. Hopefully spreading the duties to multiple individuals will not wear them out or be too much of a burden for any one individual.- Debbie Ward

Philippians 1:3-5 "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

# Tim Time



Ephesians says, "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

These verses come at the end of Paul's instruction to put on the Armor of God. Each day, as we journey through this world, we are called to "armor up." One of the reasons for doing this is to be prepared to share the good news of Jesus Christ and His work on the cross on our behalf.



April is one of my favorite months: Easter, birthdays, warmer weather, green grass... so much good. As we move into this new month, please be in prayer for our student ministry leaders and students. Along with all the good that April brings, it also marks a season of preparing for summer church activities, including our mission week.

We've been focusing—just like our entire church family—on having gospel conversations. We ask you to join us in praying that we would boldly and courageously share the gospel whenever and wherever we have the opportunity. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6 that this is what we ought to do—all of us.

Pray for one another... and share.

In Christ's Care, Tim Ellis

## NEWSLETTER TO SOON GO FULLY DIGITAL

Hey newsletter readers! For as long as I can remember, a very large number of copies of the newsletter have been printed, folded, and mailed every single month. In order to more efficiently steward funds and time, this will most likely be the final month for mass-mailing of the newsletter. It will continue to be widely available in digital form on the church facebook page and any other way we can get it out there. We will compile a list of people who want it delivered by email. Watch for an announcement on how to sign up for the email list. There will also be a few paper copies available in the foyer to pick up. This change will also allow us to expand the content provided. I want to thank everyone who has always been so generous with their time to work behind the scenes in the mass mailing process.

See you next month, like always! Andrew Dedony

No Mission Friends or Children in Action on Sunday, April 5th



Sunday, April 12th, 2026

HIGH NOON (12pm)

Meal consists of: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert

Donations will go toward the upcoming mission trip to Romania and are so greatly appreciated! Please come out and support this Mission!

Sunday Greeters

- 4/5 - Wendell Feltner Family
- 4/12 - Caleb Copley Family
- 4/19 - Paul Day Family
- 4/26 - Ed Dixon Family





**"The angel answered and said to the women, ".....I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said." Matthew 28:5-6**



**"HE HAS RISEN".....**

And out He marched, the cadaver turned king, with the mask of death in one hand and the keys of heaven in the other. He has risen!

Not risen from sleep. Not risen from confusion. Not spiritually raised from the dead; physically raised.

The bodily resurrection means everything. If Jesus lives on only in spirit and deeds, he is but one of a thousand dead heroes. But if he lives on in flesh and bone, he is the King who pressed his heel against the head of death. What he did with his own grave he promises to do with yours: empty it.

Max Lucado - God's Story, Your Story

**WOMEN ON MISSION**

Regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. The main focus of our meeting was on the

missionaries featured for our Week of Prayer for North American Missions and our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our goal is \$2,600 and we pray that we may reach and exceed this amount. If you have not given, there is still time. Plans were finalized for the upcoming International Student Brunch on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BRUNCH**

Approximately 35 attended the International Student Brunch held on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am to honor the five (5) International Foreign Exchange Students and their host families attending Lawrence Co. High School; three from Germany, one from Italy and one from Spain. Unfortunately, Lina Urban from Germany could not attend due to having the flu.

The delicious brunch was prepared by the Rebel Barn. A game was played quizzing the group on naming the 49 countries of Europe. (Kim Cecil and Tonya Thompson were the winners with 36).

Luisa Straeten (Germany), Lara-Mae Ben Aoun (Germany), Paula Corominas (Spain) and Isabella Carra (Italy) each had the opportunity to locate on the map where they are from

and share with us their culture, schooling, hobbies and interests, etc. All of them had wonderful personalities and expressed their love for the time they have spent so far in the US and their desire to come back. Jodi Parsley, Melody Webb, Joey and Sara McClanahan and the Pope family also shared their experiences of having these girls become a part of their family.



Each girl was presented a bouquet of their national flower and a gift bag with a ESV bible and various items. Kim Cecil closed our time with a devotional and prayer.



**EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 5th**

**Meet Our Sunday School Teachers**



"I love the little ones and want to teach them about God." These words perfectly sum up Melody Webb and how she lives her life. Melody blessed families with her babysitting services for many years. She taught the children in her day care about God's love for them. When the need arose last year for a Sunday school teacher for the four-year-olds & kindergarten class, she stepped

**Melody Webb** up to serve with our children, doing what comes natural to her.

Melody has been a member of FBC since 1979. She and her husband Jack have four children and 8 grandchildren. Her daughters, Jodi Parsley and Jaime Stalvey, attend FBC with their families.

**Children In Action**

Children in Action enjoyed making a yummy Filipino breakfast dish called Champorado, meaning "breakfast chocolate". In March, they studied about a missionary in Crowley, Texas who ministers to people there who have come from the Philippines.



## Vital Statistics

From the Life Application Study Bible by Tyndale

### Isaiah

**PURPOSE:** To call the nation of Judah back to God and to tell of God's salvation through the Messiah.

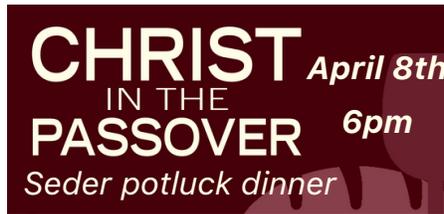
**AUTHOR:** The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz

**DATE WRITTEN:** The events of chapters 1-39 occurred during Isaiah's ministry, so they were probably written about 700 BC. Chapters 40-66, however, may have been written near the end of his life, about 681 BC.

**SETTING:** Isaiah is speaking and writing mainly in Jerusalem.

**KEY VERSE:** "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed" (53:5)

**KEY PEOPLE:** Isaiah; his two sons, Shear-Jashub and Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz



What exactly is a Passover seder? In Hebrew, the word Seder (SAY-der) means "order". A Passover Seder is a special meal in which the components and structure recall the order of events of the Old Testament Exodus. As followers of Jesus - whether Jewish or Gentile - gathering around the Seder table helps us remember how God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt and how He rescues us from bondage to sin through the blood of Jesus - The Lamb of God. - by Sharron Jackson, wonderink.org

**There are recipes in the church kitchen or you can search online for Seder side dishes.**

**Nursery Volunteers**

4/5 - Team 3 - Brittany Block, Brianna Muncy, Julia Rollins, Kandace Anderson, Jamie Russell

4/12- Team 4 - Ashley Jordan, Elaine DeSario, Larissa & Angie Skaggs, Kristy Sammons, Jenna Sammons, Alexa Webb Alexa Webb

4/19 - Team 5 - Debbie Harris, Kathy Hinkle, Stacy Pollock, Kim Cecil, Patty Farrell, Raegan Webb

4/26 - Team 6 - Melody Webb, Stephanie West, Sheila Pack, Elle Parsley, Debbie Queen, Samantha Endicott

Return Service Requested

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