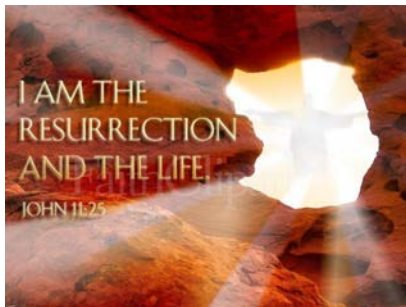




East Livingston

April, 2017



## Easter at East Livingston Baptist Church by Pastor Winters

April brings us to Easter this year, with the glorious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! As a congregation, we have many opportunities to come together. I hope that you will be able to take advantage of the following services designed to enrich your experience of the Easter Season. This is also a good opportunity for you to invite someone who does not have a church home to come with you and hear again the powerful gospel story of our risen Lord. Here is a listing of our inspirational Easter services:

### April 9, Palm Sunday

We celebrate Palm Sunday with a Procession of the Palms during our opening hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor to Thee, Redeemer, King." We will be blessed during the morning by the music ministry of our choir, directed by Edwin Hayes. As is our tradition, all in attendance will be given a palm branch to take home with them following the service.

**April 13, Maundy Thursday** On this night which commemorates Jesus' final meal with His disciples, our service will begin in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

We will then move to the Fellowship Hall for our "Meal In the Upper Room," prepared by our Board of Deacons. We fellowship around the tables, and then share the bread and cup as Jesus has directed us to do, in remembrance of Him.

### April 16, Easter Sunday

**Sunrise Service** We begin our observance of Easter with a Sunrise Service in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. Singing, Scripture, and a devotional video around the song "Mercy Tree" will help us begin this holy day together.

**Easter Breakfast** Following the Sunrise Service, everyone is invited to join around the tables for breakfast. The "covered dish" breakfast will give everyone an opportunity to visit and fellowship with one another. The breakfast will begin at approximately 8:30 am.

**Sunday School** We hold our regular Sunday School classes for all ages beginning at 9:45 am. You are invited to join us as we study and learn from the Bible on Easter Sunday.

**Worship Service** The morning concludes with our glorious worship service in the sanctuary at 11:00 am. The service will open with our Youth Group dramatizing the events of the first Easter morning at the empty tomb of Jesus. Then we all sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" The sanctuary will be filled with the sweet scent of the beautiful Easter lilies donated by members of our congregation. If you donate a lily, you may take it with you following the Easter service.

*We sincerely hope that you will make your plans and join with us for these services of celebration in honor of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord!*



## Easter Breakfast



Everyone is invited to our Sunrise Service and Easter Breakfast. The Service begins at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall and breakfast is immediately following, around 8:30 am. We invite you to sign-up on the clipboard to indicate what item you will bring to the breakfast. The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee, juice, and milk. Please sign your name and something you will bring to help our committee with their planning. Thanks for your help, and we hope to see you at our Easter Breakfast.

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## American Baptist Women's Ministries

Our Jackie Rutter Mission Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. As usual, fellowship, mission programs and a Bible study will be featured in our meeting. All women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.



## Youth Group



Our April meeting will be Sunday, April 2, when Pastor Winters will join us to help us prepare our drama for Easter morning. We will begin at 4:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us!

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## God's Willing Workers

May 20 is the date of our annual **Spring Cleaning Day** when you are invited to come to the church and be one of God's Willing Workers. We will meet at 9:30 am and work until lunch is served. Please save the date!



## Baptism Sunday



Join us April 23 for Baptismal Sunday! Our Deacons are pleased to announce that Thomas Rarey, son of April Burney and grandson of Violet and Dave Rarey, will be baptized on April 23. We encourage you to make plans to be a part of this blessed event.

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## Advisory Council

There will be a meeting of our Advisory Council on Monday, April 24, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Council is made up of all church officers, plus the chairpersons of both boards and the Presidents of the ABWM and Youth Group. Dr. Larry Swain will be sharing some important information with the Council celebrating the recent growth of our church and addressing some possibilities on how to support this growth as we move forward together in our ministry.



Through our Home Mission Society, we, as American Baptists, continue to reach out in towns and cities across America to present the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and in deed. Here in Ohio, we support Christian centers in Dayton and Youngstown. Through this offering, we also help those around the United States to:

- Provide after-school tutoring to at-risk students
- Help newly released prisoners adjust to their new lives in the community
- Bolster the ministry of food pantries feeding the hungry across America
- Minister to children in poverty across the United States
- Support the ministry of chaplains in hospitals, prisons, and the military
- Note: One-third of the AFC supports ministry here among the American Baptist Churches of Ohio.

Together, we continue to move forward with real progress in mission and ministry. The America For Christ Offering provides direct funding for these important services, and much more.

Envelopes are available in the pews in our sanctuary to help you make a generous contribution to the America For Christ Offering during the month of April. The theme is “Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, Healing Communities” (Luke 4:18-19), challenging us to further the cause of Jesus Christ across the United States, including right here in Ohio.

## American Baptist Churches of Ohio Annual Leadership Conference



The American Baptist Churches of Ohio will present the 2017 Church Leadership Conference on Saturday, April 29, at the First Baptist Church of Newark. The speaker for the day will be Dr. Karl Slaikeu, author of “When Push comes to Shove: A Practical Guide to Mediating Disputes” and will lead a program on resolving conflict in Christian communities. Dr. Slaikeu formerly held a faculty position in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Carolina. Registration begins at 8:00 am on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and the day concludes with lunch at 12:15 pm. Please see Pastor Winters for registration information, and visit [abc-ohio.org](http://abc-ohio.org) for more information.



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## **Vacation Bible School**

Now that April is here, we are looking forward to this year's Vacation Bible School. Our Christian Education Committee has selected an exciting Bible-based curriculum for our school entitled, "Mighty Fortress." The schedule for VBS is Monday – Friday, June 5-9, with the final program on Sunday, June 11. Our director, Karen Vreeland, is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as teachers and helpers. Please be in prayer as we plan and prepare to share the love of Jesus and the gospel message of the Bible with children in our area in our Vacation Bible School. If you would like to help, contact Karen. Thanks!