



# Tower Topics

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“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.” Luke 24:1 (NRSV)

How beautiful are the early morning hours of a new day – those days when the sun just begins to climb into the sky and we are ready for another celebration of life. A new day is especially welcomed when it follows a dark and dreary night or a time of sadness and despair.

Remember the brightness of the Easter narrative follows the darkness of the crucifixion. The women came to the tomb not in a spirit of joy but in a spirit of sadness – to anoint a dead body of Jesus with spices. This needed to be done since they could not accomplish the task prior to the beginning of the Sabbath. Imagine the feelings of these women as they approached the tomb, recalling the pain that Jesus had gone through for them. Now the dawn of a new day brought for them and for the world new hope and a continued presence that will live for eternity. He that was dead is now alive! That’s the promise of Easter – it will be different in the morning. All things are possible for those who love the Lord – even victory over death itself.

The hymn, “HE LIVES” speaks volumes about a risen Savior. “I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today; I know that He is living whatever men may say; I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He’s always near. In all the world around me I see His loving care, and tho’ my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that He is leading thro’ all the stormy blast, the day of His appearing will come at last. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up you voice and sing, eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives – He lives within my heart.”

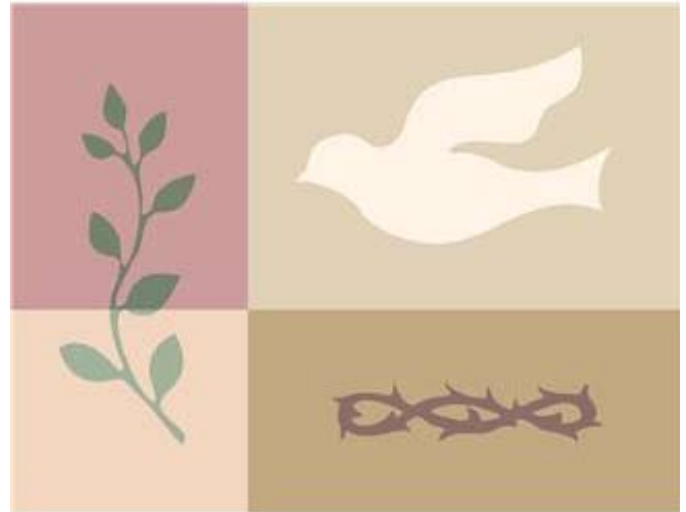
May the joy of this Easter season be within **YOUR HEART** as you worship and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Pastor Steve**

# *2011*

# *Holy Week*

# *Services*



Join us at the First Baptist Church of Mansfield for Holy Week services this year as we prepare our hearts for the Celebration of Easter.

Palm Sunday, April 17th--Sharing in our Lord's entry into the Holy City with worship and the Distribution of Palms.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st begins with a Prayer Vigil at 6:00 and in our sanctuary and continues with our service at 7:00 in Griffith Annex. We will remember our Lord's Last Supper during this service.

Good Friday, April 22nd beginning at noon in the sanctuary. The pastor, Rev. Steven Case, will be presenting the Seven Last Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The sanctuary will then remain open for prayer and meditation until 3:00.

Easter Sunday, April 24th begins with the annual Sunrise Service at 7:00 in our sanctuary. Our Board of Christian Education will sponsor their annual Easter Breakfast beginning at 8:00. Worship will be celebrated at 11:00 which will include our Chancel Choir presenting special music. Come join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

## ***Easter Flowers***



To order Easter Flowers, please complete a form and give it, along with payment, to a member of the chancel committee:

Nancy or Richard Becker  
Miriam Cummings  
Faye Hotelling  
Dorothy Smith  
Benjamin E. Nevin

Cash or checks made out to “First Baptist Church”.

**Orders must be received by Sunday, April 10th to be a part of the easter worship center.**

### ***Flower Form***

*We would like to share in providing flowers for Easter Worship Service April 24th:*

Donor/s name: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lilies    \_\_\_\_ Tulips    \_\_\_\_ Primroses

Total contribution at \$10.00 per plant: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ***SEEDS OF HOPE***



## **Urgent Need:**

A 17 year old girl in Residential treatment has no family. She needs a female friend who would be willing to visit her and give her some positive reinforcement. If you are willing to volunteer to help or would like more information please contact Diana Robinson at 724-5766.

SOHP is in need of **good used dressers.**

## **The Hope room has a need for:**

*baby shampoo and body wash  
baby wipes  
fruit juices*

**Looking ahead to the summer months when the children are out of school,  
there will be a need for:**

*peanut butter and jelly  
canned pastas  
boxes of macaroni and cheese  
soups  
dessert mixes- pudding, jello, etc  
canned fruits*



**We need blankets and mattress pads  
for twin beds and pillows!!!**

# *Prayer List*

Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith  
Daniel & Holly Anderson  
Tammy Nevin & David Cook (Tammy's father)  
Faye Hotelling's daughter Sonjia  
Jon Clark,  
William Bott Jr.  
Rev. Charles Mercer  
Shut-ins and those in our Armed Forces  
and many unspoken requests

Shut-Ins

Iris Berguson, Lou Sine, Evelyn Henninger, Omer & Betty Sumner

## **April 2011 - Tentative Preaching Schedule**



**April 3rd - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**\*John 9:1-41, ! Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14**

*"Blind Spots"*

**April 10th - Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**\*Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45**

*"TBA"*

**April 17th - PALM SUNDAY**

**\*Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11**

*"Who Is This?"*

**+April 21st Maundy Thursday**

*"Just What Are You Doing Here?"*

**+April 22nd Good Friday**

*"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"*

**April 24th - EASTER SUNDAY**

**\*Matthew 28:1-10, Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18**

*"Going to See the Tomb"*

**\* Sermon Text**

**+ See page on Holy Week Services**

# Fellowship List for April 2011

Please check the list below for your name.  
If you are unable to serve on your scheduled week, **please find a replacement for that date.**  
Thank you for your help!

## April 3

**Main Street Greeter:** Ruth Powlison  
**Sherwood Street Greeter:** Grace Miller  
**Ushers:** Bob Smith & Brenda Rumsey  
**Hosts:** Jim & Miriam Cummings

## April 10

**Main Street Greeter:** Faye Hotelling  
**Sherwood Street Greeter:** Cheryl Cooper  
**Ushers:** Bob Smith & Brenda Rumsey  
**Hosts:** Advisory Board  
(Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting)

## April 17

**Main Street Greeter:** June Rudy  
**Sherwood Street Greeter:** Cliff Wiles  
**Ushers:** Bob Smith & Brenda Rumsey  
**Hosts:** Lee & Mary Ellen Hoar

## April 24

**Main Street Greeter:** Ann Aumick  
**Sherwood Street Greeter:** Marilyn Wiles  
**Ushers:** Bob Smith & Brenda Rumsey  
**Hosts:** Bill & Dorothy Bogart

## May 1

**Main Street Greeter:** Dorothy Bogart  
**Sherwood Street Greeter:** Bill Bogart  
**Ushers:** Richard & Nancy Becker  
**Hosts:** Music Committee & Deacons

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 - Chris Lemasters  
21 - William & Cathy Rathbun (A)  
22 - William Rathbun  
25 - Bob & Dorothy Smith

**Please visit our website to see our calendar!**

<http://www.firstbaptistchurchmansfield.com/calendar.htm>

*First Baptist Church of Mansfield, PA*  
*North Main & Sherwood Streets*

*Sunday Morning Worship is at 11:00*  
*Holy Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month*