

Oh, Spring is surely
coming,
Her couriers fill the air;
Each morn are new
arrivals,
Each night her ways
prepare;
I scent her fragrant
garments,
Her foot is on the stair.
(Burroughs)

BRUINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Usual schedule

(Please check monthly calendars and weekly bulletins for any changes.)

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Bible study and prayer service or monthly business meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir practice

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. Community clothes cupboard open first Saturday of each month

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Breakfast for all, prepared by the men - fifth Sundays only
9:00 a.m. Deacons meet on first Sundays and WOM meet on third Sundays
9:00 a.m. Sunday School breakfast fellowship on fourth Sundays
10:00 a.m. Sunday School each week
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Communion on first Sundays, Mission groups on 3rd Sundays

FROM OUR PASTOR - Everlasting Life- Easter, the greatest day of Christianity and the world, is coming soon. All the sadness of the past year, all the pain from losing a loved one, and all the fear that comes to us when we face a crisis of life can be banished when we realize the promise of Christ's resurrection. It is already time to celebrate. Yesterday in the midst of waiting for the terrible storms that devastated much of our area and the Commonwealth, I saw the first crocus blooming. Rejoice, the winter is passing away. As scripture states, "All things are become new.

Some ancient cultures believed that death was the end. There was nothing beyond. When the body was placed in the ground or burned on a funeral pyre the loved one was just a memory. As time passed some civilizations, like the Egyptians, came to believe that the soul was immortal, that we lived on in another life. Food, tools and money were placed with the deceased to be used in the next world. Greeks came to believe in the transmigration of the immortal soul. When loved ones died, they were carried across the river Styx where they found those who had gone before them and joined them in a life in a dark world.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ shattered the old concepts and replaced it with joyous everlasting life. The resurrection of Jesus should cause us to stop building simply for a life here on earth that may last seventy or eighty years and cause us to start building for life everlasting. That is the foundation of Christ's most masterful miracle. You see, life is no longer from the cradle to the grave. Life is longer than from the baby bottle to the walker. Life, for the Christian who believes unconditionally and unswervingly in the victory of Jesus over sin and death, is everlasting.

Rejoice in life! Easter has come. The tomb is empty. In Christ Jesus, life has quality and quantity. There is good news. Christ is risen! We walk in newness of life right now. Let us live life as an everlasting happening! Roger Collier

From the Deacons- The Deacons' retreat on February 27, led by Rev. Ed Inabet, was a very informative time of discussion and learning. We are better prepared to minister to members of the congregation and community in times of stress and special need. Please keep us informed of all instances where we can be of help. Ron Thompson

From the WOM – The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 7-13. Our spring Mission Study is here at Bruington on March 20 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to this time of study and fellowship. Jane Wyatt

From the Food Pantry and Clothes Cupboard - We are thankful for the continued support of our congregation of these important ministries. Our ability to serve this community is directly related to your generosity.

Benevolence Committee- What a joyful time of praise through music we had at the Singspiration! We were very blessed by the wonderful musicians who gave their time to this event and to all of the people who came to receive their gift of song and to those who provided the delicious refreshments. The offering of nearly \$600 will allow us to continue to aid those in our community who find themselves in need of assistance to get their lives back on an even keel.

Cemetery Committee - Please take time for upkeep of your family's burial spaces. Spring is in the air, and our cemetery should look its best for the Easter Sunrise Service, which will be at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 27. Breakfast will be served following the service.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request that you would like to add to our prayer chain or prayer list, please call Dorothy at 769-7044 or use missdaisy445@aol.com.

TRY OUR NEW CHURCH WEBSITE! www.BruingtonBaptistChurch.com
and our new email address bruingtonbaptistchurch@gmail.com

**Because He Lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

March Birthdays

1 Diana Ayers
6 Zoie Browder
7 Bridgette Dickerson
11 Madison Nguyen
12 Taylor Poore
14 Allison Greenwood
Nita Randall
25 Sarah Collier
27 Carolyn Elliott
Hailey Poore
30 Benjamin Gwathmey
Dorcas Stephens
31 Ron Thompson

Special March Dates to Remember

6-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins (Set Clocks 1 hour ahead)
20 First Day of spring
Palm Sunday
WOM Mission Study at 3:00 p.m. at Bruington
25 Good Friday
26 Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. (Children K-6)
27 ***EASTER SUNDAY!***
Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. (followed by Breakfast)
Easter Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.