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“April showers bring May flowers.”

I realize most minds are focused on the Coronavirus at this time, but let’s think for a moment about the better days ahead. Do you Remember the old rhyme; *April Showers bring May flowers*? I assume, most of you are like me in that you LOVE springtime. Not sure where I heard it first, but probably heard this rhyme through my parents or grandparents. I seldom think of March without wondering if it came in like a lion or not... Remember that one? However, March came in like a Lion to the tornado victims in Nashville, and it came in like a Lion with the Coronavirus for the rest of us.

These popular sayings always remind me that we are nearing springtime. But these rhyme don’t just mean spring is near, they teach us a truth as well.

The “April showers bring May flowers” rhyme dates back to the mid 1500s, although some believe even earlier than that. In 1557, **Thomas Tusser** gathered a collection of writings he entitled “*A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry.*” For the month of April he wrote: “*Sweet April showers□Do spring May flowers.*”

The rhyme originally came from what was a short poem. However there was meaning behind the words, as well. Because the reality is that “April showers”, DO “bring May flowers.” The unpleasant and inopportune showers of April do bring the beauty and pleasant flowers that we have come to admire in May. On the other hand, “April showers bring May flowers” is a lesson in patience and perseverance as well

A great deal of life’s utmost blessings comes only to those who wait. While we patiently and optimistically endure the clouds and clammy days of April, we find ourselves more eager for the sights and smells of May. After all, it’s much easier to love something if you begin with an optimistic outlook!

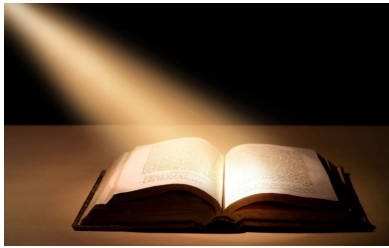
For 1st century early believers walking away from Calvary that faithful day Christ was crucified, patience’s and endurance must have been difficult. They had just witnessed their hope for the future die on the cross. The sky had gone dark and the clouds of doubt had come upon them. Tears fell like rain from their eyes as they watched their savior shed his blood.

However, like April showers those tear drops that fell that day only prepared the way for the day that was 3 days away Like the patience and optimism needed in April for the beauty of May... Easter brought the rise of Hope again.

Spring is here, God is in control and Jesus is alive!

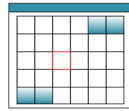
In Christ,

Bro. Bobby



Children's Bible Drill

These are unprecedented times due to Covid-19. Events are continuing to be canceled daily, but we want to encourage your children to continue to memorize God's Word. We received word from the state, that we will not have associational drills as well as the Louisville Region State Drill. The decision has not yet been made concerning the other regional State Drills. This decision will be made after Easter (April 12, 2020). Options are being considered if the situation allows, such as postponing, using online tools, or possibly having in the associations. If the State Drill happens, children will qualify for the state drill at the church level (16 correct), and will be allowed to participate in the state drill. The KBC has suggested possible online resources (such as, Zoom, GotoMeeting, HangoutsMeet), to host your church drill, and that they should be completed by April 19th. These are certainly just suggestions, and realize may not be possible. We will try and provide more information as we receive it.



Calendar Of Events

As of the publishing of this newsletter we are uncertain of our April events. The LRBA Children's Day Camp at East Cadiz has been cancelled, the Senior Adult Fellowship, and the associational Children's Bible Drill (Please see additional information about the Bible Drill). We will continue to keep you informed of other events that may be postponed or otherwise cancelled.

Please note that the Baptist Center is currently closed to the public, and will continue as long as the Governors restrictions are in place. There will be someone in the office Monday-Friday, but hours will be limited from 8:00-12:00. We may also be reached at the following: Bro. Bobby cell (270) 871-2580 or Shari's Cell (270) 350-0469.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	109.41	
Blue Spring	1,654.52	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	876.03	
Canton	960.20	250.00
Cerulean	392.00	
Delmont	190.70	
Donaldson Creek	1,501.92	
East Cadiz	670.44	500.00
Hurricane	487.92	
Liberty Point	718.54	
Locust Grove	699.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	257.70	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	0	
Oak Grove	189.67	
Ponderosa	516.67	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	254.00	
South Union	123.35	
Wallonia	200.00	
Misc. Income	1,000.00	
Total	11,402.07	750.00
		12,152.07
Interest NOW Acc.	4.50	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mission Project		500.00
Subtotals	11,406.57	750.00
Total income		\$12,156.57
Monthly expense		\$11,310.42
Regular Fund		
Beginning Balance		\$31,471.44
Interest Received		4.50
Gifts		11,448.07
Trans- Contingency Fund		(100.00)
Trans- OMC		
Trans- Building Maintenance Fund		(100.00)
Trans- Associational Mission Project		
Expense Checks Written		(10,452.54)
Ending Balance		\$32,271.47
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 3/25/20		



Mary Ann Johnson- 4/6
Jacki Lynn Greenfield- 4/8
Haley Nichols- 4/10
Sandy Sivells- 4/11
Nicholas Clark- 4/30