

## WMU

We will close out our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions on Easter Sunday. The total we have received to date is \$4,718.

We meet every Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. for a Prayer Walk of our church grounds and the Buda City Hall for God's guidance in decisions we need to make for the future of our church. *Thank you for supporting our WMU!*

### Children's Corner

Our Children's programs are growing! VBS is June 5-8th this year. *"Twists and Turns"* is our theme — how exciting! Our main teachers are already prepping so feel free to start praying now for them. Let Joyce Roach or Nancy Johnson know if you want to help. We are averaging 30 kiddos in AWANAs every Wednesday night, and 3 in the nursery! We definitely can use any volunteers for our children's activities and nursery so if you feel led to volunteer we can use you. Even if it's just once a quarter on Sundays or monthly like AWANA listeners, or occasionally you're open to being asked, just let Joyce Roach, or anyone on the children's ministry team, know. *Children's Ministry Team*



## APRIL EVENTS

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| April 1  | Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 AM   |
| April 2  | Evacuation drill following morning service<br>Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00 PM   |
| April 4  | Prayer Walk, 11:00 AM<br>Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM   |
| April 5  | Mid-week Services, Prayer Meeting, Youth,<br>AWANA (BARF Night), 6:00 PM<br>Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM<br>Choir Practice, 7:30 PM   |
| April 6  | Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM<br>WMU, 10:00  |
| April 9  | Easter SonRise Service, 8:30 AM<br>The Lord's Supper<br>Sunday School, 9:30 AM<br>Easter Musical, 10:45 AM  |
| April 10 | Budget & Finance Committee meeting, 3:00 PM<br>Deacon's Meeting, 5:00 PM  |
| April 11 | Prayer Walk, 11:00 AM<br>Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM   |
| April 12 | Mid-week Services, Prayer Meeting, Youth,<br>AWANA (Silly Sock Night), 6:00 PM<br>Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM<br>Choir Practice, 7:30 PM<br>Parent's Meeting for Youth Camp, 7:30 PM |
| April 13 | Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM  |
| April 15 | VBS meeting, Fellowship Hall, 9:00 AM   |
| April 16 | Building & Grounds Committee meeting, 12N<br>Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00 PM  |
| April 18 | Prayer Walk, 11:00 AM<br>Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM   |
| April 19 | Mid-week Services, Prayer Meeting, Youth,<br>AWANA (Super Section Night), 6:00 PM<br>Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM<br>Choir Practice, 7:30 PM  |
| April 20 | Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM  |
| April 23 | Youth Vocal Ensemble, 4:00 PM   |
| April 25 | Prayer Walk, 11:00 AM<br>Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM   |
| April 26 | Mid-week Services, Prayer Meeting, Youth,<br>AWANA (Pie Toss), 6:00 PM<br>Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM<br>Choir Practice, 7:30 PM   |
| April 27 | Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM  |
| April 30 | The Lord's Supper<br>Church Business Meeting, 12 N  |

## CHRISTIAN CALLER

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**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
**WE DESIRE TO HONOR GOD BY**  
**LEADING PEOPLE TO**  
**BECOMING FULLY DEVOTED**  
**FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.**



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## A Word From Our Pastor

Did you know that Easter is the second most important candy-eating occasion of the year for Americans, who consume 7 billion pounds of candy each year at Easter, according to the National Confectioner's Association. In one Easter season, Americans spend nearly \$1.9 billion on Easter candy. Ninety million chocolate Easter bunnies are produced each year. Each Easter season, Americans buy more than 700 million yellow Marshmallow Peeps, shaped like chicks, as well as Marshmallow Bunnies and Marshmallow Eggs, making them the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy. And did you know that Americans consume 16 billion jellybeans at Easter? If all the Easter jellybeans were lined end to end, they would circle the earth nearly three times. Just some fun facts and information about how “sweet” Easter is! But Easter candy, peeps, candy eggs, chocolate bunnies and jelly beans... even in these large quantities is not the sweetest thing about Easter. Let me tell you what is so sweet about Easter.

Easter is so sweet because the cross, just a few days before, was so bitter. Jesus gave His life for you and me on a cruel cross, filled with suffering, anguish and pain. But the agony of a Friday cross was eclipsed by the sweetness of an empty tomb and a risen Lord on Easter Sunday. He is alive today to save, to comfort, to bless, to heal, to minister, to live in all who will call on His name. That's sweet!

Easter is sweet because through Jesus' cross... His death, burial and resurrection at Easter, sin and death has been dealt its fatal blow and defeated. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, *“God made Him who had no sin (Jesus) to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”* 1 Corinthians 15:54 reminds us that through Jesus, *“...death has been swallowed up in victory.”* Sweet!

Easter is sweet, not because of jelly beans, peeps and chocolate eggs, but because of JESUS. His perfect, sinless life is sweet. His sacrificial death on the cross for us is sweet. His resurrection is sweet. His forgiveness is sweet. His mercy and grace are sweet. His abundant and eternal life is sweet. His salvation is sweet. You know these words,

*“Tis’ so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word; just to rest upon His promise, just to know ‘Thus saith the Lord.’ O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood; just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing cleansing flood!”* Or this one, *“Jesus is the sweetest name I know, and He’s just the same as His lovely name, and that’s the reason why I love Him so; oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know.”*

That's the sweetest thing about Easter... JESUS! And do you know how to make this Easter the sweetest possible in your life? Make Jesus Lord and Savior of your life!

Come celebrate HIM with us on Easter Sunday, April 9, with a special Easter SonRise Service and Lord's Supper Service at 8:30 a.m. We will have regular Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and then a special Easter Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. with an Easter musical presentation by the Worship Choir. Come join us as we truly celebrate the “sweetest” thing about Easter... JESUS! Sweet Easter! - **Bro. Buddy**



## Youth Re+Mind

We are collecting scholarships for Youth Camp through Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Our youth group 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades will be attending **World Changer's Houston Project** from June 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The Cost per attendee is \$290. Anyone interested in helping a student go to this missions camp, please contact Trey, 512-739-5629, for details on how to do so.

Additionally, there will be a parent meeting on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> following Youth Bible Study for those who plan to attend camp. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall. **Trey**

## MUSIC NOTES

Happy Easter everyone. What a glorious time of year. If you haven't already, please plan to be at church Sunday, April 9th for our Easter presentation. The choir has been working VERY hard and I hope the Lord is pleased with our effort. As soon as Easter is over we will be looking for people to join our amazing choir. Is that you? **In his Name, Nancy**



*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” ~ John 3:16-17*