



First Christian Church of High Point

3/9/26 Newsletter



A Resurrection Perspective

Looking at the calendar today, it's hard to believe that Easter is less than a month away. It seems only yesterday we were trimming trees, and wrapping presents. Now here we are looking at April 5th being just around the corner.

How did we get from the season of the babe in the manger to the season of the cross and the tomb already. When did Easter sneak up on us?

Perhaps Easter seems sneaky because of how commercial Christmas has become in comparison. Two months of carols on the radio, sales that kick off in July, television specials every night for over a month make it impossible for us not to see Christmas coming from a long way off (even if it is in a highly secular form).

And while Easter has its own commercialism with eggs, bunnies, and marshmallow animals in pastel colors- it's not as overwhelming and in your face as Christmas has become. So we turn the corner and are surprised that Resurrection Sunday is so close.

So perhaps today it's fitting to take a few minutes and stop, to look ahead, to think about the approach of Easter. What was happening all those years ago in the life of Jesus?

Many theologians believe it was around this time, about a month out from Easter, when Jesus heard about Lazarus being ill, when he waited to visit, when

he arrived after Lazarus had died.

You know the story, Jesus encounters Lazarus' two sisters, Martha and Mary, on his way into town. Both sisters greet him the same way, If you were here our brother would not have died. They believe in Jesus, in his power, that he is the Son of God, that he could have saved their brother. But he waited...

He tells Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." And she believes...she believes her brother will rise to life... someday...at the end of the age...

Then he goes and calls Mary, who comes running and falls at his feet, distraught with grief. And seeing her overcome, and Lazarus' other friends overcome, Jesus himself weeps. Not because death has won, not because there is nothing he can do, but because he sees how much someone he loves is hurting, and it breaks his heart.

He asks Mary where they have laid Lazarus and she takes him to the tomb. And though Lazarus has been dead for four days, Jesus tells them to roll away the stone. They protest because of the smell, but obey. And Jesus does the most curious thing, he calls out to the dead man, "Come out!"

But dead men don't wake up after four days, lungs that have been still that long don't re-inflate, blood doesn't un-congeal, decaying hearts don't heal and pump-

UNLESS GOD TELLS THEM TO!

Lazarus Came Out!

You have to imagine that caused quite a stir. Healing and miracles are amazing, but power over life and death, done in such an obvious and public way... You can only imagine it was the only topic at every campfire and supper table for miles around Bethany! Including the Pharisees.

According to John's gospel this was the final straw for the Pharisees and the Sanhedrin. They had heard the news of Lazarus and as they met and discussed Jesus, the decision was made- he had to die!

JOHN 11:53 (ESV)

53 So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

And so the events leading to the cross began to unveil themselves, events that God had ordained from before time began, events that Jesus had hinted at and described to his disciples throughout his ministry. Events he would explain more in the days to come.

We're less than a month away.

A black Friday awaits.

Not the kind of black Friday we have at Christmas. Not the kind of thing that gets us excited for an upcoming holiday.

This is the black Friday where evil rejoices. Where the enemy thinks he's won. It's a Friday where hope itself seems to be slain and even the sun goes dark...

But Sunday's Coming!

Wednesday Night Recharge Menu 3/11/26

Chicken Pie

Cabbage

Pinto Beans

Roll

Butter Cake w/ Chocolate Icing

Kids: Chicken Nuggets, Green Grapes, Chips & Cookies

DINNER BEGINS AT 5:30 PM

SERVICE, YOUTH & KID'S CLASSES BEGIN AT 6:45

Mark Your Calendars- It's Hoops Time



Beginning Tuesday, April 7th @ 6:15 PM

March Madness is upon us, but more importantly the weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer, which means the return of Tuesday Night Basketball. Join us for a time of competition and fellowship as we run ball on the back courts here at FCCHP.

Lace up your sneakers and join us for a weekly devotion and good old fashioned exercise. We will play each week, weather permitting.



Email

Grounds Crew Volunteers

With Spring quickly coming upon us, it is time to begin thinking about taking care of our lawn and grounds on a more regular basis.

If you are able and willing to help out with mowing, trimming, and basic ground care, we would love for you to join our grounds crew team.

Email us and we will get you plugged in!

Important Upcoming Dates



MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCKOUT

(Registration is now closed)

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH

For 5th - 8th Grade students who have already registered. Drop-off is between 9 & 9:45 PM on 3/13. Pick-up is 8 AM on 3/14. If you have not yet paid the \$40/ student cost please do so.



Women's Crafted with Prayer Event

Sat, Mar 21- FCCHP Student Center

Ladies will gather together to complete a Craft activity and share a time of prayer. Please bring your own plain white t-shirt for the craft. We will be going out to dinner at La Fiesta for dinner (each person responsible for their own check).



GUEST SERVICE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON & TRAINING

MARCH 22ND FOLLOWING
SERVICE

If you're interested in getting involved with one of these ministries, we want to invite you to find out more about how these ministries function and what is involved.

Register

To all of those who serve in the areas of security, the coffee bar and the greeters ministry we want to say thank you. FCCHP could not do the ministry we do without you.

We want to first provide you with a symbol of that appreciation with a great meal. We will then also be doing a short training on some ways we are updating our policies and procedures to provide a better, safer experience for our guests and congregation.



Women's Night Time Life Group

When: Monday, March 23rd @ 6:30 PM

Where: FCCHP Student Center

Ladies, join us for a time of study, prayer and fellowship.



2026 FCCHP Budget Meeting

Wednesday, March 25th @ 6:45

We will be holding the required Budget meeting for the 2026 Fiscal Year during our normal Wednesday Recharge Service on March 25th.



This Year's Easter Jam will be loads of fun with an Easter Egg Hunt, Food Trucks, A Stage Show, Inflatables, and much much more. Please be on the look out for ways you can volunteer to help us make this event extra special.

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING CANDY DONATIONS TO STUFF EGGS!

For a complete list of upcoming events visit the church calendar

[Church Calendar](#)

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