

The Samaria Beacon... "A Light on a Hill"

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welcome
April 

Birthday

April 01	Brantley Peoples
April 13	Hannah Melancon
April 14	Heidi Brenot
April 15	Frank Theriault
April 21	James Whitaker

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035

Homebound Members

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

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Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.

Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

Deacon Meetings 2026

May 03
12:15

June 07
12:15 pm

July 12
12:15 pm



Tuesday, April 21 at 9am

Triple S Breakfast at
McLean's Ole Time Cafe

Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Carolyn Baker	Healing/Strength
Bonnie Boykin	Healing/Strength
George Brenot	Healing/Strength
Debbie Clemmons	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Margaret & Jeff Jones	Healing/Strength
Linda Lawrence	Healing/Strength
Eddie Pegram	Healing/Strength
Brantley Peoples	Healing/Strength
John Savage	Healing/Strength
George Talley	Healing/Strength
Maeve Venere	Healing/Strength
Michelle Williams	Healing/Strength

Pastor's Corner
April 2026

Dear Samaria family,
Sunday is Easter, a blessed and glorious time for Christians to celebrate Christ's miraculous resurrection. Easter is the perfect time for each of us to reflect and give thanks for the priceless salvation that Christ has given us as believers. All four Gospels recount the Easter story. Each account provides interesting and specific details concerning Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Mark 16 tells us about the women who went to the tomb early in the morning and saw the large stone had been rolled back. They were told by an angel that Jesus had risen. Trembling and astonished they fled, according to Mark. Matthew 28:2 states there was a great earthquake. Luke shares the amazing story that occurred on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples did not recognize the risen Christ. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Christ. Luke records that Christ vanished from their sight. John 20:19-22 shares a fascinating story of the disciples meeting behind locked doors and suddenly Jesus stood among them. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Jesus showed them his hands and side. He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Over 500 eyewitnesses saw Christ after his resurrection.

Old Testament prophecy also refers to the resurrection. Several key verses are Psalm 16:8-11, Isaiah 55:3, Daniel 12:2 and Job 19:25-26. God had a plan of redemption from the beginning. In 325 AD the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Earlier, Easter had been celebrated on different dates in various parts of the world. Jesus was crucified during the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus is often referred to as the "Pashal Lamb," a reference to the lambs sacrificed during the Jewish Exodus. In the New Testament, Jesus is often referred to as the "Lamb of God." This title reminds Christians of the Old Testament sacrificial system of slaughtering lambs. Our salvation is achieved through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Easter is a joyous time of year to celebrate God's perfect plan of redemption. Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday will be special times of worship as we rejoice in remembering Christ's miraculous resurrection.

Karen and I wish each of you a blessed Easter.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Danny

Check out our Website
Samariabaptist.org

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website www.samariabaptist.org to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service. Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.

April 01
No Service Wednesday Night

April 02
Maundy Thursday
5:30pm Bring a covered dish to share
6:30pm Bible Study

April 05
Easter Sunday

Month of April Deacons

April 5—Gilbert Barbosa

April 12—Sally Stallings

April 19—Chuck Harris

April 26— Brantley Peoples

