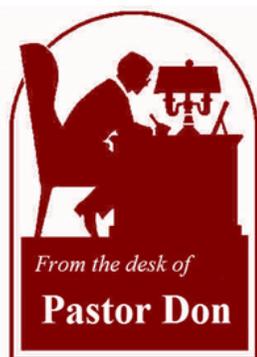


# The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer



*"Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we want to see Jesus.'" (John 12:20-21, NRSV)*

The story is told of Anthony the Great, the fourth-century

leader of Egyptian monasticism. As the story goes, a well-worn monk and a young novice would journey each year into the desert to seek the wisdom of Anthony. Upon finding him, the monk would seek instruction from the great Anthony on the life of prayer, devotion to Jesus, and his understanding of the Scriptures. While the monk was asking all the questions the novice would simply stand quietly and take it all in.

The next year the well-worn monk and the young novice again went into the desert to find Anthony and seek his counsel. Again, the monk was full of questions, while the novice simply stood by without saying a word. This pattern was repeated year after year. Finally, Anthony said to the young novice, "Why do you come here? You come here year after year, yet you never ask any questions, you never desire my counsel, and you never seek my wisdom. Why do you come? Can you not speak?" The young novice spoke for the first time in the presence of the great saint. "It is enough just to see you. It is enough, for me, just to see you."

When the Greeks asked to see Jesus, what were they seeking? Reading the whole story in John's gospel that follows the above passage doesn't give us a lot of information. It presents little new information and it asks a lot of questions. What we see in this encounter is that we are less interested in the answers than we are about seeing Jesus as he

makes his way toward the cross this week. It is Holy Week and we are invited to see the answer to all our questions – **to see Jesus.**

When we see Jesus in this story we get this image: "And I, when I am lifted up from this earth, will draw all people to myself." (Vs 32) Understanding this image gives depth to our experience of Holy Week. How serious was Jesus when he said "all people"? There is insight in this poem from Edwin Markham:

*"Outwitted"*

*He drew a circle that shut me out -  
Heretic, a rebel, a thing to flout.  
But Love and I had the wit to win;  
we drew a circle that took him in!*

I imagine Jesus (Love) drawing a circle that is big enough to take everyone in. *The Book of Common Prayer* includes this:

*Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.*

As we walk the way of the cross this Holy Week, are we truly prepared to walk with Jesus? Can we see him leading the way and are we ready to abandon our search for security so that we may reach out and risk living with open arms? Remember, the answer to all our questions is simply **to see Jesus.**

*Just wanting to see,  
Pastor Don*

## Exodus House Needs

We will soon have a new resident in our Exodus House apartment and there are a few items we still need. If you can purchase some of these items or donate slightly used items you have at home, that would be great. Maybe a cookbook or two? Gift cards for grocery/staple items and clothing would also be GREATLY appreciated.

Also Needed...

- drinking glasses, flatware
- potato peeler, wooden spoon
- manual can opener
- food prep knives, cutting board
- measuring spoons, glass liquid measuring cup
- colander, muffin tin
- pot holders + oven mitts
- pots and sauce pans
- 13 x 9 pan
- coffee pot
- elec. hand mixer
- dish-drying rack
- kitchen trash bags
- paper towels + paper napkins
- plastic wrap, wax paper, foil
- Ziploc bags – all sizes
- ice cube trays
- plastic food-storage containers
- two small white waste baskets
- hair dryer
- toilet plunger
- battery alarm clock
- white or black wall clock
- hamper
- dust pan, cleaning sponges + pads
- mop and bucket
- AA and AAA batteries
- small first aid kit; band aids
- tool kit w/hammer, pliers, screwdrivers, etc.
- flashlight w/batteries
- living room table lamp or floor lamp
- iron + small portable ironing board
- clothes drying rack
- TV

Please keep in mind that our new resident might want a ride to church. Perhaps we can take turns with this. If you have any questions, call Glenna, Jami, or Heide.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM  
Maundy Thursday dinner and Living Last Supper presentation – Family Life Center  
Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM  
Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, featuring Choir cantata: **“Lamentations of the Lamb”**  
Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:  
6:30AM Sunrise Breakfast at FLC  
7:00AM Sunrise Worship at FLC  
8:30AM Contemporary Worship  
10:00AM Sunday school  
11:00AM Traditional Worship

(Offices closed Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>)



## RECYCLING and YOUTH MISSIONS

For the past several years we have had a friend of the church who regularly came to the church and picked up the accumulated soda pop cans left behind the wall downstairs. He took the cans to be recycled and returned the money to the Youth Missions Fund. That person has now moved on and we have nobody to take his place. What we are seeking is an individual who would pick up the cans, recycle them, and bring the money to the church. Unless someone steps up to this task, we will need to stop collecting soda cans at the church and our youth fund will lose this revenue. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in taking this on.

If you know someone who would like to get the newsletter, please let the front office know.



### **Kidzone**

*Kidzone delivered 54 Easter baskets to the Sand Springs Community Center on Sunday March*

*13th. Many thanks to Caleb and Lisa Massey for their help. The kids loved packing them and we know the kids who receive them will love them even more!*

*The kids sang with the adult choir on Sunday. They were awesome!!*

*Remember our annual "Easter Breakfast Burrito and fixings" on Sunday March 27th in the Caleb House from 9:45-10:15. All parents, grandparents are invited to come and celebrate with us.*

*Have a wonderful week and see you all on Sunday.*

### **Youth Camp Scholarships**

Each year we do our best to make sure that every student has the opportunity to attend a mission trip and a summer camp. To make this happen requires volunteer leaders who are willing to give up their vacation time to lead these trips and it requires a lot of planning. Tristan and his team of dedicated volunteers do a great job of planning fun activities to raise money to help pay for these important trips. Super Bowl Subs and The Pie Auction are just two examples. Our Youth Group has grown to include approximately 15 students who meet on Wednesday evenings at the FLC. Some of these students come from families who cannot afford to send their student to camp or on a mission trip. We all know the value of these trips to the faith life of a teenager and we want to do all we can to be sure nobody is left out because of an in-

bility to pay. So I am coming to you today to invite you to make an **extra-mile donation** to our Youth Scholarship Funds. You can do this by going to our website and clicking on "e-giving". From here you will gain access to a secure online form where you may designate a gift to the Youth Mission Fund or the Youth Camp Fund. You can even make your gift specific to a particular student's scholarship account, if you wish. You may also designate your gift by writing a note on the memo line of your check or by placing your gift in a separate envelope and writing your intention on the envelope. However you want to give to help this wonderful effort, we will help you get it done. I want to thank you in advance for anything you can do to help us in this effort. I also want to thank you for all that you do to support the mission and ministry of our church. Everyone has something to offer and your financial gifts are one aspect of sharing your spiritual gifts with the church.

Thank you and God bless you!

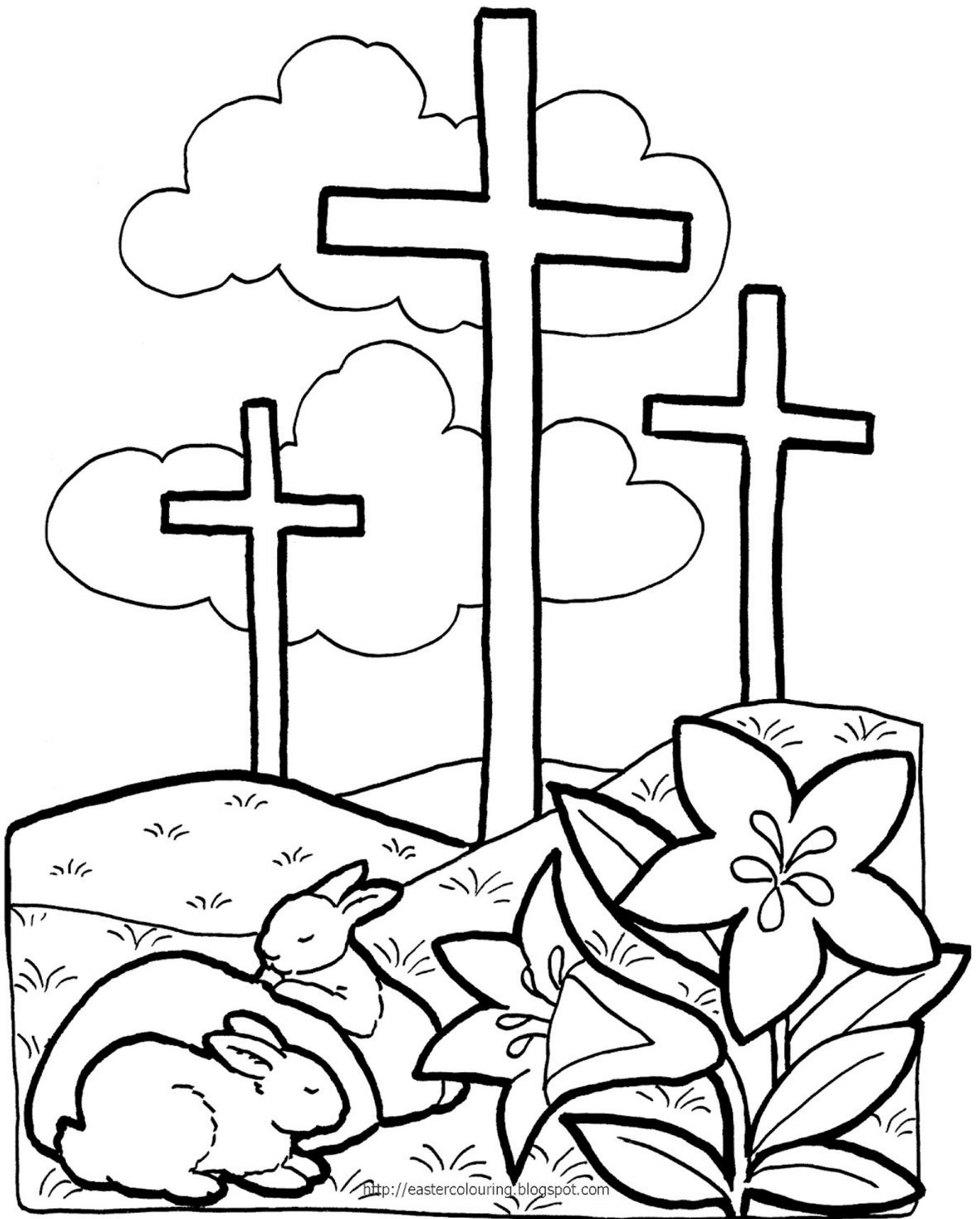
Pastor Don

#### **Help Wanted**

**We are seeking nursery attendants to start immediately. Please contact the Church Office.**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Personal events scheduled at the Family Life Center will now require a filled out form to be filed with the front office. See Tracey for a form.



## Sunday Lists

### Sunday Volunteers—March 27

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery  
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David  
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin  
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Jo Fritts  
 Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

### Sunday Volunteers—April 3

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT  
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David  
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin  
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Debbie Schmidt  
 Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest

## Please Keep In Prayer



*Martha Scudder, Don Baldrige, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW Proft, Clare Caldwell, Darryl Muse, Jack & Jewell Brown, Owen Johnston, Ruth Weaver, Tristan Schwartz, Delbert Sloan, Leonard Whisenhunt, Darin Grayson, Chris Bordelon, Mark, Jim McCormick, Aaron (Dustin Dinsmore's friend),*

*Pauline Hanigar, Morene Baker, Barbara McClintock, SSUMC & Unspoken Requests*

## Acknowledgements

Pauline Hanigar would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards.

Martha Scudder also thanks everyone for the prayers as she has made the transition from Greentree to The Gardens in Sapulpa.

Continued prayers for both of them.

### 8:30 a.m. Worship Songs 3/27 & 4/3

<i>Forever</i>	<i>Forever</i>
<i>Let God Arise</i>	<i>Lay Me Down</i>
<i>Jesus Messiah</i>	<i>Overcome</i>
<i>I Will Rise</i>	<i>Come People of the Risen King</i>
<i>Christ Is Risen</i>	<i>Thank You For Loving Me</i>
<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	<i>Speak O Lord</i>



### Here is some of your 2016 Youth Dinner Schedule

3/23-Noah/Searchers  
 3/30-Harmony  
 4/6-CIA/Pathfinders  
 4/13-Faith Circle  
 4/20-TNT  
 4/27-Ruth Esther Circle  
 5/4-SIA  
 5/11-Priscilla Circle  
 5/18-Noah/Searchers  
 5/25-Harmony



Here are your <b>2016 Newsletter</b> <b>weeks. Please</b> <b>remember-articles are</b> <b>due by 11 a.m. on this</b> <b>date. Please, mark</b> <b>your calendars.</b>	June 27 July 11 July 25 August 8 August 22 September 5 September 19 October 3 October 17 October 31 November 14 November 28 December 12 January 9, 2017
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**12:00 p.m.**

3/22-St. Matthew's  
 Episcopal Church  
 601 Lake Drive

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC**

**Tuesday, March 22**

12:00pm-Lenten Devotion-St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC  
7:00pm-Priscilla Circle-Sharon S.  
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

**Wednesday, March 23**

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café  
6:30pm-The Awakening Youth-FLC  
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 24**

1:00pm-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall  
6:30pm-Maundy Thursday-FLC  
\*7:00pm-NO Collins Karate-FLC

**Friday, March 25**

6:30pm-Good Friday Service-Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 26**

9:00am-Decorating Sanctuary  
10:00am-Prasie Team Practice

**Sunday, March 27-~~HAPPY EASTER!!~~**

6:30am-Easter Sunrise Service-FLC  
8:30am-Contemporary Worship  
9:45am-Communion Service  
9:45am-Children's parents/grandparents Breakfast-Caleb House  
10:00am-Sunday School  
11:00am-Traditional Worship

**Monday, March 28-Offices Closed**

5:30pm-Community Dinner-F. Hall  
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

**Tuesday, March 29**

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC  
7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

**NOTE:**

*FLC-Family Life Center*

*\*-Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome*

*For more calendar information, call the office at 918-245-5955.*

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