Bits 'n Pieces

Back in the Saddle NMBC Youth Rally '23, April 11-16, 2023 Ridgecrest Conference Center, Friday night at 7:00 pm BRO Kenny Baldwin; Saturday morning at 9:30 am Pastor Tony Shirley; Saturday night at 3:30 pm BRO Charlie Clark III

For more information concerning the NMBC Youth Rally please contact our church office at 828-652-7729

Avery County

Community Good Friday Service at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church
A special Tenebrae Service will be held on Good Friday, April 7, at 6 PM at the historic Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. The community is invited for a worship service of songs and readings entitled "Witnesses" to prepare for Easter. "Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness". It is also known as a service of shadows, observed by the Church since medieval times. Throughout the service, the lights grow dimmer and dimmer until the church is in darkness. Worshipers leave in silence and darkness to ponder the impact of Christ's death.

"There are a few witnesses to the crucifixion mentioned in the Bible, but what might others not mentioned may have thought?", reflects Dr. Janet Speer, author of the readings. "Witnesses at the event and witnesses today struggle to fully understand Christ's suffering and sacrifice. Since that day Christians have revisited the scene, searching for better understanding. Although we know today there is a sunrise to come, Good Friday is a day we must endure."

Music is provided by the choirs, soloists and musicians. Readings and reflections will be presented by Rev. Whit Malone, pastor. Their Easter Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM will feature triumphant music and the flowering cross. Choral director is Nina Allbert, and organist/pianist is David Soyars.

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church is located at 420 College Drive, adjacent to Lees-McRae College campus. For more info, go to www.BannerElkPresbyterian.or

Pleasant Hill Baptist in the Frank Community of Avery County will begin hosting our weekly Masters Club Youth Group starting this evening and will be every Wednesday 6:45-8

Burke County

Drexel Memorial Baptist Church Women of The Word invite you to our annual Women's conference. With guest speakers Connie Richards and Sunshine Miester. Saturday April 22nd, 9:30 am to 1 pm.

To register go to https://www.drexelmemorial.org/events/women-of-the-word-conference/2023-04-22

Questions about the conference? Call Gail @ 828-390-7574 Or call 828-437-7200

Mitchell County

Berry Chapel Baptist Church will be presenting the 36th annual presentation of, The Living Lord's Supper, Easter drama on Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th at 7:00 pm. Altapass Hwy, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

3 Days That Changed The World presented by Grassy Creek Baptist Church, April 21 & 22 @ Riverside Park @ 6:30 pm

Reflect 2023, Cross Street Commerce Center, 31 Cross Street, Spruce Pine, NC Friday, April 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Join us on Good Friday to sing about the goodness of God! This is a free community event. Hosted by Western Carolina Church.
Spruce Pine Events:
April 9th – Easter Craft Show at the Commerce Building 9 am – 4 pm
April 15th – Downtown Spring Clean Up
April 29th – Blacksmith Festival Fire on the Mountain (Downtown) 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Featured Artist Rick Smith with demonstrations by Lisa Geertsen, Jason Knight, Glenn Gardner and Frankie Flood

Yancey County

Passion for Christ Conference – April 5-7,2023 @ 7:00 pm, Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Burnsville, NC
Guest Speakers: Wed. April 5-Rev. Keith Beck of Little Rock Baptist Church; Thurs. April 6-Rev. Chris Fox of West Burnsville Baptist Church; Fri. April 7-Rev. Nathan Silver of Grassy Creek Baptist Church. Music nightly by Beyond Measure. Church Address: 1867e Hwy 19E, Burnsville, NC Contact: Reve. Merritt Taylor@Shoal Creek Baptist Church. (828) 682-4828 for information; pastor@schoalcreekbc.org

Camp Funshine is a summer day camp for people of all ages with developmental disabilities. There is no cost to campers! To ensure campers remain safe and are able to get the most out of their experience, each camper must be accompanied by an adult family member or assistant. We enjoy food, music, games, fishing and rafting for the first three days, the fourth day we celebrate our closing ceremony with BBQ and fireworks! Join us June 19-21 9am-3pm and June 22 3pm-10pm at Toe River Campground!

Check out our Website-www.brcnews.com
And find us on Facebook

POEM

Imagine - This Easter

By Regina McIntosh
Yancey County

Imagine a world
Where silence fills the void,
Sighing so its heard,
A voice raining kindness.

Imagine a life
Where joy is alive inside
The ones who know strife
Will be erased by serenity's smiling

Imagine a dream
Where God is at the center
Giving inspiration to redeem,
Filling the heart with generosity
And peace!

Imagine a heart
Who listens to the hope
Echoes wonders so amazing,
Embracing the sound of a prayerful
Whisper, breaking apart….

The darkness, the hurt, the doubt
So that there is not even one cloud
To dim the joy, the awesome shout
From the soul who feels this love, so real
Wiping away every tear, bringing out
The answer to every fear…

Just imagine what it means to believe
That God, in all His glory…
Came to this world to relieve every
Spirit of the burden it carries,
The endless need for forgiveness…

IMAGINE – grace that can save the soul
From the shadows of past sins,
Mending with a love that makes us whole
So we know what it is to believe
In the wonder that is reality, the goal
Is to imagine with the faith to know…
This is a faith that will forever console,
Bringing peace that is beyond description…

Imagine a world…
Where love is given unconditionally
With a heart that knows that God
In all His glory, will come back for His church,
The church built from the people…
Who believe in His love, His grace, His light…
Never letting go of the faith that brings
Peace beyond comprehension, peace that lives
At the center of the believing that reassures
Every soul that knows – Jesus is alive

He is the love who cannot die!

Imagine a world…
Who takes the time, this Easter,
To remember His sacrifice
And the glory that shines so bright
From the heart who believes
He is ALIVE,… and we can know
The love that we imagine – exists inside
Those who believe in His resurrection.

This Easter, I'm so thankful I'm forgiven
By a love that is still alive and giving
Light to the darkness, joy to the desolate
Faith to the unfaithful and peace to the hectic.
This Easter, I know that I'm so very blessed!

Regina is a heart and soul who loves the Lord, her family, church, nature, camping, writing, and reading. Her poems have been published by Blue Mountain Arts and she has a recent book of Inspirational Christian Poetry available on Amazon – A Light in the Darkness by Regina McIntosh. Learn more about her by visiting her website at www.reginamcintosh.com