



Highly EXALTED



APRIL—MAY 2018

HIGHLY EXALTED EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 1 @ 10:45 AM

As we approach the Easter holiday, it's important for us to remember that the true story of Easter isn't about a bunny, flowers, eggs, or candy. The true story is about Jesus' death on the cross, his burial, and ultimately his miraculous resurrection.

This Easter at LVBC, we are celebrating the sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us, choosing death on a cross, so that we could have eternal life. We hope you and your family will join us on Sunday, April 1, at 10:45 am, as we discover the truth of the cross and exalt the name of Jesus Christ, confessing that he is Lord!

CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT

We invite your children to join us on Sunday, April 1, for the Children's Ministry Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt!

- 10:15 AM Preschool Egg Hunt (Ages Birth - 5 years old)
- 10:45 AM Children's Event
- 12:15 PM Elementary Egg Hunt (Grades K-5)

Community Sunrise Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 @ 7:15 AM

**RACCOON MOUNTAIN
EAST OVERLOOK**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Matthew 28:1-6

Church Events

APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 3 WMU Meeting
- 4 No Wednesday Activities
- 10 Senior Adult Lunch
- 15 Fundraiser Lunch for Africa Mission Trip (Chelsea Pockman & Sarah Smith)
- 21 New Member's Class

MAY

- 1 WMU Meeting
- 6 Youth Summer Camp Fundraiser Lunch
- 8 Senior Adult Lunch
- 9 Member's Meeting
- 13 Mother's Day
- 20 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 20 VBS Volunteer Training Camp
- 23 End of School Bash (Youth Ministry)
- 28 Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)
- 30 End of School Bash (Children's Ministry)

A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

Breaking the Bronze Serpent

In 2 Kings 18, we discover about a godly king who reigned over the southern kingdom of Judah. His name was Hezekiah. The Bible says of him that, "...*there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him*" (2 Kings 18:5). In other words, he was the "cream of the crop" and the "pick of the litter." What a great commendation for a leader.

But what was it that was so distinctive about Hezekiah that he got such glowing reviews? The previous verse gives us a clue: "*He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah.*" In other words, pagan worship practices had mixed with the worship practices performed by the children of God. Hezekiah abolished and removed this paganism from among the people. But he's not the only king to do that, so what REALLY makes him so outstanding among his peers? The verse continues: "*And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it*" (2 Kings 18:5).

Over 500 years earlier, in Numbers 21:4-9, we find where God instructed Moses to make the bronze serpent. As the story goes, anyone who was bitten by a serpent was to look upon the bronze serpent Moses had made, and they would not die from the snake bite. The bronze serpent was a *tool* used as a means to administer the healing grace of God to His people. What is described in 2 Kings 18 is "*the people of Israel had made offerings to it.*" In other words, the tool which was to be used for the worship of God had become the object of their worship.

The same can be true of us today. We can look at the *tools* God has given us for worship and they can become our *objects* of worship. Programs, ministries, events, traditions, buildings, etc. are all tools that God has given us to utilize for worship and service. A sign that these tools have become objects of our worship is when they become sacred to us. We must remember that they are not an end in themselves, but a means to an end.

As a people, we need to always be aware of this tendency in us and consider if there are any bronze serpents that we need to break into pieces, just as Hezekiah did.

Pastor Troy

MEMBER'S MEETING

On Wednesday, May 9, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite you to join us at 5:45 pm, as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner (see May's bulletin for cost and menu). Following the Fellowship Dinner, our Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will discuss membership issues and hear about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Can you sing? Do you play an instrument? If the answer is yes, then we invite you to join the LVBC Music Ministry!

Anyone high school age and older is invited to participate. For more information on how you can become a part of the music ministry family here at LVBC, please contact our Director of Worship Arts, Olivier Hakizimana (olivier@lookoutvalley.org).

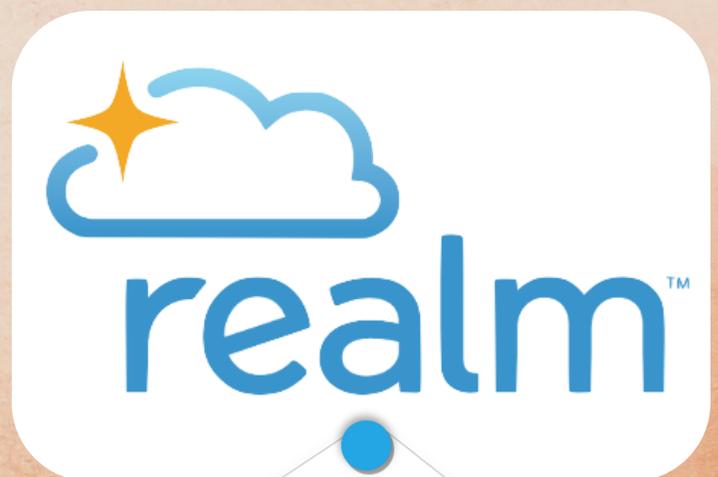
⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:7-11

REALM CONNECT

We are in the process of implementing a new tool to connect and stay in touch with our church family. The Realm Connect Church website and Connect Mobile App makes it easier than ever to stay up to date with all the happenings here at LVBC. You can communicate with your small group, RSVP and pay for church events, manage your online giving, update your personal information, have access to an online church directory, and much more!

We hope that you will take advantage of this new communication tool! Be on the lookout for more information and details coming in late April!



COMING SOON

WELCOME HOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

During our January and March Member's Meeting, our congregation voted to receive seven new members into our church family! If you see one of our newest members, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome them to LVBC!

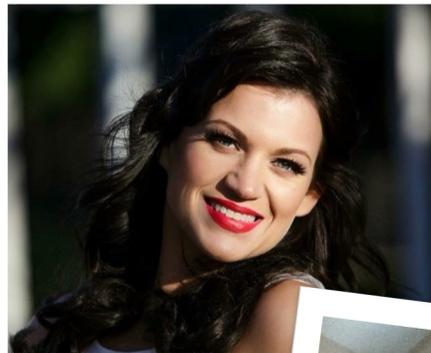
NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

Saturday, April 21 @ 10:00 AM

If you have recently become a member, or would you like to join LVBC, please make plans to attend our New Member's Class on Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. During this class, you will have the opportunity to hear from our staff and elders about our church's theological foundations, why church membership matters, and how we live life together here at LVBC.

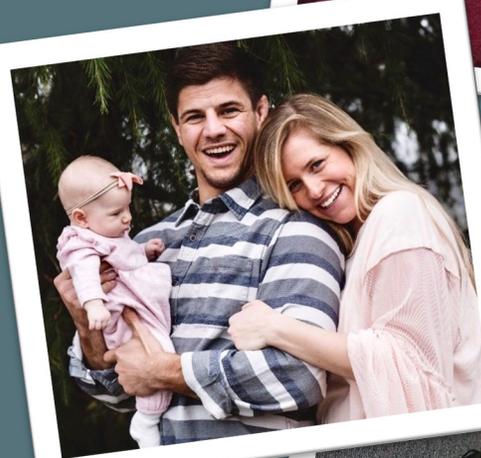
This class is required for all new members who desire to join our church fellowship. If you would like to attend this quarter's class, please contact Pastor Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org) or call the church office (825-5335).

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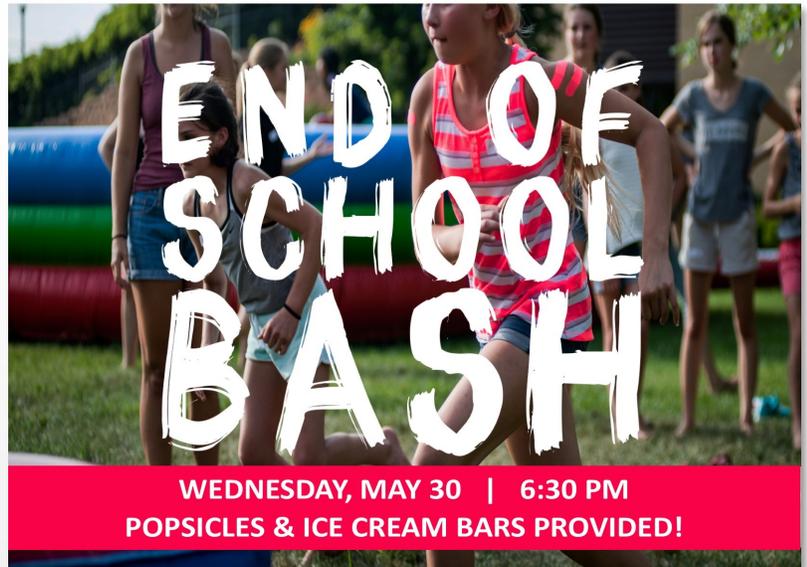
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UPcoming EVENTS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

END OF SCHOOL BASH Wednesday, May 30

Join us for an evening of fun as the LVBC Children's Ministry celebrates the end of the school year! Be sure your kids bring a towel and wear clothing they can get wet. For more information, contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org).



VBS TRAINING CAMP Sunday, May 20

It's hard to believe one of the biggest outreach events in the life of our church is just a few months away. That's right! It's time for Vacation Bible School. We WANT and NEED you on our team!! So, don't just sit on the bench...get in the game!

Please make plans to attend the VBS Volunteer Training Camp on Sunday, May 20, immediately following Worship. During this meeting, volunteers will be divided up into offense, defense, and special teams. You will be given playbooks and training on how you can help LVBC score big at this summer's VBS! Volunteers must be 15 years old and older, and must complete a background check. Lunch and childcare (nursery ages only) will be provided. Please contact Coach Tiffany Morrison to add your name to the roster and reserve your spot at this year's training camp!



Student Life Camp

• SUMMER CAMP 2018 •

JUNE
7-11



Covenant College
Lookout Mountain, Georgia



• \$315 FOR 5 DAYS •

\$75 DEPOSIT DUE MARCH 21

Registration

APRIL 18

\$75 Second Installment Due

MAY 23

\$75 Third Installment Due

JUNE 3

Final Balance & Permission Slips Due

CAMP FUNDRAISER MEAL

Sunday, May 6 in the LVBC Fellowship Hall
Immediately following the Worship Service

DISCOUNTS

\$15 off if deposit is paid by March 21
\$50 off for 2 or more Students

CONTACT CHRISTINA WILSON FOR MORE INFO

YOUTH EVENTS



SUMMER CAMP • June 7-11

Attention Students! This summer, you have the opportunity to attend Student Life Camp at Covenant College, June 7-11! It's not too late to sign up! Cost is \$315. See the flyer on the previous page or contact Christina Wilson for more details!

CAMP FUNDRAISER MEAL • June 3

On Sunday, June 3, immediately following the Worship Service, our youth will hold their annual Camp Fundraiser Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of lunch will be by donations only, and all proceeds assist our youth with the cost of camp. If you are a student or parent, please contact Christina Wilson regarding how you can assist in this important fundraiser!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION • May 20

Graduation is fast approaching and so is LVBC's Graduate Recognition Sunday! On Sunday, May 20, we will recognize our graduating seniors during the 10:45 am Worship Service. If you or your child will be graduating, we would love to add you to our list of honorees! Please contact Christina Wilson (christina@lookoutvalley.org) for more information.

END OF SCHOOL BASH • May 23

Join us on Wednesday, May 23, at 6:30 pm for an End of School Bash! This is guaranteed to be an exciting way to kick off your summer vacation!

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

AFRICA FUNDRAISER • Sunday, April 15 @ 12:15 PM

Immediately following our Worship Service on Sunday, April 15, there will be a fundraiser lunch in support of Chelsea Pockman and Sarah Smith's upcoming mission trip to Zimbabwe. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this insightful afternoon as Chelsea and Sarah share their heart for the people of Zimbabwe and their calling to return to this African nation. Lunch is by donations only. Also, there will be a table of African items and jewelry for sale. All items are handmade by street vendors who attend the local bible study Chelsea and Sarah host during their time in Zimbabwe.

SENIOR ADULT MEETINGS • April 10 & May 8

Join the Senior Adults of Lookout Valley as they meet on the second Tuesday of every month for a time of good fellowship and good food. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 10 and May 8 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



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