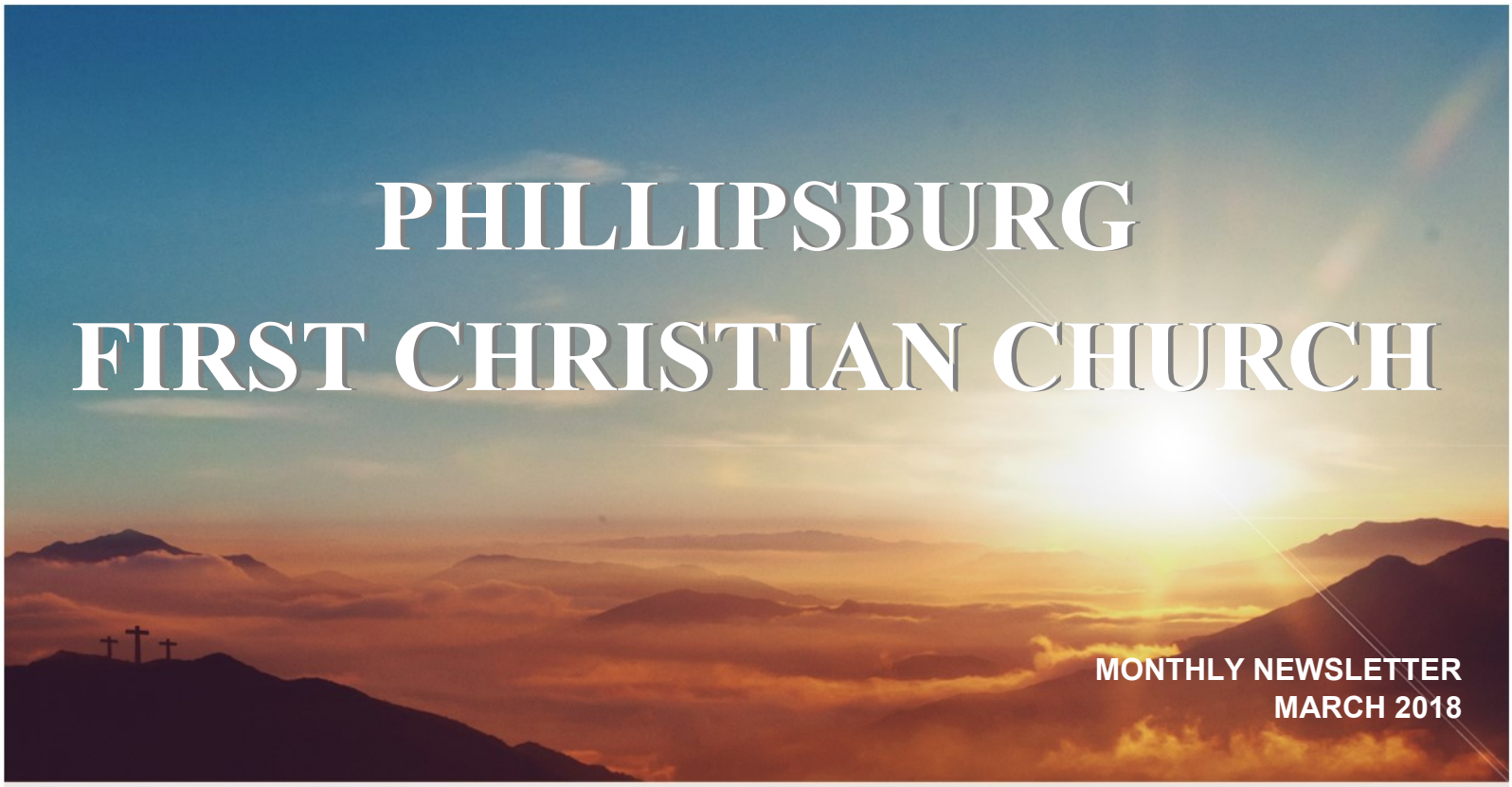

PHILLIPSBURG FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2018

From The Pastor's Pen

John 1:29

Christians everywhere recognize the lamb as a familiar biblical image. It is often connected with both Christmas and Easter. Though lambs aren't specifically mentioned in the Christmas story, they are implied by the presence of shepherds and also by the fact that Jesus was born in a stable. So even though the word "lamb" is not used in connection with Jesus' birth, we know there must have been many flocks in the area around Bethlehem.

The Bible makes the connection between Jesus and lambs in several passages. Isaiah 53:7 compares the Messiah to a lamb going to be slaughtered. John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**. Paul called Christ the **"Passover Lamb"** in I Corinthians 5:7. Peter spoke of Christ's blood as the blood of a lamb in I Peter 1:18-19.

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Church Events

- **March 4 Christian Men's Fellowship**
- **March 4 Evening Bible Studies**
- **March 11 Board Meeting**
- **March 12 Material Girls Quilt Guild**
- **March 19 Elders Meeting**
- **March 20 Prayer Shawl Ministry**
- **March 25 Palm Sunday**
- **March 26 Missions Meeting**
- **March 29 Maundy Thursday Service**
- **March 30 Good Friday**
- **March 7, 14, 21, 28 Youth Groups**
- **March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Ladies Community Bible Study**

Pastor's Pen Continued:

Finally, the book of Revelation explicitly calls Christ **"the Lamb"** 30 times.

Our emotional connotations for the word "lamb" are entirely positive. Words such as gentle, helpless, friendly and innocent come to mind. Compare that with the image of the snake used as a symbol for the devil. Children instinctively love lambs while most people fear snakes. The two animals are about as far apart on the emotional scale as you can get.

As we enter this time of year when we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, may our Lord help us to be thankful for all that He has done for us. As John said in 1:29 LOOK THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD.

Love ya

Pastor Herder

March Memory Scripture

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, March 30th at 12:00 noon. The place where the service will be held will be announced later this month.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunrise Service will be held on April 1st at 7:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church. Please plan to join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Thank You

"Remembering the life of our loved one was made special by your thoughtful caring."

Thank you

The family of Ron Boeve

Our heartfelt thanks to the First Christian Church for the 5 Gideon Bibles donated in Ron's memory to help spread Christianity's good news around the world.

Sincerely,

Eunie & family

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

Maundy Thursday Service

First Christian Church will have a Maundy Thursday gathering on March 29th at 7:00pm.

This will not be a lengthy service, it will include communion, hymns and a brief message.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which Christians consider the institution of Holy Eucharist, also known as the Lord's supper or communion.

It is described in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 22. At the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus breaks bread, saying, "This is my body," and pours wine, saying, "This is my blood."

He then asks the disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me."

Maundy Thursday is also associated with foot-washing. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, an act described in the Gospel of John, chapter 13, as Jesus teaching them to be servants.

It's the ultimate act of "servant leadership." Jesus instructs his followers to love and to serve.

We will not be doing the foot washing. You will be blessed. Look forward to this special service.

Pastor LeRoy

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

05 Randy Runnion
08 Jerol Robinson
08 Carolyn Babcock
08 Carliss Lunsford
10 Jacey Minkler
10 Linda Imm
11 Jacey Kellerman
14 Becky Lanier
16 Kirk Coomes
16 Dorothy Mayhew
20 Deb Dreiling
25 Randy Schneider
27 Seth Jacobs
27 J.P. Rice
28 Ron Heller
29 Tim Werner

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Saturday night, March 10

FEBRUARY OFFERING

04	**$1,398.00**
11	**$1,642.00**
18	**$2,544.00**
25	**$900.00**

Each Sunday we need to collect $2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

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