

Appreciating the Unexpected

On Sunday, March 16, I shared some big news with the church. I accepted a full-time tenure-track professorship at Spartanburg Methodist College.

This is not what I expected, not what we expected as a family. Our thought was that, by now, I would be a full-time pastor at a church. We had some opportunities along those lines that did not work out. I never expected a full professorship was in our future.

And yet, here we are.

This is the nature of our journey of life in Christ. We think we have a path. We think we know a direction. And suddenly, something great (or challenging, or difficult, or life-giving) comes along that we never saw.

Sometimes the challenge is tougher than we expected. Other times, the opportunity is greater than we anticipated. This new direction is not what we anticipated at all. Yet it feels amazingly good and incredibly settled—something we have not experienced very often in the last few years!

Ridgeland Dr. may be on the verge of some new and unexpected things. This can be surprising and maybe a bit scary, as new things often are. Then again, it may turn out far greater than you ever expected.

May we be a people who trust the leading of the Spirit into new things, into unexpected directions. And while such things may give us pause, may we trust that God can lead us to greater things that we ever anticipated.

Pastor Tom

Worship Schedule

"Anticipation builds... big news coming our way!"

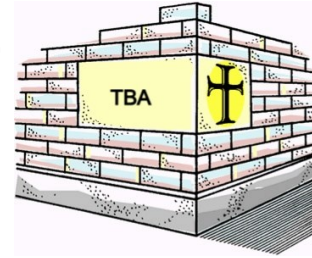
April 6 Dr. Jeff Rogers to preach

(Vote on Pastor after worship)

April 13 Palm Sunday

April 20 Easter Sunday

April 27 Worship



Greeters

Marisa Bardwell & Adam Kelley

Offering Counters

Mark Bolden & D.J. Duncan
& Mason Zeigler

Ushers

Billy Galloway & Lily Zeigler

Worship Leaders

Apr 6 Dora Jane Duncan
Apr 13 Debra Franks
Apr 20 Adam Kelley
Apr 27 Greg Kelley

Potluck Salad Lunch

Wednesday April 9th
11:30 a.m. following
W.A.T.T. Bring a salad to share and join in fellowship!

Potluck Salad Luncheon



Apr 9 Mike Cole
Apr 11 Billy Galloway
Apr 11 Greg Kelley
Apr 20 Donnie Nations



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Mission Emphasis for April



This month April 13-27 we will make donations to Feed A Child, Pickens Co. They provide food for students on the weekends in Pickens County Public Schools. www.pickenschildren.com/

Pray for Christian Programs

Scripture: "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." *1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NIV)*

Prayer: Father, I pray for abundant blessings on positive programs that bring the love of Jesus Christ into public schools. Help the groups who sponsor such programs function according to Your Word and in harmony with each other. Bless the leaders and bring forth new and growing believers.



Apr 13 Palm Sunday
Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Service
Apr 18 Good Friday
Apr 20 Easter Sunrise Service, Breakfast, & Worship



Maundy Thursday Service
April 17, 7:00 p.m.

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Easter Sunday

7:15 a.m.— Sunrise Celebration with
Easter Fellowship Breakfast
8:00 a.m.— Morning Worship





April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REGULAR SCHEDULE 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship			REGULAR SCHEDULE 11:00 am W.A.T.T. 6:00 pm Snack Supper 6:30 pm CC&A 6:30 Youth		REGULAR SCHEDULE 11:00 am RDRC Delivers Meals on Wheels	 8:00 a.m. Work Day 5:00 p.m. Drop In MEET & GREET Prospective Preacher
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 a.m. Worship with Dr. Jeff Rogers (Vote after) 11:15am Choir Practice	7  5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	8	9  11:30 a.m. Fellowship Lunch Potluck Salad	10	11	12
13  PALM SUNDAY	14	15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Mauddy Thursday Service 	18	19
20  7:15 a.m. Sonrise Service & Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Worship	21	22  Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Open Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER			

Looking Ahead

May 11 Mother's Day
 May 17 Issaqueena Festival, Volunteering morning setup. Details to come
 May 25 Graduate Recognition



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 With Jesus our example,
 Discipleship our goal,
 And love our action.*