

The Harmony Grit

Robert Fletcher Hardy, IV, Pastor

March, 2008

Plans Announced for Holy Week Services

In December, our church celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are now in the middle of Lent, a time of preparation and repentance as we await the return of Jesus. The forty days of Lent end on March 22nd, the day before Easter. The last week of Lent is known as Holy Week. Our pastor Robert has announced that Harmony will conduct services each day of Holy Week. We will have Lay Speakers of Harmony bring the message at each service. The messages will be based on the words of Jesus during his final week before his crucifixion. A tentative schedule follows.

Sunday, March 16th is Palm Sunday. Leon Griffith will speak at the 11 service on "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23: 34). Holy Week Services will continue Monday through Friday at 7 PM nightly. The speaker for Sunday night will be Jim Finney. His topic will be "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23: 43). On Monday night Kenny Gibson will speak on "Behold your Mother." (John 19: 27). Tuesday night is Butch Salmons will speak. His topic will be "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27: 46). Wednesday's speaker will be Ronnie Gibson. He will discuss "I am thirsty" and "It is finished." (John 19: 28 – 30).

The Maundy Thursday service will be on – Thursday night! The men of the church will present a re-enactment of the Last Supper. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Friday night we will conduct a Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness). Both of these services will also begin at 7 PM.

On Saturday, March 22nd, Harmony will hold an Easter Egg Hunt for the children (of all ages). There will be a time of worship, and then a time to find some eggs! This event will begin at 10 AM.

Easter Services to be Held

Each year Harmony UMC participates in a Cascade Community Sunrise Service. This year is no exception. Although plans are incomplete at the time of this printing, there will be a Sunrise Service early in the morning on Sunday, March 23rd. It will be held at one of the local churches. One of the local pastors will speak. There will be singing by a choir. Food may be provided. Come visit us on Palm Sunday for exact details. Or check the church website (www.harmonyumchurch.org). Information will be posted there as soon as all the details are ironed out.

Harmony UMC will meet at 9:45 AM for Sunday School and at 11 AM for Worship Service on Easter Sunday. But, because many of our members usually attend the Sunrise Service that day, we will cancel the Sunday night Youth Meeting and the Adult Bible Study (for Easter Sunday only). Come join us as many days as you can during our Holy Week Services.

Valentine Meal by Men

Did you make it to the Sunday, February 10th feast at Harmony? The faithful Few Men's Crew prepared AND served a delicious lunch to those who crowded into the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service. The congregation dined on roasted chicken, lasagna, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert and drinks. The men delivered the food directly to the tables – no having to go through a serving line. And the best part (according to the ladies present), they cleaned up and did the dishes after the meal. Thanks guys!

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Check out these activities for March.

Tuesday, March 4th @ 7 PM
Wednesday, March 5th @ 7 PM
Sunday, March 9th @ 8 AM
Monday, March 10th @ 7 PM
Tuesday, March 11th @ 7 PM
Wednesday, March 12th @ 7 PM
Sunday (16th) – Friday (21st) @ 7 PM
Saturday, March 22nd @ 10 AM
Sunday, March 23rd (All Day)

Worship Committee meeting.
Evangelism Committee meeting.
Faithful Few Men's Crew breakfast and meeting.
Children's Committee meeting.
Youth Committee meeting.
Ladies Fellowship Meeting.
Holy Week Services (See article on front page).
Easter Egg Hunt.
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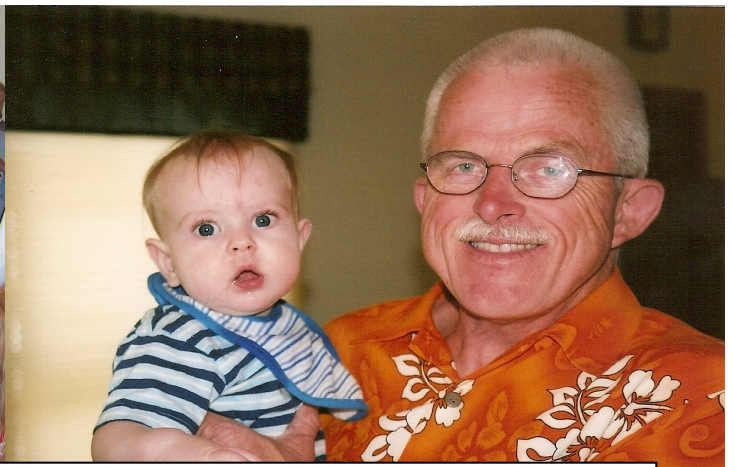
These events are in addition to the regular 6:30 PM Youth and Children meetings and the 7 PM Bible Study on Sunday nights, and the 7PM meal and 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service on Thursday nights. Geraldine Rayford, Chair of the Missions Committee at Brosville UMC, will be the speaker at the March 6th Contemporary Worship Service. She will be discussing upcoming Mission trips of her church. The speaker for the March 13th Service is Haywood Alcorn, Pastor at Willis Memorial Baptist Church. Come join us in worship.

March Birthdays: Larry Flint -- 5th Hannah Williams, Paul Gibson & James Hunt III -- 17th Jeremy Thomas & Kyle Gibson – 19th Rick Haywood – 23rd Francis "Woodie" Hardy – 24th Christy Irby & Sherri Gibson – 26th
March Anniversaries : Neda & Jim Finney – 7th

Ann Hardy is back home (1908 Westover Drive Danville, VA 24541). She is still recuperating from her illness and has lots of "visits" with her doctors. But she gets to enjoy the familiar surroundings and spend time with her family and with Richard, the family dog. The family wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards and visits. They ask for your continued prayers on her behalf.

He Has Risen! Come See the Empty Tomb!

Easter! A gift from God & Jesus!



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