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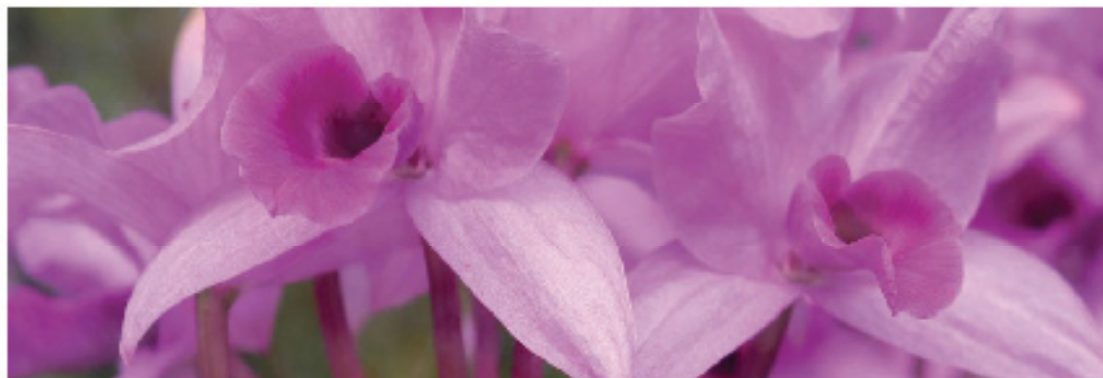
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# MBC NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF Middendorf Baptist Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

**GREETINGS!** Let us have a conversation. No not with our phones, no texting, no blogging, insta-messaging, emailing but in your hands with the written word. I know even the Bible is available electronically. But there is something special about being able to hold it in your hands and feel the pages – one sheet at a time. It feels more personal. At least there are still a few of us left that seek that connection, at least for now. For now, and as long as it serves a need we are attempting to create a Church Newsletter.

Barbara Gore and Dianne Byrd have volunteered to spearhead this up. They deserve a big acknowledgement. The task they are endeavoring to accomplish will not be easy. Please be ready to help them. Please be patient it will not happen in the first few Newsletters. I have volunteered to help them from a publishing standpoint and any where else I can contribute and help make this a lasting reality for our Church. It could be a lasting and rewarding outreach.

**Who can help?** Everyone. Every member. All our church leaders have a role they serve. Please keep us

informed what is going on in your area of service.

How? Send us your news, your photos. Upcoming events. We already have the Senior Sunday School Class stepping out due to the services being suspended. We will be combining the mailing on their news with the Church. Just let us hear from you.

These are uncharted times we are living in and communication during this social distancing can be challenging. Greeting each other in love through hugs a handshakes and the personal touch being replaced with elbow rubs or fake gestures to imitate..well there really is not a substitute. But the Newsletter can help make it a little more personal. Not a Church Leader, you can still help by giving us **Feedback**

One of the best ways to create great church newsletter is to ask for feedback. We would like you to tell us what you would like to see or what you don't like about the current newsletter. Getting feedback with each newsletter helps us design something that works best for our membership as a whole.



SEE INSIDE

- Walk A Thon Info
  - Birthdays
  - Letter from our Preacher
  - Prayer Request
  - Easter Worksheet for kids
  - Adult Sunday School Lesson
  - Vacation Bible School dates
- And Much More!

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## Women's Missionary Union (WMU)

Meeting Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 4:30 PM (When Church Resumes)  
Amanda Catoe – Director.

Attention Ladies WMU is having a fundraiser asking all ladies to give \$5 dollars a month or \$60 dollars for the year! Let Amanda Catoe or Barbara Gore know if you would like to Participate. Pick up your Commitment card today!

### April 18, 2020 Walk A Thon

The Walk A Thon is still on!!

During the Walk A Thon we will practicing social distancing and take every safety measure we can. It will be a good way to get out and get some fresh air!

The Walk A Thon will start at Middendorf Baptist Church at 7:00am. We will walk to Sugarloaf Mountain and back to the Church, which is 10 Miles.

Please let Barbara Gore know if you would like to Participate. \$25 donation for each walker!



### April Gore 4/2

**Tori Freeman 4/4**

**Betty Griggs 4/5**

**Mark Mixon 4/8**

**Gus Snipes 4/10**

**Eloise Bullard 4/12**

**Jenny Mae Oakley 4/12**

**Randy Catoe 4/14**

**Charles Bullard 4/17**

**Callie Wayne 4/16**

**John Clark Jr. 4/16**

**Renee Freeman 4/18**

**Isaac Hoffman 4/19**

**James Segars 4/24**

**April Byrd Snipes 4/28**

**Amos Catoe 4/28**

**Ronnie Johnson 4/28**



### A Message from Jamie...

I've always been blessed with family. My Church family surprised me BIG TIME with my first ever Birthday Party! I am truly humbled. I love you all. Stay safe, keep praying, and hopefully we will see each other real soon!



# connect.

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MIDDENDORF  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

2020  
April 5th



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER- JOHNNY TOLSON

“ETERNAL LIFE” ...Our Sunday School lesson today is Session 6 (Page 49).

The Passage - Revelation 21: 1-8 ; 1-5.

The Point - WE CAN LIVE FOREVER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

I hope you read your lesson this week. For our friends who don't have Sunday School Books, I have added the passages for this week's lesson.

The gift of an eternal home is not automatic. Jesus offer is open to to all, but the only ones who can enter this new Heaven and new earth are those who follow Him. Are you a follower of Jesus? Have you accepted Him as your Savior? If you have than you can live in the presence of God for eternity one day!. If you have not accepted Jesus as your savior

then I urge you to do so right now - then you can Live Forever in the Presence of God for Eternity....

It Is So Simple: Acknowledge Him, Realize you are a sinner and ask for forgiveness and accept Him. For it is written: “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:9, 13



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
This is our class newsletter. Please send in stories to share, be it a poem, quote, cartoon (in Christian fun). Anything you would want to share with your class members. You may send to Johnny & Sheila's email (or) [aspnancy@bellsouth.net](mailto:aspnancy@bellsouth.net) or mail it to us.

**Looking Ahead to Next Week**  
  
Unit 2:  
**RESSURECTION**  
The Foundation of Our Faith  
  
Lesson 1  
The Truth of the Resurrection



# Easter Word Search

F L O W E R S G N I R P S Z O  
 S K C I H C T E B P A R A D E  
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- Basket
- Bonnet
- Bunny
- Candy
- Chicks
- Chocolate
- Daffodil
- Decorate
- Ducks
- Dye
- Easter
- Egg Hunt
- Eggs
- Family
- Flowers
- Grass
- Happy
- Jellybeans



- Lily
- Parade
- Peeps
- Rabbit
- Spring
- Sunday
- Tradition
- Tulips



## WORD SEARCH

Ages 6-12

Have your parents help you  
 take a photo of your  
 finished puzzle and send it  
 to Barbara's Cell Phone!  
 (843) 307-2495  
 First 5 WIN!!

## Candy Count!

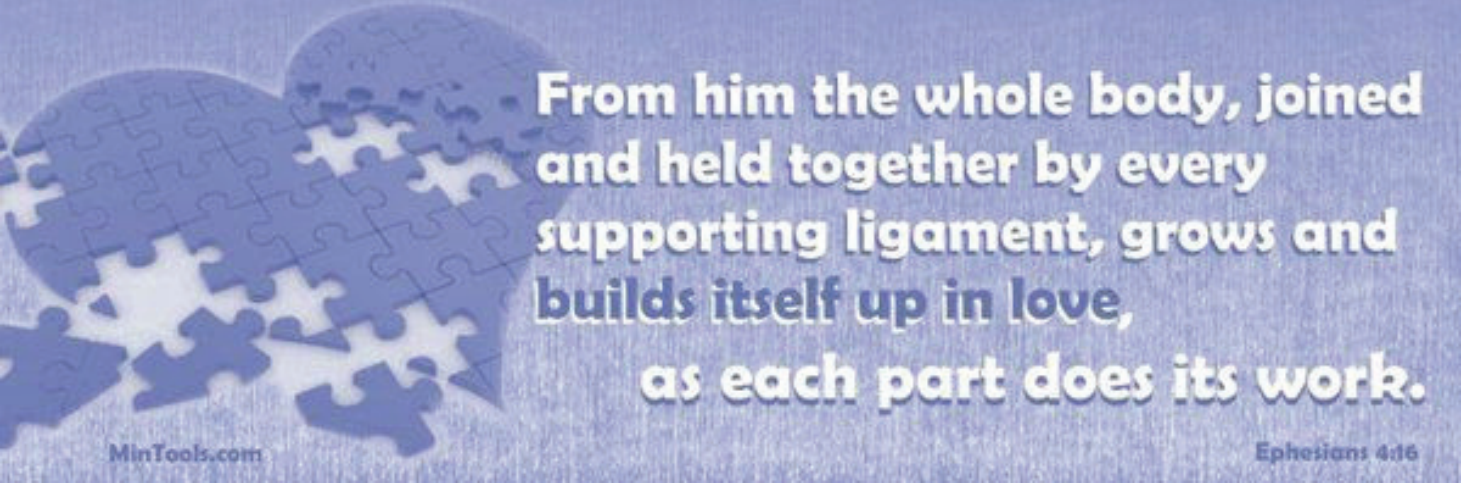
Ages 0-6

Can you guess how much  
 candy is in each jar?

Parents, text your child's  
 name and guess to  
 Barbara's Cell Phone!  
 (843) 307-2495



Deadline for entry is  
 Sunrise April 12



**From him the whole body, joined  
and held together by every  
supporting ligament, grows and  
builds itself up in love,  
as each part does its work.**

MinTools.com

Ephesians 4:16

### **MINISTRY TOOLS ON THE MOVE AND CHANGING DEAR NEWSLETTER FRIENDS**

So much has changed over the last two weeks for us as individuals as well as our churches and ministries. For many of us, we're unable to "do church" as usual. Yet, since the Church is more than the building and its programs, the Church and its true ministry continues on no matter what's happening around us. Though we may not be able to meet as usual ...

#### **God's purposes for us as His Church remain the same.**

The Greatest Commandments, to love God and others, supersede all the activity we might accomplish as a church. Without love, we read in 1 Corinthians 13, we're just a clanging cymbal. While we might not be able to "do" church as usual, we can still "be" the Church, fulfilling God's purposes. We still have many, many ways to express love to God and others. How we worship, learn about Him, and pray as a Church might look different, but as His people, we still make it a priority to love God in these ways. How we fellowship, reach out, and help one another might take more planning and creativity in a time such as this, but we still make it a priority to love others in these ways.

#### **God's design for the Church keeps working.**

Body life requires a connection to one another, an interdependence. We might have to change how we meet (i.e., now by phone, texting, online, social media, etc.) but more than ever we need to keep in touch and let people know they aren't forgotten. Remember, God designed the Church to function in such a way that "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it" (1 Cor. 12:26). Let's carefully consider how we can encourage and spur one another on (Heb. 10:24-25), letting each other know we truly care and that we're in this together.

#### **God's mission continues to be our mission.**

The Great Commission exhorts us to go and make disciples. A breakdown of Matthew 28:18-20 shows us that disciple making includes more than outreach efforts. It also involves disciplining those who have put their trust in Jesus to help them become more fully devoted followers of the Lord. This mission doesn't end when life gets difficult. All the more, this is a time people need the Lord. As a Church, we must make the most of this opportunity to reach out to those who feel hopeless. And, we need to help those who do hope in the Lord, to deepen their faith so they don't lose heart but rather still live in that fullness of life and joy Jesus came to bring us.

Jesus gave us this mission with a promise. -- "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:20) -- That means He is with us even in a time such as this. With His presence comes peace but also power to rise above and continue on in this world as His Church living out His purposes, following His design for the Church, and accomplishing His mission. Yes, we may have to do it differently but perhaps that's not a bad thing if it causes us to examine ourselves to see if we're merely "doing" church or if we "are" the Church.



# Message From the Pastor

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*

Greetings my dear brethren. I hope and pray you are all well. The above scripture speaks volumes concerning our current circumstance. As a country and citizens of this country we are in trouble. We are fighting an invisible opponent and are facing new and unknown conditions on a daily basis. But be of good cheer, God is on the throne! David under the leadership of the Holy Spirit does not define “trouble” He simply states that; “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Our God is the one to turn to during these times of trouble. He is a God of comfort, mercy and strength. I hope you find this Newsletter and our on-line services a source of comfort and encouragement as you try to adjust to the new normal of “social distancing”. The leadership of our church is trying daily to find our way as we continue to minister and be ambassadors for Christ. Starting next week, Monday Wednesday and Friday at 12 Noon I will lead a Bible Lesson Live on our Church Facebook Page. In addition, our 11 AM Sunday Service will be broadcast Live each week on Facebook and our church Website [www.middendorfbaptist.com](http://www.middendorfbaptist.com). Also, we will continue to send things to you via direct mail. Our Sunday School Teachers are working hard to stay connected with their class members and we are all trusting God to help us help each other. May God bless y’all,

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor Beau

## Class of 2021 Got their Rings!!!



Left to right Tori Freeman, Will Catoe, Gage Nesbit, Ace Tolson, Brady Boyle, Madison Simmons

4/5/2020

Prayer Requests

Prayer Focus

Praise Reports

GOOD MORNING CLASS. I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GOOD WEEK!

LETS SHARE OUR PRAISE REPORTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Avis Baskins - Cancer
Darian Sullivan-Surgery
Rachel Branham (Hospice)
Charles/Gail Bullard
Frances Steen
Duvall/Eloise Bullard
Juana, Celeste, Harold Sanders (Spain Family)
Johnny Jones-husband
Sylvia Johns - wife
Ray Fisher Family
Allen Chavis

Ourt Health Care Worker
All those suffering from the COVID 19 Virus
Our Church Family
Saleeby Ctr Residents & Staff

DARIAN SULLIVAN - Doing Much better, Let's pray he will continue to improve.
BETTY ROBERTS- To her Church family who have been helping her get groceries, meals, phone calls, texts. I am truly blessed to have you as my Church Family. Thank you all!

DEVOTIONAL

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

For evangelicals, these verses are some of the most familiar in the Bible. When I was saved at age thirty-one, I heard these verses quoted again and again. Almost always, though, it was only verses 8-9.

I think my experience is the norm for most of us. When we read this passage, we focus on God's grace. We appropriately emphasize that salvation is a gift and that no one can work to earn forgiveness of sins. God's approval and entry into heaven do not come by the religious works and good deeds we do. We rightfully talk about the fact that Christianity differs from almost all other religions in that they focus on our actions, whereas Christianity focuses on what Christ has done.

However, most of the time, we stop after verse 9. God's grace is not only something we receive, but it is also something that prompts us to do good works. In fact, when verse 10 begins with the word for, it ties God's saving grace in verses 8-9 with the resulting good works. His grace that saves us also motivates us to do good works. In fact, He has foreordained the good works we should do.

How about you? Does your life display good works motivated by His grace?

Dear Father, I want my life today to be a demonstration that I have been saved by grace. Amen.

NOW ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
It's time to laugh together

You know you're getting older when...

You decide that if God wanted you to touch your toes he would have put them on your knees.

CHURCH SIGNS. I enjoy looking at Church signs that have quotes on them using a play on words. To make a catchy saying with a christian message is the perfect tool for anyone looking to promote God's kingdom beyond the walls of the congregation. I saw this one the other day and hope you enjoy it and it's message. "SUGAR COATED PREACHING CAN LEAD TO TRUTH DECAY". This is not the case at Middendorf Baptist Church. Pastor Boyle preaches the word of God according to the Bible under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. There isn't any "Truth Decay" preaching at our church.

I hope you enjoyed this week's devotion "What are you doing? This is a question we should all be asking ourselves. Does our life demonstrate that we have been saved by grace. Let us pray and ask God to help us apply this devotion to our life. I pray God will keep you and your families safe in His hands. Until next week.... Your SS Teacher, Johnny Tolson



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 28th -Aug 1st , 2020**

**Please let Bobbi Hoffman know if you can help!**

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**SERVICES ONLINE Sunday, APRIL**

11:00 am - A TIME FOR online FELLOWSHIP

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