

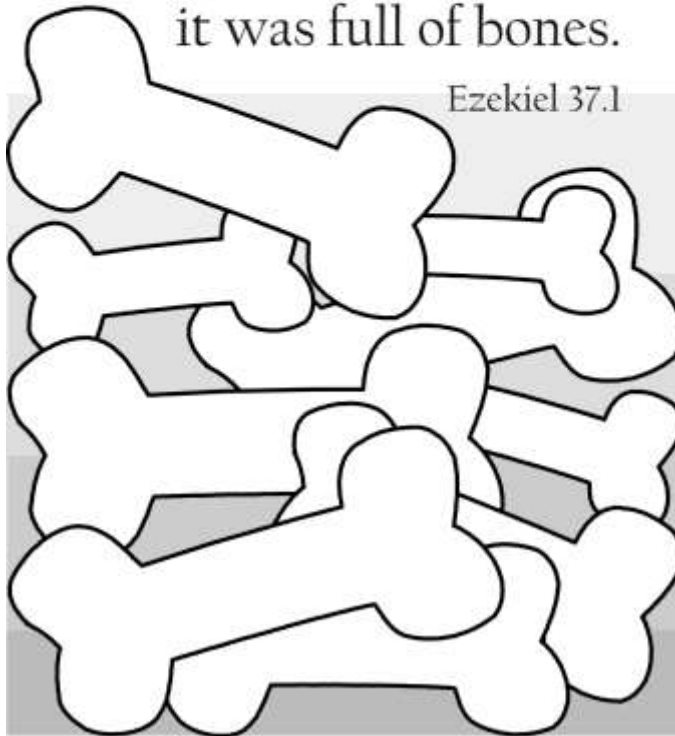
Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The hand of the Lord
came upon me,
and he brought me out
by the spirit of the Lord
and set me down in the
middle of a valley;
it was full of bones.

Ezekiel 37.1



5th Sunday in Lent, April 6, 2014

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord God knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.

With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

*Hymn

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH 368

The Opening Prayer

Lord God, Great I Am, you are resurrection and life. As we worship you this day show us who we are: bearers of good news, messengers of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

The Children’s Message

*Hymn

“Are Ye Able”

UMH 530

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

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The New Testament Reading – Romans 8:6-11

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This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“The Valley of the Dry Bones”

The Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *[All pray in silence]*

Hear the good news: Despite our brokenness, Christ died for us that we might have life. That proves God's gracious love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH 13)

Giving the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Arise, dry bones, and live!

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, bless and keep you in this life and the life to come. **Amen.**

***The Postlude**

"Bless the Lord" (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Assisting with Worship Today:

Scripture Reader: John Radolinski (11:00am)
Greeter: Stephenie Newton (11:00am)

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday, April 13:

Scripture Reader: Lucy Willard (8:30am)
Greeter: Linda Newton (8:30am)
Kenny Newton (11:00am)

All are Welcome to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection. Our hope is that you will feel God's blessing during this time with us.



Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's messages, serve as greeters, and teach Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Please see the sign-up sheet.

MINISTERS:

PRESIDING BISHOP:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN:

All Members
Young Jin Cho
Theodore Smith
Michael B. Reaves
Marie Williams
Kay Roy

THIS WEEK: April 6 - 13, 2014

TODAY	<u>Canned Food Offering</u>
	8:30am Worship
	9:45am Sunday School
	11:00am Worship
Wednesday	7:00pm Finance Committee
	7:30pm Administrative Council
Thursday	7:00pm Evening Prayer Study (end of Week 4)
Saturday	9:30am United Methodist Women
Sunday, 4/13	<u>Palm Sunday/Loose Change Collection Sunday</u>

UPCOMING:

Wednesday, 4/16	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Thursday, 4/17	7:00pm	Evening Prayer Study (end of Week 5)
Friday, 4/18	7:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, 4/19	2:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt at Agnes Harris's Home
Sunday, 4/20		<u>Easter Sunday – No 8:30am service this day!</u>
	6:30am	Easter Sunrise Service
	7:00am	Sunrise Breakfast
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Easter Sunday Worship
Monday, 4/21	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
Thursday, 4/24	7:00pm	Evening Prayer Study (end of Week 6)
Sunday, 4/27	4:00pm	Confirmation Class Begins

Birthdays This Week (and one missed from Last Week):

4/1 Jimmy Weadon	4/12 David Pitts	4/13 Kay Roy
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Easter Egg Hunt Supplies Needed! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be here soon. If you can donate plastic eggs and goodies to fill them with, it would be greatly appreciated. Place your donations in the basket at the front entrance.

Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, April 27. The classes are open to all youth in grades 6 and above. We will meet from 4pm – 6:15pm on April 27, May 4, May 25, and June 1. Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Help Keep the Prayer List Up-to-Date: Please let Pastor Mike know if a name can be removed from the prayer list. Prayer concerns can remain on the list as long as necessary but let us know if a prayer need has been met.

Food for Thought:

In any story of survival, one of the most important elements is hope. In a struggle for survival, if hope is lost, death often follows soon after. However, if those in peril hold on to hope, their chances to make it through can often increase. Many oncologists actually point to hope as the greatest psychological contributor to recovery for cancer patients. Hope is a powerful motivator.

In the valley of dry bones, God articulates the collective spiritual and psychological state of the people of Israel: "Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off'" (v. 11). Yet, as dry as those bones were, as distant as hope could ever be, God brought life out of death in that valley, just as he can bring hope out of our deepest despair.

About Fletcher's Chapel Church

Our Vision is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

Our Mission: "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -- Matthew 28:19-20

Contact us by email: Pastor Mike is at reaves.michael.b@gmail.com
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Our website is at www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org and let us know what you think!

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Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; Those having difficulties in their marriages; The residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Colleen Bowie, Dee Campbell, Jayden Cleveland, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, John Coates, Audrey Davenport, Ruby Hawkins, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Marie Smith, Pete Sullivan, Sherry Garner Taylor, Dinah Taylor

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Shirley Cahoon, Barbara Canaday, Inez Carver, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Virginia Garner, Alvin Gill, Christine Holdren, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Hugh "Little Boy" Newton, Pat Pelletier, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Kert Ryder's Great-Aunt, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Tai (re: Lori Radolinks), Claude Stevens, Patty Darr Sullivan, Joan Wehner

***Prayers for Our Neighbors (Zip Code 22485):** 448 Bully Hill Dr, 450 Bully Hill Dr, 480 Bully Hill Dr, 10124 Hardwood Dr, 10127 Hardwood Dr, 10178 John Minor Dr, 10190 John Minor Dr, 1112 Kings Hwy, 1117 Kings Hwy, 1305 Kings Hwy, 1326 Kings Hwy, 1366 Kings Hwy, 10940 Laforce Ln, 10988 Laforce Ln, 11004 Laforce Ln, 11069 Laforce Ln, 11074 Laforce Ln, 10131 Woodside Ln, 10208 Woodside Ln

***Prayer Request Cards** are available in the pew racks. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.*

**There are 1,000 homes within a 2.7 miles radius of this church. In 2014, we will include twenty of these homes in our weekly prayer list.*

Stewardship: Applying Bible Principles

A Christian business owner once observed, “I would rather do business with a non-Christian any day than with a Christian.” His statement was a descriptive commentary on a sad state in the lives of some Christians who fail to pay their bills or to deal with their debts as promised.

A debt simply represents a promise to pay. Nothing more. Nothing less. Whether the debt is to purchase a car, a house, braces for the kids’ teeth, or to facilitate a purchase by using a credit card, the issue is the same. By creating a debt, we also create simultaneously an obligation and promise to pay.

Larry Burkett wrote this, “Probably forty percent of all American families are in debt in a typical year. They’re unable to make the monthly payments on the money they borrowed. Many actually borrow more money to make payments on the money they’ve already borrowed.”

We who are Christians — of all people — should pay our debts, not only for our reputations and personal integrity, but also because what we do is a direct reflection on our Lord. Or as the Apostle Paul expressed it so clearly in 1 Thessalonians 4:12, we are to walk honestly towards people who are outside the family of God so that our daily lives may win their respect.

Psalm 37:21 says that to borrow (to create a debt) and then not repay it is wrong. But on a positive note, this same verse also says that the person who is righteous shows mercy by repaying debts and by giving to the needs of others.

By the way, do people know you’re a Christian by how you pay your bills and by how you give to others?

God expects us to pay our debts.

“The wicked borrow, and do not pay back, but the righteous are generous and keep giving” (Psalm 37:21).