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THE WEEPING TREE

Outside the city wall stands the weeping tree. In silence she lifts her weary arms against the darkened sky.

She is a gathering place for the sorrowful and a sanctuary for the grieving. Her shadows are a hiding place for the oppressed and a refuge for the lost. Under her graceful canopy there is comfort and beneath her towering presence there is shelter from the storm.

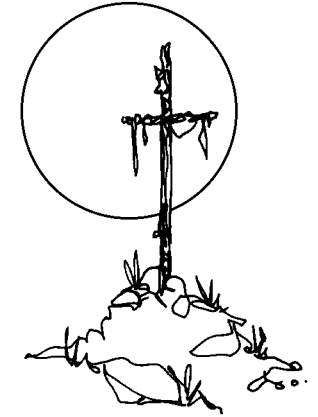
Long ago, she was planted on a windswept hill where all could see her solitary silhouette and, though fixed in barren soil, her roots grew

deep into the hearts of all who drew near to her.

Watered by a thousand tears, her sylvan branches once held a perfect harvest, for heaven had chosen her rugged frame to be the bearer of grace. There in her crooked and twisted arms she cradled Jesus, the Hope of the world. She who was cut and fashioned by hatred and violence became a tree of life for the world.

Her arms are outstretched still.

Join us Sunday morning as the Sanctuary Choir presents "The Weeping Tree" at 11:00 am. This



"The Weeping Tree"
Sunday, April 4
11:00 am

work focuses on the "weeping tree" and some of the other symbols associated with the crucifixion. Come encounter God's grace.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11, at 11:00 am. This year, we will have areas for preschool through 1st grade, for grades 2–5, and for grades 6–8. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

We need help preparing for the Egg Hunt. On the bulletin board in

the hall are Easter Eggs with suggestions for contributions of supplies that can be made to help with the Egg Hunt. Of course, you may choose to make monetary contributions as well.

What we would most appreciate are contributions of your time to be here to help

Saturday, April 11
11:00 am
age 2—grade 8

on April 11. We have distributed 1,600 flyers to the schools in Hapeville, so we could have a very large attendance!

Join us for a great time of ministry with the children of Hapeville!

PRAYER BREAKFAST



A single moment. How you react. This is how lives are changed. Learn from Ken Futch's astonishing true story of how he accidentally shot himself in the head—and how it opened his mind! Hilarious, inspiring and motivating, it will give you a (w)hole new outlook on life!

In times of dramatic change, discover how you can position yourself to maximize your opportunities. Find out what critical factors impact your success and identify the silver bullets that will help you "Take Your Best Shot"!

Join us for Prayer Breakfast Saturday, April 4, at 8:30 am. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Ladies are invited!



Bob Wiley
Pastor

JUST THINKING. . .

What a joy to be the pastor of Hapeville First Baptist Church! So many good people! So many reasons to be thankful for our Heavenly Father's provision! And to be part of a congregation that cares for people like you do. Barbara and I rejoice that God has given us the opportunity to pastor and minister among you.

This coming Saturday morning, our chef, Mike Simpson, will provide a great breakfast for men and women at 8:30 am. A guest speaker, Mr. Ken Futch, will provide the program.

Brother Tom, the choir and others, will lead us to a great worship experience

this Palm Sunday with the presentation of "The Weeping Tree." You will be sorry if you are not part of the 200 who will be present!

On the Saturday before Easter we will have this Eggstravaganza! Hopefully there will be enough of US to adequately provide a good time for the children who come!

Let's push ourselves to the limit for Easter Sunday morning by having 250 people present for worship! This is possible if ALL OF US work hard on inviting family, friends and enemies to a celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Pastor Bob

YOUNG-IN-HEART

Young-in-Heart
Tuesday,
April 7

Fire up your ovens. Uncover your dishes. Fill them with your tastiest recipes. It's that time again!

That's right, it's time

for the monthly Young-in-Heart meeting.

Bring your covered-dish Tuesday, April 7, and join us for a great

time of fun and fellowship together as we meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am.

You don't want to miss this one!

THIS WEEK. . .

Bible Study Attendance 89
Budget Receipts \$ 2,978.46
Designated Receipts 175.00
Total Receipts \$ 3,153.46
Weekly Requirements \$5,853.00

Deacon of the Week,
Cecil Wallace
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Nursery Worker,
Joyce Payne
Van Driver Team,
Debbie Martin, Steve Darrow
Breakfast Team,
Bob & Barbara Wiley

PRAY FOR. . .

. . .the family of R. J. Benefield in his death on March 28, 2009.

Treasured Member of the week:
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Tom Howard
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NOTES FROM TOM

Come to the "weeping tree."

Her once towering limbs now lie discarded on the ground. Once the most beautiful tree in the garden, she has been stripped, her bark peeled away in large ribbons. Her magnificent trunk sawed in two, she stands transformed into a cross. Surrounded by angry shouts and the cries of mourners, she awaits the cruel embrace between wood and flesh. And now, cut from her roots, the weeping tree slowly be-

gins to die along with the Man who hangs cursed upon her.

Come and experience the cross, the robe, the crown of thorns, the nails, and the blood of Christ.

Come and experience communion in the shadow of the "weeping tree."

Sunday, April 4. 11:00 am.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A burning bush...an assault of plagues...Jesus' resurrection. The Bible tells us God performed big stuff—miracles—to make himself known. But he's acting in our everyday lives and all around us, too. Our children will be led to see the world differ-

ently, with God Sightings!

The children will develop a sense of God's loving presence. They'll see evidence of his power. And they'll know God is alive...and active...and with them.

It's going to be great fun this summer at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light. Please plan to join us June 15-19. We need adults to lead groups of 6 children from station to station. Call the office to volunteer. Otherwise, we'll call you!!



June 15-19

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5
Palm Sunday

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Sanctuary Choir presents "The Weeping Tree"
6:00 pm Worship
7:00 pm Worship Cafe

Monday, April 6

10:30 am HUMS
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 7

11:30 am Young in Heart

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 10

Good Friday
Office Closed

Saturday, April 11

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amber Thomas 04/05
Eloise Moone 04/06
Ed Keller 04/09
Velma Bridges 04/11