

the Will

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Mark Your Calendar

Service Time: 10AM

4.1

**Resurrection and Communion
Sunday**

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**Ministry Worker Appreciation
Brunch**

**Happy Birthday to those
born in April**

**Join us for a trip to Sight
and Sound. See Sis.
Jeania for more info.**

**Interested in becoming a
member? Please see
Sis. Vanessa Hawkins!**

Streams In The Desert

by L.B. Cowan

And there was Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulcher. ([Matthew 27:61](#)).

How strangely stupid is grief. It neither learns nor knows nor wishes to learn or know. When the sorrowing sisters sat over against the door of God's sepulchre, did they see the two thousand years that have passed triumphing away? Did they see any thing but this: "Our Christ is gone!"

Your Christ and my Christ came from their loss; Myriad mourning hearts have had resurrection in the midst of their grief; and yet the sorrowing watchers looked at the seed-form of this result, and saw nothing. What they regarded as the end of life was the very preparation for coronation; for Christ was silent that He might live again in tenfold power

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They saw it not. They mourned, they wept, and went away, and came again, driven by their hearts to the sepulchre. Still it was a sepulchre, unprophetic, voiceless, lusterless.

So with us. Every man sits over against the sepulchre in his garden, in the first instance, and says, "This woe is irremediable. I see no benefit in it. I will take no comfort in it." And yet, right in our deepest and worst mishaps, often, our Christ is lying, waiting for resurrection.

Where our death seems to be, there our Saviour is. Where the end of hope is, there is the brightest beginning of fruition.

Where the darkness is thickest, there the bright beaming light that never is set is about to emerge. When the whole experience is consummated, then we find that a garden is not disfigured by a sepulchre. Our joys are made better if there be sorrow in the midst of them. And our sorrows are made bright by the joys that God has planted around about them. The flowers may not be pleasing to us, they may not be such as we are fond of plucking, but they are heart-flowers, love, hope, [faith](#), joy, peace--these are flowers which are planted around about every grave that is sunk in the Christian heart.

*T'was by a path of sorrows drear
Christ entered into rest;
And shall I look for roses here,
Or think that earth is blessed?
[Heaven's](#) whitest lilies blow
From earth's sharp crown of woe.
Who here his cross can meekly bear,
Shall wear the kingly purple there.*

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Member's Corner



This month, we shine the spotlight on Brother Michael Simmons.

Who introduced you to Christ?

My grandparents, Martha and Joseph Simmons, introduced me to Christ at a very young age by guiding me in his principles and teachings.

What do you do for a living?

I work in the field of Information Technology as a Database Analyst.

What are your hobbies?

Some of my hobbies include: weight lifting, watching/playing sports, movie watching, and learning about technology, real-estate, & stocks.

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

What I have found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC is the commitment and dedication from our leadership to help others find their true identity in Christ while being selfless in building others up.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

I would inform a new Christian that taking the first step of faith is just the beginning and while being a Christian may not always be easy, the reward is everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven for those who persevere. In addition, I would encourage my new brother or sister in Christ to find a good church home where they are teaching the true word of God and to surround his/herself with other Christians so they may consistently grow in the Lord.

Recipe Corner: Lemon Garlic Butter Salmon in Foil with Pineapple

INGREDIENTS

Serves 2

- 2 salmon fillets
- 1/2 pineapple, halved and sliced
- ¼ cup butter
- ⅓ cup honey
- 4 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (juice of ½ a lemon)
- Chopped fresh parsley, Salt and Pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. In a small saucepan, melt the butter over low-medium heat. Add honey, garlic and lemon. Whisk until the honey has melted through the butter and the mixture is well combined. Add one tablespoon chopped parsley, mix well and set aside.
3. Cut 4 sheets of 14-inch (35cm) length [aluminum foil](#). Divide pineapple slices among sheets layering in center in an even layer and sprinkle with pepper. Arrange salmon fillets on top and drizzle with the honey lemon garlic butter sauce. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and top with more chopped parsley.
4. Pull sides of foil inward and seal then roll edges up, try to leave a little room for heat to circulate. Transfer the packets on a baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven about 10-15 minutes. Enjoy with brown or white rice if desired and remaining sauce. Sprinkle with additional chopped parsley if you like. Enjoy!

Our Daily Bread

We sat around the table, each person adding a toothpick to the foam disc before us. At our evening meal in the weeks leading up to Easter, we created a crown of thorns—with each toothpick signifying something we had done that day for which we were sorry and for which Christ had paid the penalty. The exercise brought home to us, night after night, how through our wrongdoing we were guilty and how we needed a Savior. And how Jesus freed us through His death on the cross.

The crown of thorns that Jesus was made to wear was part of a cruel game the Roman soldiers played before He was crucified. They also dressed Him in a royal robe and gave Him a staff as a king's scepter, which they then used to beat Him. They mocked Him,

calling Him “king of the Jews” (Matthew 27:29), not realizing that their actions would be remembered thousands of years later. This was no ordinary king. He was the King of Kings whose death, followed by His resurrection, gives us eternal life.

On Easter morning, we celebrated the gift of forgiveness and new life by replacing the toothpicks with flowers. What joy we felt, knowing that God had erased our sins and given us freedom and life forever in Him!

Lord Jesus Christ, my heart hurts to think of all of the pain and suffering You endured for me. Thank You for Your gift of love that sets me free.

Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer Conference Call

Daily 7:00AM

Weekly Bible Study Conference Call

Wednesday 7:00-8:00p

Men's Bible Study Conference Call

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Conference Number:

712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839

Women's Bible Study Conference Call

Monday 7:30-8:30pm

857-232-0158 Access Code 262390