



**Ivy Memorial Baptist Church**  
Your family ... in Coliseum Central

**March  
2020**



**Room Construction update:**  
The room is DONE!

**Join us Sunday March 15  
for Youth Sunday & Blessing of the New Room**

After worship, please plan to join us in our new youth room for a prayer of blessing over the room and the youth ministry.

**March 27-29 Disciple Now Weekend (DNOW) at Parkview!** We will spend the weekend focusing on being the best person God wants us to be. We start at 7:00 on Friday night with Bible study. Saturday we will have two sessions and a service project then Sunday morning we will pull it all together with a breakfast and worship. Cost will be \$20 each.

## Save the Date!

- **April 9 Jesus at the movies!** The Sight and Sound Theater production of Jesus will be on the big screen at AMC. Movie starts at 6:30. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be \$15 each.

- **April 11 Tides Game!** After we help with the Easter Egg Hunt, we will head out to see the game.

**As always please check the youth Facebook page for more details.**



**Sunday morning Bible study**  
10:00—11:00

**Sunday night study**  
5:00—7:00

**Wednesday night study**  
5:45—7:00pm.



Although we do not formally observe a season of Lent in most Baptist traditions, the idea of a season of sacrifice and reflection has much to commend it. It is often very difficult to take a break from our fast paced and high tech routines to enter into a time of preparation and repentance. In truth, much of our hurry and scurry in life is an attempt to avoid the harder and more needed disciplines of reflection and repentance.

As a church family we are creating three distinct worship services that will be designed to help prepare us for the joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday (April 12). The services are designed to help us do several things. They will help us to explore how we can enrich our worship experience by being more connected as a church family. The services will allow for greater participation in sharing testimonies and communion together. Finally, the services will be designed to help us catch our spiritual breath and slow down as we prepare for Easter.

In order to help us to enter into a congregational season of reflection, prayer, repentance, and congregational intimacy our worship services for March 22, March 29, and April 5 (Palm Sunday) will be held in the Activities Building. The services will be quite simple and stripped down but deeply meaningful and memorable. Although we will miss the comfort of such things as padded pews, video projection, and full praise team, we will have opportunities to share in corporate worship experiences that will renew, refresh, replenish, and restore us.

Let's take a deep breath together and allow ourselves to enter into the heart of worship through new and fresh expressions that focus on Jesus' journey to the cross and prepare us for the celebration of Resurrection morning.

Blessings,  
Brian



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## March Missions Involvement

This month we are supporting

### Our Easter Egg Hunt

This annual church-wide outreach to the surrounding community gives children and their families a fun environment to hear the Resurrection story and the gospel. Prayer partners and volunteers as well as donations of candy, plastic Easter Eggs, candy, oh, and candy, as well as cash donations for food, inflatables, game prizes and door prizes are needed. Please place plastic egg and candy donations in the marked boxes in the foyer.

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## Ivy and Freedom Life Sustainment Team

The Sustainment Team consists of members from Ivy and Freedom Life. They meet each month to discuss issues relative to the transition. Any issues that may emerge will first be addressed by the appropriate ministry teams of either or both churches. If not resolved or addressed at that level, the issues will be addressed by the Sustainment Team. The Ivy Sustainment Team members are: Ruth Thomas, Peggy Wolfley, Bill Willshire, and Brian Williams. Please feel free to contact any of these members about any concerns or issues that will help advance the Kingdom of God through our partnership with Freedom Life. Notes of the monthly meetings are available from the church office.





“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in Heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.” Matthew 18:12-14

I have felt a lot lately like that one sheep who has gone astray, waiting for a rescue. Out in the wilderness, confused, unsure of what to do, afraid. However, the fact of the matter is I am one of the ninety-nine. Christ saved my soul many years ago and has been faithfully with me every day since. Any distance I may perceive is of my own creation – not making prayer a priority, not spending time in His word, not choosing to be still, know that He is God, and trust in His plan. Can you relate? If you do, I am hoping that you will join me in choosing now to pray that our focus will return to our first love, that our focus will return to God. The danger in distraction is not only in the consequences we face personally but also to everyone around us and our witness. There is a world of lost sheep out there and God is not willing for a single one to perish. How we lives our lives, both in good and hard times matters. Take a step back and focus on His great love for you and the many blessings He has placed in your life ... and then share that love with every lost sheep God places in your path.

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Ivy will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt.** We focus heavily on getting the true meaning of Easter to the families that attend in a fun environment. It takes tons of candy, volunteers, money and most importantly prayer to get this done. This is where you come in. We have roughly 22,000 plastic Easter Eggs ready to drop in the fields. We need TONS and TONS of candy. As we bag the candy in advance, please start bringing in individually wrapped candy now. Bins will be in both foyers to drop it off. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board across from the Kitchen with other ways you can help, whether it be baking cupcakes, dropping or counting eggs, working a game or craft or serving as a Prayer Warrior. We need EVERYONE!

Thank you Ivy for serving the Lord with us! We thank God every day for you!

Helen Quinn  
Children's Ministry Events Team

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## The Worship Conversation

As a church family we are sharing together in the Worship Conversation. The focus of our conversation is how can we as an Ivy family present our very best corporate worship to God each week. Although we do not have a large number of people in worship, we do have quite a variety of worship preferences. Our conversations together are intended for us to think about biblical expressions of worship that honor God rather than personal preferences about worship. The audience in worship is not us – it is God! Imagine our church family exploring together the worship expression that best glorifies God and creates a deep sense of unity among us.

**You are invited to the conversation:**  
**Pastor's Office. Wednesday nights from 6 – 7 pm.**





There are no words that would express my thanks for the support, prayers, cards meals and calls given to me during a very painful and tough time. Thanks for sharing in the celebration of my son Brandon's life. Ivy Memorial is such a thoughtful and sharing church and I am happy to be and enjoy being a member.

Margaret J. Wilson



Have you joined ACS REALM yet? You can check the calendar, communicate with your groups, and much more.

Call the Church Office and ask Michelle to help you get connected.

**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sundays**

- 9:30 am - Brunch
- 10:00 am - Small Group Bible Studies
- 11:15 am - Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 pm - Youth/ AWANA Jr.

**Monday**

- 7:00pm - Volleyball

**Wednesdays**

- 5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper
- 5:30 pm - Youth Study
- 5:45 pm - Children's Choir
- 5:45 pm - Preschool Choir
- 6:00 pm - Prayer and Conversation
- 6:30 pm - Mission Friends

**Thursdays**

- 7:00 pm - Basketball

**March At-A-Glance**

- March 22 - Worship Experiment
- March 27-28 - Youth DiscipleNow
- March 28 - WORKDAY
- March 29 - Worship Experiment

*Please check your Sunday bulletin for calendar updates!*



- April 5 Palm Sunday
- April 10 Good Friday
- April 11 Community Easter Egg Hunt
- April 12 Resurrection Sunday

**Giving Options**

Visit [www.ivymemorial.org](http://www.ivymemorial.org) to give online. You can even give via TEXT or by scanning this QR code.



Text **IVYATCC** to **73256** to give to the Unified Budget using your text messaging. *Standard text messaging rates may apply.* If you have questions call the Office at 838-3107.

**From the Church Office:**

**Your Church Office is usually open  
Monday—Thursday  
9:00am—3:30pm**

**757-838-3107**

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**MINISTRY RESOURCES UNIFIED BUDGET**

**February 2020**

Given this Month.....\$ 20,987.72  
Total Needed this Month to Meet Budget.....\$ 21,827.33