



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR MICHAEL A. REID, SR.

APRIL 2, 2023

HYMN 1	O Worship the King
WELCOME	
SONG	We Will Glorify
PRAYER	
SONG	Before the Throne of God Above
HYMN 142	Jesus Shall Reign
HYMN 143	Rejoice the Lord is King
OFFERING	
SCRIPTURE READING	I Corinthians 1:17-29
HYMN 37	How Great Thou Art
MESSAGE	"Foolish Things"

LAWN CARE MINISTRY

We use volunteers from our church to take care of the lawn maintenance each year. We organize all the volunteers on a schedule and assign them a specific section to mow and/or trim. Most volunteers are needed to push mow/trim the traffic islands and around buildings, light poles, signs, etc. The sections are designed to take about 2 hours or less to complete—and volunteers are only scheduled 3-4 times per year. If you would like to serve in the Lawn Maintenance Ministry this year, please sign up in the lobby. Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

UPDATES & EVENTS

TODAY

EVENING SERVICE @ 6pm

BABY SHOWER FOR JESSICA PRATT

All ladies are invited to join us for a shower for Jessica Pratt after the evening service. Jojo and Jessica are expecting the arrival of their first child, a son, in May! Please sign up in the church lobby. Questions? Contact Hannah Bryan or the church office.

WED, APR 5

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

All age groups will meet in the auditorium for a special service in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us.

FRI, APR 7

LADIES 4 & 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP – 6:30-8:30pm

Ladies will enjoy an evening of fellowship, activities/games, and snacks at Lori Newman's house! Questions? Contact Rachel Paul or Lori Newman.

SUN, APR 9

EASTER SUNDAY

Morning services will be at 9am and 11am. There will be no Sunday School or evening service.

SUN, APR 16

MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

SAT, APR 22

LADIES RETREAT AT CAMP RAPIDAN

The Ladies Retreat at Camp Rapidan is a time of fellowship centered around Bible teaching. Contact Courtney Howard for more info, or to ride with TBC.

SUN, APR 23

MISSIONS SUNDAY

WANTED: EASTER SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Ladies, would you be willing to serve in the nursery on Easter? Since there are two services (9am and 11am), you do not have to miss the service to serve—you can do both! If you can help, please sign up in the church lobby! Thank you so much! **NOTE: Please do not sign up if you are a choir member.**

CONGRATULATIONS

We want to express our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dallas and Carlee Pratt, the newest newlyweds here at TBC!

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jeremy & Michelle

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3	Jeanine
4	Sharon
5	Bill
6	Nathan

blessed is the KING

It was the Sunday before Passover in Jerusalem. Jews from far and wide had traveled into the city to observe the holy feast (John 11:55). As the city hummed with activity and excitement, everyone seemed to be talking about Jesus of Nazareth. Many were looking for Him; some wondered if He was going to skip Passover (John 11:56). The Jews had more than good reason to be talking about Jesus. This man had done so many unexplainable things. He had made the blind see, the lame to walk, and caused the deaf to hear. He had calmed a violent sea. He had multiplied a tiny bit of food to feed more than 5,000 people! Many people loved Jesus for the good things He had done. And some of the most devoted—*twelve to be exact*—followed Him practically everywhere He went. But not everyone loved Him. Most religious leaders incorrectly accused Jesus of breaking the law, since He had performed miracles on the Sabbath. Jesus had been clear that He was not violating any part of the law but fulfilling it (Matthew 5:17-18).

Though He performed many physical miracles, Jesus' ministry focused on a deeper need of people—the *spiritual* need. He was constantly teaching about spiritual things and pointing people away from earthly concerns toward the eternal (Matthew 5-7; John 3, 6-10). He had even forgiven sins (Mark 2:5; Luke 7:48). That, of course, had enraged the religious leaders, who wondered, "Who does He think He is?" After all, they knew, forgiveness of sins was something only God Himself had the authority to grant (Mark 2:6-7)! Ah! They were catching on! Jesus indeed claimed to *be God*. He told them frankly, "Before Abraham was, I am." With these words, Jesus not only claimed to have existed before Abraham but also connected Himself directly to God of the Old Testament, who referred to Himself as "I Am." (Exodus 3:14)

Back in Jerusalem on that Sunday before Passover, one recent and astonishing miracle lingered on everyone's minds:

Jesus had traveled to Bethany where a dear friend, Lazarus, had died just four days earlier. After weeping, He had gone over Lazarus' tomb and commanded him to "Come forth." (John 11:43) Just like that, a dead man came back to life! He walked right out of his tomb. No one could deny that it happened—there were far too many eyewitnesses (John 12:17-18)! Was there any explanation for this miracle? Only one—that Jesus was, in fact, *God in the flesh*. The blind hearts of the religious leaders would not see the truth, and so "from that day forth they took counsel together...to put him to death." (John 11:53)

Even at that very moment on Sunday in Jerusalem, some were on the hunt for Jesus, planning to execute Him (John 11:57). But many others had come to believe on Him (John 12:11). They believed that Jesus

