

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### **Sun AM April 6**

Nursery – Wendy and Della  
Crawlers – Sheila and Anna  
Toddlers – Wes and Mary

### **Sun PM April 6**

Della and Carissa

### **Sun AM April 13**

Nursery – Allison H. and Pat  
Crawlers – Della and Brenda  
Toddlers – Jeremy and Katrina

### **Sun PM April 13**

Della and Lydia

### **Easter Sun 9:00 AM April 20**

Nursery – Della and TBA  
Crawlers – April and TBA  
Toddlers – Lola and TBA

### **Easter Sun 10:45 AM April 20**

Nursery – Della and Courtney  
Crawlers – April and Todd  
Toddlers – Scottie and Jess

### **Sun AM April 27**

Nursery – Linda H. and Carissa  
Crawlers – Maegen and Jess  
Toddlers – Terry and Della

### **Sun PM April 27**

Della and Allison P.

## COUNTING COMMITTEES

April 6 #3 Diane Rogers  
April 13 #4 Bridget Coffman  
April 20 #1 Terry Edens  
April 27 #2 Renee Brunson

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### March, 2014

Tithes & Offerings	\$33,170.97
Designated Funds	4,379.00
Refunds	44.00
Total Receipts	\$37,593.97
Average Attendance	– 177

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Please support North American Missions with your **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**. National Goal is \$70 Million and Doorway's Goal is \$3,000. Our total to date is \$2,241.

### **FLOWERTOWN FESTIVAL PRAYER BOOTH April 4-6**

Please consider giving of your time to help with this important outreach ministry. Sign-up sheets are at the welcome center.

### **WOMEN ON MISSION MEETING Monday, April 14, 9:30 am**

After a program, we will work on pillowcases to take to MUSC Children's Hospital for Easter. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

### **2014 ASSOCIATIONAL WMU SPRING MEETING, April 14**

Northbridge Baptist Church, Registration and Refreshments begin at 6:15 pm and the Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

### **MINISTRY HEALTH KITS DUE BY MAY 4**

Place items in a two gallon zip lock bag: 1 large bath towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 large bar of soap, 1 large toothpaste, 1 toothbrush, 1 comb. Thanks for your help with this!



## ***THE CONTACT: Our Monthly Newsletter APRIL, 2014***



**Pastor: Dr. Peter Beck    Associate Pastor: Rev. Matt Pressley  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Bob Stephenson**

### Our Vision

***To share hope with the Charleston area as we celebrate life in Jesus Christ through meaningful worship, fellowship, encouragement, and nurturing relationships.***

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## From the Pastor's Pen . . .

Are you a Chreaster? You don't know what a Chreaster is? A Chreaster is someone who comes to church on Christmas and Easter only. The rest of the year they're ghosts, invincible men and women whose names might appear on the church's rolls but whose bodies rarely fill the church's seats. Now you know who I'm talking about?

We'll see a lot of Chreasters on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll also see lots of family members who might attend church somewhere else or who've come in from out of town to be with loved ones on this most important Christian holiday. The church will be packed with people we only get to see a couple of times each year.

Another amazing thing will also take place Easter morning. Folks who would otherwise never attend church at all will get up that Sunday morning and feel an inexplicable urge to go to church. God will draw them out of their weekend routines and they'll join us on this holy day as well.

Thus, for many churches, including Doorway, Easter brings the highest attendance of the year. Last year we had nearly 200 in attendance at a time when our weekly average was about 140. In recent weeks we've seen over 190, even 208, on a regular Sunday morning. Thus, this Easter I anticipate that we'll have between 225 and 275 in worship. It will be an exciting day of worship!

But, we've got a problem, albeit a very good problem. Not only will the sanctuary not hold that many people, our parking is already full every Sunday. To accommodate such crowds, we're going to have to do things a little differently for Easter.



So, on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Easter morning, we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ with three services:

At **8:00 a.m.** we will have our family-centered "Sunrise" Service. This will be an intimate time of worship, weather-permitting, outside under the canopy of our front door.

We will have two more services at **9:00** and **10:45 a.m.** These services will resemble our regular worship services and be exactly the same.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider who you would invite to worship with us that morning. I also ask you to prayerfully consider which service you would attend. If everyone attends our normal 10:45 service with their family and guests, we will have solved nothing in terms of our parking and seating limitations.

If 10:45 is the only time you can come, wonderful. We won't turn anyone away. However, if you're planning on coming for the "Sunrise" Service, you might consider staying for the 9:00 service, thus freeing up extra seats at 10:45 and the rest of your day for family activities.

Because of the logistics involved in moving an extra 100 people in and out of our parking lot and building, we will not have Sunday School

on Easter morning. However, nursery, child care, and children's church will be available during the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

In between services, our Hospitality Committee will serve coffee and juices so we can enjoy a special time of fellowship with our fellow church members and visitors.

I also ask you to prayerfully consider how you might serve our guests in a special way Easter morning. With two extra services, we will need two teams of greeters, parking lot attendants, extra nursery workers, etc. Perhaps you can work during one worship service and attend the other allowing everyone an opportunity to be a part of the worship experience.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendar for some other special Easter-related events at Doorway.

**Sunday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. – Easter Cantata** – Be sure to invite plenty of folks to come with you as the choir shares the Gospel in song. The choir has been working for months on this and you will certainly be blessed.

**Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday** – Take part in this special time of fellowship and worship as we gather to remember the Last Supper and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Last year nearly 120 people came to this special service. We're expecting many more this time around.

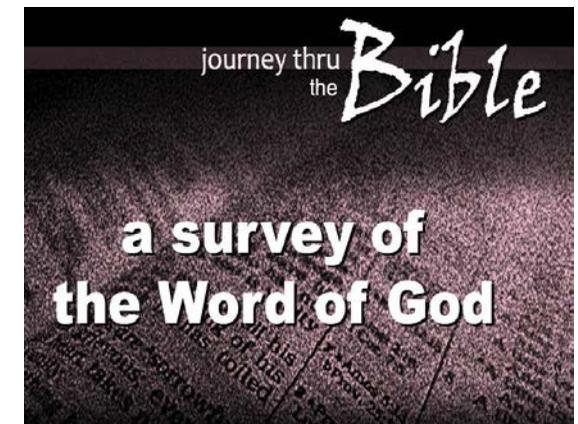
**Saturday, April 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt** – Join in the wholesome fun for children 18 months to 12 years old. Be sure to invite your family and friends. If you'd like to volunteer, see David Hardy or Matt Pressley.

So, Easter is a very special time in the life of any church. At Doorway we anticipate it being one the greatest days in what is shaping up to be one of the greatest years in the life of the church. Join us in praising God, celebrating Christ's resurrection, and sharing the Gospel with those around us.

By His grace and for His glory,  
Your Pastor

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**Perseverance and Preservation of the Saints:** The Bible teaches that all people who have been saved by God's grace will continue in their faith and will never ultimately fall away. While we do not prefer the common phrase "Once saved, always saved", we do agree with the intent. The Bible says that God will guard His children and not one will be lost (John 6:39 and 1 Peter 1:5). As God's adopted children who have been redeemed by Christ, we can rest assured that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:31-39, John 10:27-28). The condition to this promise is that it is only for those who have truly been born again (John 8:31-32, Colossians 1:21-23, 1 John 2:19).



**New Sermon Series**  
**Beginning After Easter**