

# A new women's Bible study series

Will begin on Monday nights at 7:00PM in the living room at the manse starting on Monday, March 11. We will be discussing God's power and goodness, researching, exploring, and creating as we read through each section of *Treasures in the Darkness: Discovering the Dynamic Power of God in Dark Times* by Alice Wilson Sharp. The ebook (\$3.99) or hardcopy large print book (\$18.99) can be purchased at Barnes and Noble [Alice Wilson Sharp | Barnes & Noble® \(barnesandnoble.com\)](http://www.barnesandnoble.com). If you need help getting the book and/or are interested in coming to the Bible study, please let Sarah Scott know before March 11, so enough supplies are ready: 724-914-9101

Overview of Treasure in the Darkness: Discovering the Dynamic Power of God in Dark Times

Have you ever read a Scripture and thought, "That sounds nice, but can it actually make a difference to what I am going through?"

We all experience dark times -- that is unavoidable. They are bewildering, painful times of turmoil in our thoughts, emotions, and circumstances. They take us beyond what we can manage and endure through our own strength and ability. God allows us to go through difficult times, but it is His desire for us to learn how to handle them in His strength so that we can find His life-bringing, power-filled treasures in that darkness.

This book examines Biblical examples of people who experienced the darkness and found the treasures of God in it: the treasures of His heart, truth, hope, joy, rest and more. It is not a book to read through in one sitting: it is to be used practically to equip and enable us to live effective and transformative lives of faith. Each section has suggestions for how to respond actively, creatively, reflectively. Come treasure-hunting!



## Hear stories of courage in the shadow of Islam.

Ten years ago, the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) began marking Christian homes and churches with the Arabic letter "n," or ن, as its fighters overran parts of Iraq. The symbol ("n" for "Nazarene") marked the buildings as belonging to Christians and served as a threat to all believers in the area. Hundreds of thousands of Christians fled the country, but where are they today? And what about those who stayed behind?

The Voice of the Martyrs presents **I Am N** – a virtual event where you'll hear

updates on Iraq and firsthand stories from three Christians who have paid the price for advancing the gospel in other places dominated by Islam. This special event is FREE! Hear these inspiring testimonies of costly faith, plus worship from Steven Curtis Chapman.

We will be watching the recording together in two nights on Sunday, March 10 and Sunday March 17 at 6:00PM in the fellowship hall. Come join us as we learn, pray, and worship.

More info <https://www.iamnevent.com>



## Sunday, March 24th ~ Palm Sunday Service

Palm Sunday is a celebration for honoring Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem.

10:00AM Sunday School

11:00AM Worship

## Thursday, March 28th ~ Maundy Thursday

It is a day that commemorates Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his disciples and reminds us of the importance of humility, selflessness, and service to others.

7:00PM Worship

## Sunday, March 31st ~Easter Sunday

Our Easter celebration is a day you aren't going to want to miss.

Come for Jesus and stay for the fellowship breakfast!

We would love to have you join us this Easter, where we'll celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together

7:00AM Worship

8:00AM Breakfast

10:00AM Sunday School

11:00AM Worship

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## Happy Birthday

March 6 ~ Barrett Bozovich  
 March 9 ~ Ken Jackson  
 March 9 ~ Jeff Seeley  
 March 12 ~ Marlinda Sprowls  
 March 13 ~ Goldie Cogar  
 March 13 ~ Chuck Waleski  
 March 13 ~ Kim Campbell  
 March 13 ~ Lucky Corputty  
 March 15 ~ Matthew Kubitza  
 March 16 ~ Mitchell Allen  
 March 22 ~ Kenese Hays  
 March 24 ~ Ben Neff, Jr.  
 March 25 ~ Lindsay Wright  
 March 27 ~ Sarah Scott  
 March 29 ~ Patricia Watkins  
 March 31 ~ Hal Hollis

## Happy Anniversary

March 4 ~ John and Michell Little  
 March 12 ~ Ben and Kim Neff



## Monologues

During Worship Service you will have get a glimpse into the thoughts and feelings of Pilate, Pilates's wife, Caiaphas and Peter as they saw Jesus.

March 3 Pilate ~ Brandon Hays  
 March 10 Pilate's wife ~ Marsha Baker  
 March 17 Caiaphas ~ Bud Allen  
 March 24 Peter ~ Will Scott

## Minute for Mission Talks

March 3 ~ Compassion International (Jim Shrader)      March 10 ~ Lenten Organizations (Kim Neff)  
 March 17 ~ Navajo Indians (Misty Kevech)              March 24 ~ Samaritan's Purse (Loni King)

# Volunteers

	<b>Children in Worship</b>	<b>Offering Counters</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Scripture Readers</b>
March 3 ~	Dan Biwer	Misty Kevech	Kim Neff	Michell Little
March 10 ~	Linda Sprowls	Jim Shrader	Lisa Vipperman	Bud Allen
March 17 ~	Michelle Douglas	Eric Dreyer	Lorraine Shrader	Joyce Myers
March 24 ~	Linda Sprowls	Bud Allen	Jessica Allen	Jim Shrader
March 31 ~	Dan Biwer	Dan Biwer	The Hays Family	Michelle Douglas

If you would like to volunteer to be a Greeter or read Scripture please contact Anita Campbell, office@fpcbent.org or 724-207-3151. If you would like to help with Children in Worship please contact Linda Sprowls, clemes239@gmail.com or 724-579-2713.

# March

## 2024 Newsletter

## Resurrection rumblings

In *Easter Earthquake*, James A. Harnish explores the “earthshaking promise” of Jesus’ resurrection. Easter Sunday “shatters the power of fear,” he writes. “Because Christ is risen, we no longer allow fear to dominate, control or manipulate us. We don’t remain imprisoned in the tombs of our past failures or buried under the weight of present anxiety. In the risen Christ, old things pass away and everything becomes new.”

Easter, Harnish adds, is proof that God hasn’t forsaken us and is present among us. “The Resurrection contradicts the assumption that Christ resides on an ethereal cloud in a distant heaven. Rather, we find him on the dusty road that leads to the real stuff of our ordinary world.”

Jesus’ followers can find him everywhere, Harnish concludes. “The risen Christ will meet us along the confused, chaotic, fearful paths of our lives and speak the same words the women hear at the tomb, ‘Do not be afraid.’”



### Thursday, March 28 ~ Maundy Thursday

Set Up: Joyce Myers  
 Bread: Nancy Lonich  
 Captain : Loni King  
 Team: Linda Sprowls, Dan Biwer, Eric Dreyer and Misty Kevech

### Sunday, March 31 ~ Easter Sunday 11:00M

Set Up: Kim Neff  
 Bread: Linda Sprowls  
 Captain : Linda Sprowls  
 Team: Dan Biwer, Eric Dreyer, Misty Kevech and Jim Shrader

## March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					World Day of Prayer 1	2
<b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 3 9:00AM CE Meeting 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship 6:00PM The Chosen	4 7:00PM Women's Connection	5 12:00PM Bible Release Time	6 7:00PM Bible Study	7 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9
<b>Daylight Savings Time</b> 10 <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship 12:15PM E&W Meeting 6:00PM I Am N – a virtual event	11 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	12 6:00PM Property Meeting	13 7:00PM Bible Study	14 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	15	16
Saint Patrick's Day 17 <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30AM Stewardship Meeting 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship 6:00PM I Am N – a virtual event	First day of Spring. 18 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	19 12:00PM Bible Release Time	Mr. Roger's Day 20 7:00PM Bible Study	21 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	22	23
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 24 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship 12:15PM Deacon's Meeting	25 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	26 7:00PM Session	27 7:00PM Bible Study	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 28 7:00PM Service	<b>Good Friday</b> 29	30
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 31 7:00AM Early Service 8:00AM Breakfast 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship						