

The Connection



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Pastoral Connection

HISTORICAL FULCRUM



History. Not everybody's favorite subject, is it? Some recall they took it once in school and did their best to not fall out of the chair when dozing. Some endured it. Some actually liked it. A few even loved it.

Everybody has a history. Every nation has one. Some never get written, especially the history of the poor, because nobody cares about them. But the all-knowing God knows their history because they are important to Him. He knows everyone's history, individually and corporately.

Most of us tend to think that our history matters most. We tend to view the world through the filter of our his-

tory. It colors what we think and how we act. It sometimes provides identity.

The true relevance of history comes from God's perspective. Man's history has relevance to the extent that it relates to God, and God's view of our history comes from the stake that He drove into the ground, historically. That "stake" was called the cross.

The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is THE fulcrum of history. A fulcrum is a point of leverage, a point that provides a means for getting something normally immovable to move. Historically, man has not much understood God or what God wanted or His purposes, and thus man's heart was mainly immovable. But the cross of Jesus was an unmistakable

message. Anyone who sees it cannot miss the message of grace, mercy, love, and peace that it communicates. Like a fulcrum, it becomes the means for moving the immovable heart of man. So, from God's view the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is THE event in human history that has the greatest relevance and significance for all of mankind.

Christians are entrusted with the message of the cross. As we celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord, may we keep in mind that we have the privilege of sharing the greatest historical event of all time.

Blessings!

Charles

Sermons for April:

Journey to Jerusalem

APRIL 5

"THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY"

LUKE 20:28-40

APRIL 12

"THE RESURRECTION"

LUKE 24:1-12

"WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION"

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

APRIL 19

"GOD'S PURPOSES FOR OUR LIVES"

DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9,

JOHN 15:9-17, JOHN 3:16

Being Salt and Light

APRIL 26

"SALT"

MATTHEW 5:13

ARPIL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

During April, we can be part of touching the lives of many in Christ's name here in South Carolina as we prepare ministry kits to be used in meeting the needs of the homeless, mental health clients, State Fair workers, seafarers coming into the ports of South Carolina from around the world, and others with physical

or spiritual needs.

Freezer bags containing lists or articles to be included in the bags will be given out at the close of the worship service on April 5th and are due back at church on Sunday, April 19.

In March, we had an opportunity to make Christ

known in our nation through our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering.

To date, we have received 1,707 toward our goal of \$2,500. It is still not too late to contribute if you would like to share in this mission ministry.

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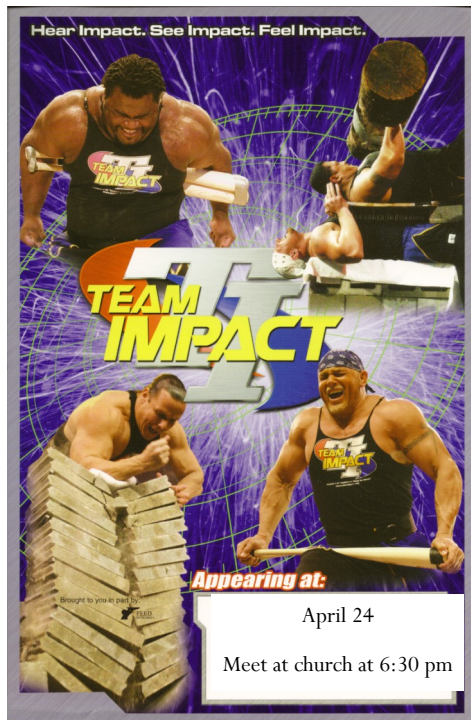
Wow . . . Can you believe it is **SPRING** already! Only one quarter of school left, **Easter** is here, and **Summer** is on the way! We got a good laugh at Mrs. Patsy on roller skates. Maybe we'll see her on water skis soon! I know the anticipation of summer has everyone excited, but remember to finish the race at school strong. Don't slow down just because the end is within sight . . . Keep running!

Hebrews 12:1 tells us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us." That holds true in many forms. In school you all need to study as hard now as you did the first nine weeks; at home you should be obeying your parents with a cheerful heart; and with our task of spreading the Good News you should desire to share with everyone . . . "so that none may perish."

Remember, Life is short . . . Share the Gospel!

Pastor George

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11



Community Easter Egg Hunt

On the Church Grounds
Saturday, April 11, 1:30

5th Grade and under

Join us as we minister to children in our community this Easter!

Call George with questions!
796-5583, ext. 25

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Age 3 — 5th Grade

Mark These Dates:

- *Community Easter Egg Hunt* — April 11 (1:30 - 3 pm)
- **TEAM IMPACT** — April 24 (meet at church at 6:30 pm)
Check out their website: www.team-impact.com
- **Kid's Day Lexington** - April 25 (10 am - 2 pm)
- **Parents' Dinner Rotation**— April 25 (5 pm - 8 pm)
location TBA

Building Servant-Leaders...

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The Saluda River Baptist Church Vision

Our purpose is to love God, love one another, and love God's world.

We envision our church growing in its love for God through worship and service, growing in love for one another through our Sunday school groups, and growing in love for God's world through participating in kingdom ministry teams.



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