



### Christian Sympathy

Lorraine McClellan, 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 12th, 2025. A life celebration service was held on Wednesday, April 16th at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Gordon Funeral Service.

### Easter Sunday

As we prepare for communion this Easter morning, let us examine our hearts, seek reconciliation, and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice, remembering the new covenant in His blood and body.



### Prayer Path Cleanup

Wednesday, April 23rd (weather-permitting)  
Wear close-toed shoes!

### Drive-Thru Shred Day

Friday, April 25th 9-11:30 AM  
500 W Jefferson St, Monroe  
5 box/plastic bag limit.  
For questions or more info,  
please call 704-282-4657.



### Treasure Hunt Yard Sale

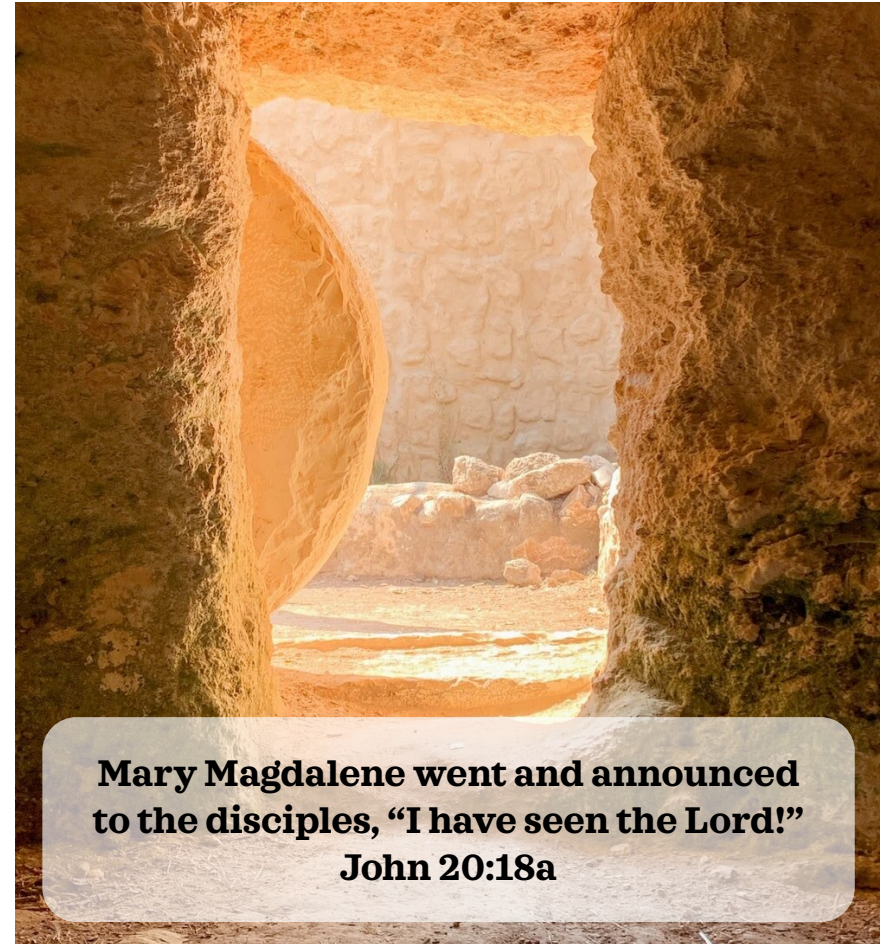
Wellspring Prep is holding a yard sale on Saturday,  
May 3rd from 8 AM-4 PM in our front parking lot.

### Wreath-Making Event

Ladies, you are all invited to the wreath-making event on Monday, May 12th at 6:30 PM.  
Please sign up to bring a snack to share (sign-up sheet is located in the sanctuary foyer).



April 20, 2025



**Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"  
John 20:18a**

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## Sunday, April 20 2025

The Ultimate Sign

John 20:1-2, 11-18

**The Point:** Jesus's resurrection makes eternal life possible.

**The Bible Meets Life:** In a speech called "More than Funny," Christian comedian Michael Jr. discusses finding his purpose as a comedian. There are two parts to telling a joke, he says. There's the setup, which is the story of the joke that draws you in, and yet it isn't finished. The next part is where the punchline comes in. It's the final part of the joke to be delivered that gives the purpose of the joke. He says that in comedy, many focus too much on the setup of a joke instead of the punchline. The same can happen in life, in that we focus very much on the setup of life (getting another degree, getting a promotion, a new house, a different relationship) without ever focusing on why we are doing those things.

For the last several weeks, we've explored the signs of who Jesus is and proclaimed to be. Each piece is a nugget of truth that helps us further understand the power, humanity, and divinity of Jesus, all wrapped up in who He is. However, it's when we come to the resurrection that we get the punchline, meaning the ultimate purpose and sign for why Jesus came.

In today's passage, we're going to see those who, when they initially discovered the empty tomb of Jesus, were concerned with the "setup" material. This brought about more confusion at that moment. However, when they finally saw the resurrected Jesus, their understanding of the message and purpose was complete. This passage calls us to see the same today.

**Live It Out: Go.** Reread Mary's message to the disciples. (See John 20:17-18.) Take a moment to write down or memorize how to share the gospel. Begin praying about someone you can share this message with this week.

**Worship.** Take a moment to read the prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament and how the signs point to Jesus fulfilling them completely. Spend time in personal worship for who Jesus is.

## Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

### Elisha: Seeing the Hand of God at Work

Sunday, April 27

God's Hand in Calling Us to Serve  
(1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:7-15)

Sunday, May 4

God's Hand in Meeting Our Needs  
(2 Kings 4:1-7)

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## Opportunities for Ministry & Service

### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Living Streams

Worship Center

### Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

### Thursday

Jail Ministry

## Service Attendance

Sunday, April 13

Indoor: 55

Online: 136



Wednesday, April 16

Online: 107

Youth: 12

## Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,571.84

April Offering

To Date:

\$6,657.00



## New Sunday School Class

If you are looking to join this new SS class, led by Julie, the class meets at 9 AM in a classroom near the FH.

## Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Sue Bruce

Jerry & Brenda Carnes & Family

Gary Clontz

Terry Cox

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Mike & Renee Helms

Rodney Johnson

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan's Family

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

David Welch

Don Welch



## Bible App

Follow along in today's Scripture on the Bible app! Scan this QR code with your phone:

