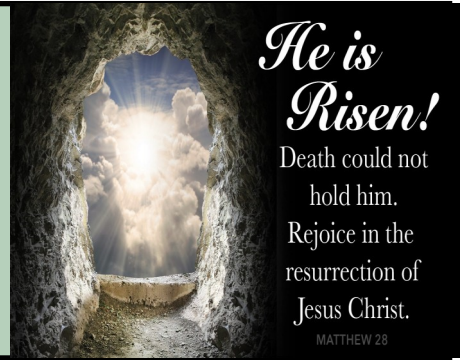
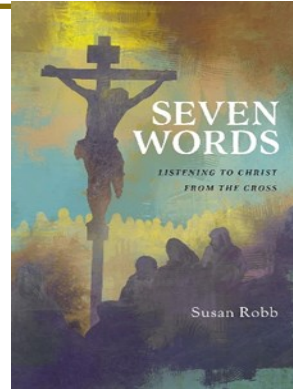


"THE MESSENGER" April, 2025 PINE BLUFFS UMC



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**"SEVEN WORDS,
LISTENING TO
CHRIST FROM THE
CROSS"**

by Susan Robb

Wednesdays @ 5:30 –
in Person at Pine Bluffs
or by Zoom.
Book cost is \$12.00
payable to Pastor
Vicky.

LENT/EASTER HAPPENINGS

April 13—11:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday

April 17 — 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday
Worship

April 18 — 7:00 pm, Good Friday Worship

April 20—11:00 a.m. Easter Worship

April 27—11:00 a.m. 1st Sunday of Easter—
Mary Cushing preaching.

(Note: Pastor Vicky on vacation from April
21 to May 3)

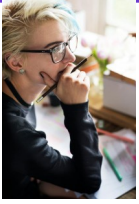


Pastor Vicky is leading this Lent Study entitled
"Seven Words, Listening to Christ from the Cross"
by Susan Robb.

While many of us naturally wish to avoid the reality of the cross, it's from the cross that Jesus speaks and shows his deepest love for us. It's from the cross that Jesus' full humanity draws us closest to him. It's from the cross, as Jesus breathes his last breath and speaks his last words, that his deep trust in the Father and his divine glory are revealed. Those who listen to Jesus' last words from the cross will discover what he most wants them (the world) to hear and will experience an intimate and divine awe only available to those who are willing to draw near his cross.

In *Seven Words*, Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. The book brings a hopeful and contemplative take on the cross during the weeks of Lent.





PASTOR'S EASTER LETTER

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ! Here's my Easter Invitation:

As we approach the Easter season, my heart is filled with anticipation and joy—and I hope yours is too. Easter is more than a celebration; it is the very heartbeat of our faith. It is the awesome reminder that redemption is real, and it is ours through Jesus.

This year, our Easter theme is “Mitigating Disaster”. Our series comes to full fruition on Easter Morning. In a world full of brokenness, Jesus stepped in. He bore our sin, carried our shame, and walked out of the tomb victoriously so we could walk in freedom. The cross is where love paid the price, and the empty tomb is where hope was born anew.

I want to personally invite you and your loved ones to join us this Easter Sunday as we gather to rejoice in the power of God's redeeming love. Whether you've been walking closely with Jesus or feel like you've wandered far, Easter is a beautiful opportunity to come home. Redemption isn't just a word, it's an invitation. And it's for you.

Why not consider sharing an Easter Invitation with your family and friends as well to join us?

Easter Sunday Service at Pine Bluffs UMC
Date & Time: April 20, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Location: 600 Main St.

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Let's come together in worship, reflection, and celebration as we remember that no story is too broken for God to redeem. I can't wait to see you there and rejoice with you in the life-changing power of Easter.

With peace, hope, and love, God bless you!

Pastor Vicky Martinez



PRAYERS



Rich Finley—eye surgery/recovery
The Neal Butler family in the loss of their 12 year old daughter Kai
Pat Reher's nephew, Travis Vann—cancer
Deb Lemaster McCann's sister, Cindy—Cancer—3-6 mos. to live.
Rick and Wanda Carpenter—Rick/cancer
Jane and Bill Baker
Joyce Martinez—cancer (Jim's Sister)

All who are struggling with cancer and its side affects
Those struggling with home and food deprivation
Families dealing with abuse and addictions
Those who are ill
Our church congregation
Prayers for all first responders
Those still struggling after hurricanes, floods, and wildfires

Holy God, please cover all these people with your comfort and love towards healing of their hearts and bodies. Amen.



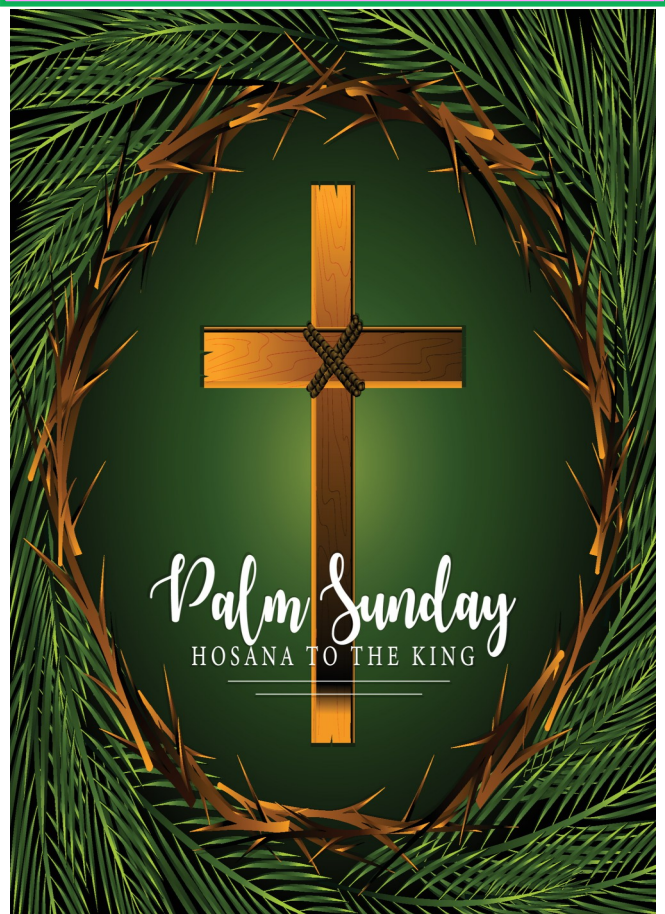
Birthdays:

4/4 - Mary Cushing
4/6— Stephanie Gorman
4/12—Roger Brelsford
4/26—Joleen Marquardt
4/27—Sharon Sayers
4/29—Greg Marquardt



Anniversaries:

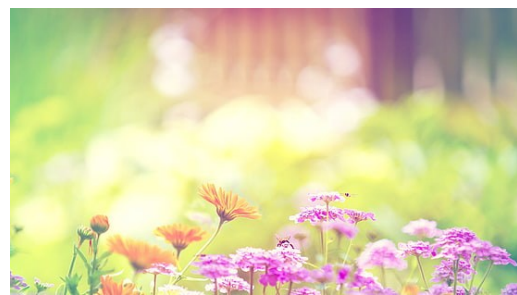
4/24—Jane and Bill Baker





PALM SUNDAY
11:00 A.M.



April 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 APRIL FOOLS DAY!	2 5:30—Lent Study	3	4	5
6 11:00 A.M. Worship	7	8	9 5:30—Lent Study 6:30—Church Council	10	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 11—Worship 	14	15	16 5:30—Lent Study	17	18	19
20 EASTER 11—Worship 	21 Pastor Vicky -	22 Vacation through May 1	23 5:30—Finance 6:30—Missions	24	25	26
27 11:00 A.M. Mary Cushing Preaching	28	29	30			



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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Speaker
April 6	“In Recovery”	Luke 13:10-17, 18:1-8	Pastor Vicky
April 13	—Palm Sunday—“Disaster is Here”	Luke 23:13-25, 23:44-46	—Pastor Vicky
April 17	—Maundy Thursday—“A Service for all the Senses”	—Various Matthew	—Pastor
April 18	—Good Friday -“Do Not Be Far From Me”	-John 18:1-19, 37-38	Pastor Vicky
April 20	—EASTER—“Mitigated Disaster”	Luke 24:36-53	Pastor Vicky
April 27	Speaker Choice Mary Cushing		

