
The InnerNet

Mid March 2021

One day, a professor announced a pop quiz. He handed out the papers, asked the class to turn over the page and begin, but there were no questions on the paper – just a black dot in the center of the page. “I want you to write a few lines about what you see on the paper”, the professor said. Puzzled, the students started the test. Once everyone was finished, the professor collected all the tests and started reading the essays out loud. Without exception, each student had written about the black dot, trying to describe its size, position, or color. One by one, the professor read each essay and then spoke to the class. “There is no grade on this test. But I want you to ponder something. All of you wrote about the black dot, no one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. This is exactly what we do with our lives. We have a white paper to hold onto and enjoy, but we are so busy contemplating about the dark spots that’s there. Life is a special gift and we will always have reasons to celebrate.

And yet we insist on focusing only on the dark spots – the health issues, the money we need, the luxuries we don’t have, complications and problems, disappointments and failures and so on.

We need to realize that the dark spots are few in number and often very small And yet we allow these to control our minds. Take your eyes away from the black spots in life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you.”

Focusing on the white paper and not only the dark spot is another way to describe the journey of faith. Looking for the good is looking for God’s presence. This does not deny or avoid the problems in our life. Instead we realize that with God, the darkness does not overwhelm us.

1 John 1:5-7 *God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

We can focus on the black dots, the problems and pain of our lives, our world, or we can look for the good, for God. This is the journey of faith! Love one another and always remember God in Christ Jesus is the One who holds you forever.

Love in Christ, Pastor Angela

Pick up your Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter kits!

Included are communion elements for all who will be gathering with you for Palm and Easter Sunday, plus elements for Maundy Thursday. Other items will help you experience the pain and joy of Easter.

Pick up on 3/25, Thursday afternoon in the parking lot. Pastor will be there between 2-4. Stop by say HI! and get what you need for your worship.

Friday 3/26, stop by the church, weather permitting, these will be on a cart outside from 9-3.

Saturday 3/27, Pastor will be in the parking lot from 10-noon, then the kits will be available in front of the church on a cart (weather permitting).

Holy Week elements will be available Monday 29-Thursday April 1, office hours.

Called Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary Roof Repair March 21, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

A Called Congregational meeting will be held via Zoom on March 21st at 11:30 am to vote on the Sanctuary and Main Entry roof replacement project.

Remember, you are needed to vote on the needed roof repair and replacement. We need you to listen, ask questions, and vote on our upcoming building expense, following our constitutional guidelines.

Topic: Special Congregation Meeting

Time: Mar 21, 2021 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81686626029?pwd=QmdHY2lQUnZiVnppaVBKODlseEMvQT09>
Meeting ID: 816 8662 6029 Passcode: 208464

Phone: +13017158592,,81686626029#,,,,*208464# US (Washington DC)

Bread Pickup Ministry!

Just giving a quick reminder that the Bread Pickup Ministry has maintained their deliveries throughout the Pandemic! Deliveries are made to the Uptown Men’s Shelter every Saturday and Sunday. New volunteers are always welcome! Please contact Frank DeLoache, 704-245-2985 if you’d like to join in this awesome opportunity for outreach!

New Members!

Please join me in welcoming retired Pastor Jim Christ and his wife Maxine to our congregation. They join us by letter of transfer from Mt. Pleasant SC, and before that from the North (NY and Penn). We will have a more formal meet and greet once we are able to meet together in person.

They are living at Brightmore of South Charlotte and are delighted to be part of the community, and closer to family.

Your Offerings: Gracious generosity continues!

- Thank you to all who support the ministry of LSLC. It is deeply appreciated and used to care for all God has given us.
- You can mail your offering to the office, drop it off, or use the Simply Giving platform. We also have an on-line giving option on our website. As you give, thank God for our congregation and its ministry work.

Financial Results for February 2021 Month End

Note: The General Fund Contributions included prepaid pledges of \$27,159 from 2020. In addition, there were multiple annual pledges.

General Fund 01	Actual
Contributions, etc.	62,932
Expenses and Transfers	31,308
Net Contributions less Expenses/Transfers	31,624
Facilities Fund 02-3241-442	
Beginning Balance	83,822
Transfers from General Fund	833
Contributions	225
Expenditures	-
Ending Balance	84,881

Vanguard Account

The church has set up an account at Vanguard. If you wish to contribute mutual funds, ETFs or stocks that have an appreciated value, you can contribute these to Living Saviour’s Vanguard account. By doing so, you can avoid capital gains taxes. If you have any questions, please contact Don Hathcock or Timothy Goldbach.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

No class during Holy Week - on Wednesday March 31, 2021.

10:00 a.m., via Zoom. "Ten Men of the Bible" continues. We will look at Lazarus next and then at Peter. Please join us when you can. Contact Janet Mayer with questions (janetmayer@bellsouth.net)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81907545777?pwd=c0RVVGQ3VWd1UFIVVEhOTDc3L1hOQT09>
Meeting ID: 819 0754 5777 Passcode: 641388

Zoom Holy Communion is offered the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month: March 14 and 28.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83925826730?pwd=MGdnd3MvcE1qanlnZk40OWkrQ2ZBdz09>
Meeting ID: 839 2582 6730 Passcode: 842543

9:15 WORSHIP CASUAL ZOOM STYLE

Each week Worship via Zoom where you can see and speak to others, follow the liturgy, respond and sing together. This service includes Holy Communion each week. Click the link below to participate.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84896972877?pwd=YlhMekJoUWJ0MIRXdHpHVWtXT3pvZz09>

Dial by Phone +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 848 9697 2877 Passcode: 746523

3rd ANNUAL SHARE THE LOVE EVENT supporting Center of Hope shelter for women and children

Currently The Salvation Army is assisting nearly **700** women and children across hotels and apartments in Charlotte. Since the early onset of the pandemic the decision was made to offer solutions to families that would protect them from contracting and spreading COVID. With the help of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and other agencies we began to transition families and single women into hotels to provide the space needed to socially distance. All clients are still receiving case management from our team of social workers, and those that do not have access to food and nutrition services are receiving daily meals. The current plan is to start transitioning some of the families back to the Center of Hope in early April. During this time we are still continuing to move families that have a source of income out of hotels and into apartments of their very own. The rate is about 10 families a week.



There is a great need for NEW Twin Sheet sets for the families coming back into the Center of Hope. These can easily be purchased off of Amazon, or Walmart. [smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) has them for around \$16 per set for microfiber twin sheets. They can be shipped directly to the Center of Hope [534 Spratt St. Charlotte, NC 28206](https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charlotte/programs/homeless-services/)

LSLC's past generosity providing for the basic needs of the kids at the Salvation Army Center of Hope has been appreciated deeply; please SHARE THE LOVE during this Lenten season of giving by donating to the Center online, or sending a set of sheets directly to them.

To DONATE ONLINE and in the Comments box write: **To benefit the Center of Hope children):** <https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charlotte/programs/homeless-services/>

Thank you for your generosity to see the kingdom of God come to the women and children in need. For more information, contact Kristen Haigler kristenberry@msn.com or Betty Reynolds CoachBettyR@gmail.com.

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	3 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 <i>LENT 3</i> 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	8	9 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	10 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	11	12 10:00 a.m. Caring and Sharing (Zoom)	13
14 <i>LENT 4</i> 9:15 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live 11:45 Zoom Holy Communion only	15 President's Day	16 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	17 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom	18	19	20
21 <i>LENT 5</i> 9:15 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 11:30 Congregation Meeting	22	23 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	24 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> 9:15 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 11:45 Zoom Holy Communion only	29	30 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	31 10:00 a.m. "Ten Men of the Bible" Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal			



March Birthdays

03/02 Lauren Morosko
03/03 Ann Chriske, Nicholas Sample
03/05 Baily Biggs, John Farris
03/07 Linda Lyle
03/09 Cardon Hawley

03/13 Kenneth Cochran, John Williams
03/14 Marjorie Sahr
03/15 Eric Forster
03/18 Joyce Godwin
03/19 Maripat Brown
03/20 Linda Hatcher
03/21 Deb Borley, Parker Thompson
03/24 Dominique Greve
03/25 Preston Gist, Sr.
03/26 Wendi Mayer
03/27 Jerry Putnam
03/28 Carla Gearheart, P.J. Krause
03/31 Aaliah Rogers

Praying for Possibilities!

Prayer for our congregation, preschool, and staff are critically important in these days of closure and social distance.

03/14-03/21 Mackenzie and Steve Miller
03/21-03/28 Indra Persaud and Pat Snodgrass
03/28-04/04 Linda Honeycutt and Brandon Ward
04/04-04/11 Jan Sundberg, Corky Carver and Shallon Gordon
04/11-04/18 Glenda and Marry Anne Eller
04/18-04/25 Joe Kern and Ray Kilminster
04/25-05/02 CD and Don Huff

You can pray in person, or together by phone. Let us know if we can help by providing a new prayer booklet.

