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**APRIL  
2019**

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**IS SUFFERING REALLY NECESSARY?  
Hebrews 5: 7-9**

Early in our lives we think we are in control of things. We think we are captains of our destiny. But suddenly life veers out of control. A lump in a breast, an automobile accident, a sports injury or a host of other surprising bumps in the road, large and small, and suddenly we are reminded of our mortality. We are reminded that we are not in control. And so we turn to a Power greater than our own. And we discover there a Friend closer than a brother. A Friend who understands our need.

Jameson Jones tells the story of an angry crowd standing before the throne of God. They are unhappy with their lot in life, and they question whether God cares about them.

"What right does God have to pass judgement on my life?" one man cries out. Another shouts, "Yeah, what does God know of our world? If God is going to judge us, then let Him come down to earth where we are. Let Him find out what it's like to live in poverty." Another person says, "Let Him find out what it's like to be a member of a hated minority." And another adds, "How would God deal with the heartaches we have to live with? How would He like to suffer the way we do?"

And from somewhere in the crowd, one person whispers a Name. And though it is just a whisper, the whole crowd grows silent at the sound. For he has whispered the name of Jesus Christ. And they all realize that God does understand. (1)

One of the major turning points for Joni Eareckson Tada during her own battle with faith after losing the use of her arms and legs in an accident occurred when a friend pointed out to her that Christ knew what it was like to be paralyzed. Philip Yancey writes: "One night especially, Joni became convinced that God did understand. Pain was streaking through her back in a way that is a unique torment to those paralyzed. Healthy persons can scratch an itch, squeeze an aching muscle, or flex a cramped foot. The paralyzed must lie still, defenseless, and feel the pain. Cindy, one of Joni's closest friends, was beside her bed, searching desperately for some way to encourage her. Finally, she clumsily blurted out, "Joni, Jesus knows how you feel--you aren't the only one--why, he was paralyzed too."

Joni glared at her. "What? What are you talking about?"

Cindy continued, "It's true. Remember, he was nailed on a cross. His back was raw from beatings, and he must have yearned for a way to move to change positions, or redistribute his weight. But he couldn't. He was paralyzed by the nails." The thought intrigued Joni. It had never occurred to her before that God had felt the exact piercing sensations that racked her body. The idea was profoundly comforting." (2)

It is comforting to turn to a Power greater than your own and to discover there a Friend who has experienced the full range of human emotions. Maybe this is what the writer of Hebrews meant when he said that Christ learned obedience through suffering. Suffering is a great teacher. It teaches us compassion for others. It teaches us dependence on God.

1. Robert C. Morgan, LIFT HIGH THE CROSS (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995), pp. 22-23.
2. Philip Yancey, WHERE IS GOD WHEN IT HURTS? (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1977), pp. 118-119.

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**Our Mission**  
Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the  
world

**Our Vision**  
To **Know** Christ personally,  
**Grow** with Christ intimately,  
and **Show** Christ passionately

## Finances for 2019

Total Budget Income through February    \$ 33,779.63

**\*\*Monthly amount needed to meet monthly expenses:**  
\$ 18,070.00

### February Financial Breakdown:

<b>February Giving (Budget):</b>	\$ 17,725.77
<b>Colonial Pres. Payment (Budget):</b>	\$
<b>Amazon/Kroger Rewards (Budget):</b>	\$
Benevolence:	\$ 53.00
Building Fund:	\$ 155.00
Children's Ministry	\$ 30.00
Choir:	\$
Missions (Sale items):	\$ 90.00
Youth (Dessert Auction & donations):	\$ 1,542.00

### 2019 Envelope & Online Giving:

<b>Jan. Budget:</b>	\$ 13,254.99
<b>Feb. Budget:</b>	\$ 17,725.77
<b>March Budget:</b>	\$
<b>April Budget:</b>	\$
<b>May Budget:</b>	\$
<b>June Budget:</b>	\$
<b>July Budget:</b>	\$
<b>Aug. Budget:</b>	\$
<b>Sept. Budget:</b>	\$
<b>Oct. Budget:</b>	\$
<b>Nov. Budget:</b>	\$
<b>Dec. Budget:</b>	\$

## April Birthdays

### Happy Birthday CABC Family!

Mitzi Hartwell	April 2
Liz Parker	April 5
Blake Bailey	April 6
Don Obenchain	April 7
Jack Rowland	April 7
Michael Krawchison	April 8
Tracy Shirley-McCown	April 9
Lulu (Lauren) Dudley	April 13
Craig McCown	April 16
Mary Durrer	April 26
Kaitlyn Nix	April 26
Alex Coleman	April 27
Jena Willis	April 27
Dabney Ward	April 28
Sylvia Shortt	April 29

## Keystone Ministry Schedule For 2018-2019

The following schedule will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year:

### Monthly

1st week: Faithkeepers    3rd week: Nancy Burgess  
2nd week: New Beginning    4th week: Friendship Class

\*\* (the 5th week of any month is covered by another church)

Thank you so much to our Sunday School Classes for their service!

## Know, Grow, and Show February

	<b>3rd</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>24th</b>
Sunday School	42	44	42	57
Worship	57	72	58	75
Bible Study	9	8	5	5

## Current Sunday School Studies

Class	Teacher	Current Study
Faithkeepers	Ric Scott	“Striving for Holiness”
Friendship	Joyce Short	“Book of Romans”
Sunshine	Jean Grady/ Katie Wood	“Wisdom From Ecclesiastes”
Men	Mike Agee	“Wisdom From Ecclesiastes”
New Beginnings	Tim Emick/ Bob Crawford	“Striving for Holiness”
Pastor’s	Quentin Madden	“The Book of Matthew”
Youth	Melissa/Tracy	“Loved”
Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Burgess	“Stories of Jesus”

## Prayer Concerns

- Our Church
- Bob Crawford’s brother-in-law, James Long
- Joe Dudley’s nephew, Johnny, who has lung cancer
- Karen Viele’s family friend, baby Allison, for pneumonia & heart issues
- Betty Heptinstall’s 12 year old nephew, Adam, who began chemotherapy
- Linda Miles’ daughter, Heather O’Brian, as she is battling blood cancer
- Debbie Agee’s nephew, Patrick Shaw, for complications from radiation
- Ric Scott’s father, Dan Scott, as he is in the hospital
- Gerri Mills, in her recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Sandra Britt, as she is recovering at home
- Tim Emick, for health issues
- Carrol Hall, as she is recovery at home from knee replacement surgery
- Debbie Agee’s friend’s daughter, for breast cancer

### Remember our homebound and those in nursing homes

Betty Brown	Christine Martin (Burkeville, VA)
Madaline Brown (Pheasant Ridge)	Yvonne Metz
Lois Burge	Nadine Minnix
Jane Byrum (The “Oaks”)	Shirley Moore (Brandon Oaks)
Carol Camp	Betty Obenchain
Becky Erdmann	Louise Parris
Freda Guill	Evelyn Ragland (Elm Park)
Dody Matze	Ruby Whitehead (The Glebe)

## Opportunities For Growth

Join us **Mondays at 10:30 am or Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**, as we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Join us Sunday mornings for one of our many Sunday School Classes. Choose one that suits your needs.

Classes are listed on an adjacent page under the Heading: Current Sunday School Studies. Hope to see you there!

## Children

### Building Blocks of Faith Easter Event Sunday, April 7, 12-2 pm

Children of all ages are invited to join us at Colonial Presbyterian Church following worship for a walk through Holy Week, guided by the book *Easter Love Letters from God*. Lunch will be provided, and we will learn about Jesus’ last week leading up to the cross and to the Resurrection through crafts, games, and Legos. Please let us know by **April 3** if your child will be attending. Also, we would like to provide a copy of the book for each of our children’s families to read and use for devotions during Holy Week. The cost of the book is \$10, and if you would like to donate the cost of your family’s book, that would be welcome. Please note that this is a change from our original date of April 14 (due to an earlier than usual spring break for Roanoke County schools).

## Youth

### Sunday night dinners

Help feed our youth on Sunday evenings during our dinner & discipleship time! We eat at 5:00 pm in the Colonial Ave. Baptist fellowship hall, and it’s best to prepare for around 15 people. To sign up, contact Pastor Melissa at 540-797-3830, or sign up online at: <http://bit.ly/PBJYouthdinner>

### 30 Hour Famine-Thank You!

Thank you to any and all that supported our 30 Hour Famine! Our youth participated in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine and for 30 hours, they skipped meals to raise funds to help feed hungry children around the world. Thank you to those who participated as well as those who supported them financially and through prayer!

## Missions

### Children’s Chapel at the Rescue Mission

Join us **April 11th & 25th** as we lead children’s chapel at the Rescue Mission. We tell a Bible story, do crafts, & play games with the elementary school-aged children while their parents are in chapel. We can always use help in the “tiny tots” room with the babies & toddlers, too! We meet at the church at **5:45 pm** to carpool & usually return about 7:45 pm

### Yes it’s that time again– Spring Mission Sale 2019!

As the weather begins to warm & the flowers shake off the frost, we have begun preparation for our Spring Mission Sale. As our fearless leader, Susan Melson cannot do things with the force that she has in the past, it is up to the rest of us to step up to the plate & be her workers. Don’t worry though, our Susan will definitely still be in charge! We may do it a little different, but we will do it, nevertheless! Please let our office know your availability for helping. We need everyone to pitch in any way they can!

**We will be sorting & pricing every Tues. & Thurs (weather permitting) at 9:30 am. Please join us to help!**

**P.S. We need your unused treasures for the Sale!**

## Church Computer

As a note, if you would like to help offset the cost of this, not anticipated but needed, purchase of \$265, please feel free to donate by making an extra donation in an envelope and marking it office computer. Thanks for your support!

## Senior Adults

We are excited to announce that we have officially formed a new group! Watch for upcoming events for this exciting new ministry!

First up: **Come get loose with us! Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.** We will be doing some light exercising & probably a little laughing to go with it! Join us for this time of fun & fellowship! Hope to see you there!

Next: **April 12th-Lunch at Jersey Lily’s at 11:30 am**

## Lenten Services

The season of Lent, the 40 days of preparation (excluding Sundays, which are always celebrated as “little Easters” began March 6th. Please join us for our remaining special Lenten events:

### Maundy Thursday Dinner & Tenebrae Worship, April 18, 6:00 pm

Join us in the fellowship hall here at CABC as we enjoy a meal and communion together as we remember Jesus’ last meal with his disciples and the new commandment to love that he gave them at that time. We will then move to the sanctuary at **7:00 pm** for a Tenebrae service and quiet reflection on the last hours of Jesus’ life.

### SonRise Service, Easter Sunday, April 21, 7:00 am

From the  of Joe

### To Inform, To Enlighten, and To Encourage

I was unsure as to the direction/focus for this edition– that is – until I received on Wednesday a personal email response from Dr. Tony Brooks, our Sunday School Specialist. This was in response to a recent plea to Tony for data relating to trending Re: Sunday School & Worship in Baptist Churches. The opening from Tony: “Joe, I do remember you, and love your article attached!.” The article referred to the Info-Memo of last February 24<sup>th</sup> to our staff and Sunday School teachers whereby, in part, promoted the following:

“While we’re at this “close classness” ATTITUDE, that we hope and pray materializes and thrives, ever give much thought as to what was the catalyst that started each of your classes, anyway? For the children & youth, this is a non-issue. However, would it give added meaning with adults knowing the history of how each of their particular class begin? Or not? Did the origin of each class have a special purpose or goal? OR – is it more important what makes each class really “click”, today? (And, I don’t mean “clickish”!) We just might chat about that, next Sunday.” Tony’s specific comment to the above was: “Sunday School and church itself should always go back to the “why” a class/church started to get them to consider what their “why” is now.”

From all this, can we conclude the strength/growth of a church strongly depends on a close relationship between the fruits of Sunday School and Worship? Hmm – how many noticed the promo of Sunday School during last Sunday’s worship service? Where are each of you on all this??

*Space and my time is up. Thank you for listening.*