



Westlake UMC **Ramspiration**

Church office and Food Pantry will be closed 4/3 for Good Friday

Good Friday Service, 4/3 at 6 pm

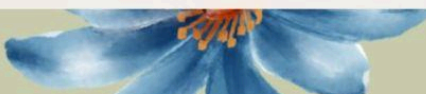

Sunrise Service, 4/5, Pierrottie House, 1900 Guillory st., 6 am set up, 6:30 Service starts.

Easter Service, 4/5, 10am in the Sanctuary

Church office will be closed, Food Pantry will be open 4/6 for Easter Monday.

Finance Meeting 4/9, at 5pm in Classroom B.

Youth Group will be moved to another day this month, Details to come.





Prayer Request

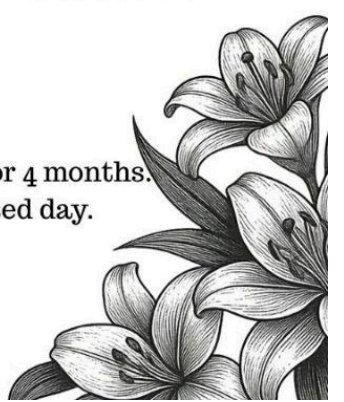
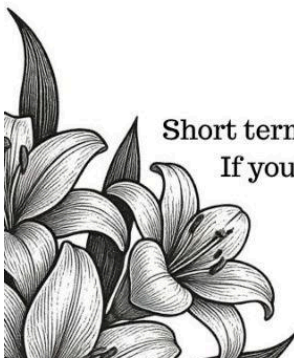
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LISSA PRUITT
HUNTER ROBINSON
JOANNA ROBINSON
LUTHER SCOTT
DONALD SCHATZ
STACEY TRAHAN
JOSH TURNAGE
RITA & CONNIE

Family of Cranford Nelva, Barbara Vail, and Carol Ann Simmons

Prayers for All affected by the Israel/Iran War, our first responders, the hearts and minds of our elected officials, our military, our inadequately housed, our pastor and her family, and our friends at High Hope Care Center.



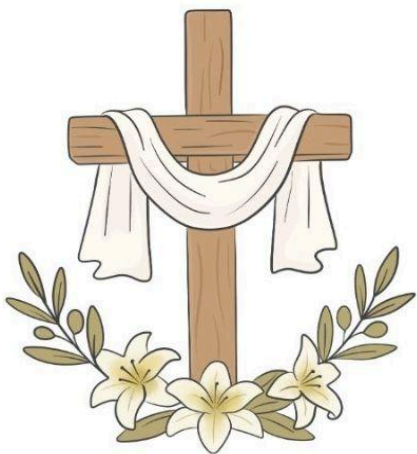
Short term Prayer Request stay up for 3 weeks. Long term Prayer Request stay up for 4 months.
If your request was taken off, please fill out a new card. Thank you, have a blessed day.

Special Services COMING UP



Good Friday,
April 3rd, 6pm
in the Sanctuary

**SUNRISE SERVICE,
APRIL 5TH 6:30AM AT
1900 GUILLORY ST.**



**Easter Service,
April 5th, 10am
in the Sanctuary**

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“First, the words “seek” and “set your minds” indicate a sense of choice. Paul is telling the Colossians that because they are believers, they need to choose to focus on the things above. The word choice is important because when we use words to direct someone to “seek” or “set their minds” on something, we are asking them to choose an action.”

- Gregory Johnston



PRACTICE

Find a quiet place, take a few breaths, and imagine yourself at an eye doctor as you cover one eye and reflect on how you see the world when focused only on earthly concerns—stress, fear, and what feels overwhelming. Then switch eyes and consider how your vision changes when you “set your mind on things above,” noticing hope, grace, and the truth that your life is hidden with Christ. Finally, pray that God would give clarity on how to recognize that both realities exist in our lives.

REFLECTION

Colossians 3:1-4

This verse calls the people of God to a reoriented way of life grounded in their union with Christ. Because believers have been “raised with Christ,” their identity is no longer defined by the patterns, values, and anxieties of the world, but by the reality of Christ’s reign. This is not seen as an escape from earthly life, but as a transformation of perspective—aligning one’s heart, mind, and priorities with the purposes of God. In this context, “above” and “heaven” point to the sphere where Christ is enthroned, seated at the right hand of God. This text is deeply pastoral, offering both encouragement and direction. It reminds believers that their lives are “hidden with Christ in God,” assuring them of security, belonging, and hope even amid uncertainty. At the same time, it calls them to active discipleship—continually turning toward Christ in thought and practice.

DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between the things that are above and the things that are of the world?
2. What are some ways that you can focus on the things that are above?
3. How have we been raised with Christ?
4. What does it mean to be hidden with Christ?
5. What are some ways that this verse encourages you to seek Christ in your everyday life?



Brady Hickingbottom 4/4

Ruth Andrus 4/5

Julie Dyson 4/10

Nick Robinson 4/10

Bert Giffin 4/12

Jason Page 4/14

Travis Clark 4/14

Joseph LeBoeuf 4/15

Ryan Clark 4/16

David Scritchfield 4/17



April Birthdays

Wheelchair, Walker, Crutches & Canes Drive

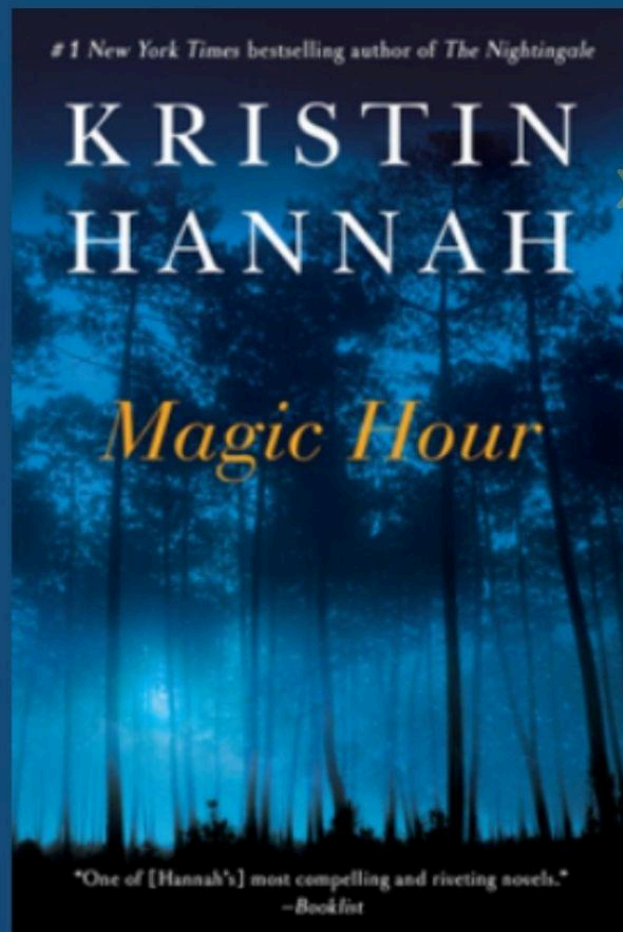


Used manual wheelchairs are able to be restored in prison probation programs and then matched with people in need in underdeveloped countries. International organization, Joni and Friends, fulfills this mission and is partnering with First Pres – Lake Charles to collect these items from people, churches, retirement centers, etc. in Southwest Louisiana.

If you have an item to donate, please bring it by the office by April 7th so we can get them to the drop off location. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Ruth Andrus or email Crystal at secretary@westlakeumc.net.

*Book Club meets Thursday,
4pm , at the Sulphur Library.*

HERE IS THE PICK
FOR APRIL





Adventure ON THE RIVER

Auction & Dinner
Benefitting Camp Uskichitto

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

Sunday, May 3rd
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

University United Methodist
3501 Patrick Street
Lake Charles, LA 70605

- DINNER
- SILENT AUCTION
- LIVE AUCTION
- BAKE SALE
- ETERNAL IMPACT

\$10 Adults
\$5 Kids (five & under free)
\$100 Table



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ANYTIME!**



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Enjoy Rev. Lauren's Sermon, Here's the link!

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