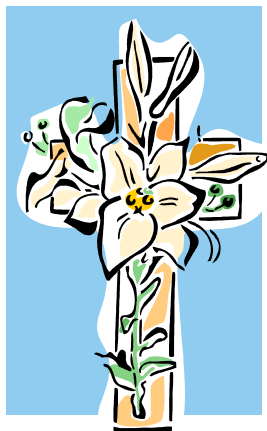


# The Messenger

Blue Ridge Boulevard Christian Church

April 2017

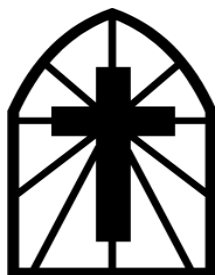


## Journey to the Cross

What is happening on the cross – in front of our eyes and in our hearts – is the relinquishment of power as we know it. Jesus' death is the price that was paid to free us once and for all from the fantasy that God's power is just like our power – only way bigger. What is happening here is the unraveling of the human idea that power is force and might and money and influence, big talk or self-aggrandizement, or any attempt to make

ourselves seem better than, more pure than, more righteous or deserving than, anyone else. So, is God's power weak and useless? For a moment, a very dark moment on the cross, it seemed so. In God's way, death is a necessary path into resurrection.

Peace,  
Pastor Sherry



## 24 HOUR GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Please sign up for the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Each person is free to pray in the location of their choice. This allows more members to participate, including shut-ins and those located out of town. Please consider participating in this special event.

## COOKING CLASS

We are looking for 10 people to commit to once a week for 6 weeks. We will cook a meal from the cooking matters cookbook each week and each family will receive a bag of groceries with some of the supplies needed to recreate the meal for their family, nutritional information, shopping tips and great fellowship. Each participant has the opportunity to earn the cooking matters cookbook. Once we have enough committed participants, I will contact Lydia to set an exact date. Looking for families. Children can participate with their parents. Hoping to have this mission April through the end of May. ~Cindy Conley



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Please email submissions to Jaime at [jaimebrbcc@att.net](mailto:jaimebrbcc@att.net).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

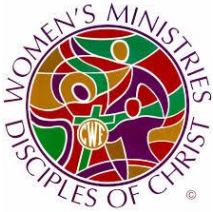
Monthly Budget: \$3,600  
February Gifts: \$3,250.80  
March Gifts to Date: \$2,367

## WORSHIP TEXTS

- 4/2 – Mark 15:1-32  
Scene: Trial and Crucifixion
- 4/9 – Mark 15:33-47  
Scene: On the Cross
- 4/16 – Mark 16:1-8  
Scene: At the Tomb (Easter)
- 4/23 – Mark 16:9-20  
Scene: At the Table
- 4/30 – Acts 3:21  
What Does It All Mean?



Our food pantry is very low – please help us restock it! Items needed include: Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Noodles, Sauce, Canned Fruit/Veggies/Soup/Meat, Mac & Cheese, Toilet Paper and Pork & Beans.



## DISCIPLES WOMEN

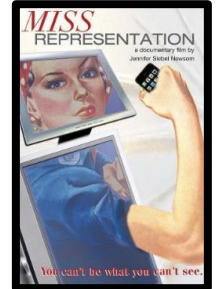
Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

Please invite a friend to come and join us for this time of fellowship. A potluck lunch will follow. You can park in the side parking lot and enter through the side door.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 AM – 1 PM

Ladies, join us as we think about issues surrounding women in media by looking at the documentary, *Miss Representation*. This will be a great time together as we reflect together in discussion, play games and share a meal. Hope to see you there! ~Valerie



## RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM – 3 PM

The Sunshine Sisters will begin accepting donations on April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you want to drop something off during the week, you may do so during office hours Tues - Thurs from 9 – 2. It is always a good idea to call the office first just to confirm that someone will be available to meet you at the door. The sale on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> will be open from 8 – 3.

## CHILI DINNER PHOTOS

Thank you everyone for all you did to make the chili supper a success.

Thank you for all the donations of food and

money, and for all the work everyone did to help. Once again, a special thank you to Bill and his son, Aaron, for making the best chili yet. Thanks again. ~Mary Margaret and the YOMACLS Class

