



“...He is risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:6

# April

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

## New Life News

### Upcoming Events :

- April 3 Kids Easter Egg Hunt (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
- April 4 Family & Friends Easter Breakfast (9:00-9:45 am)  
Easter Morning Worship Celebration (10:00 am)
- April 17 Childcare Co-op (4:30-8:30 pm)
- April 23 Ladies Night Out at the Home of Rita Hess  
(Gathering time 6:00 -6:30 pm.  
Dinner begins at 6:30 pm)
- April 26 Men’s Rescue Mission Ministry at the  
Beacon House (7:00 pm)

### Join the Team!

The Green Team is looking for men and women to help expand their existing group from 3 to 4 rotating teams throughout the spring and summer months. At present team members commit to help with mowing 2 to 3 hours once every 3 weeks, but with the expansion of the 4th team volunteers would only be called to help with lawn care every 4th week.

The Green Team accepts all levels of experience, and training is available for new members. For more information about how you can help please contact Steve Barr at 301-874-2629 or 240-405-4754, or via email at flipnsteve2000@yahoo.com.



Please join us as we celebrate the joy and victory of our Risen Savior this Easter.

See below our weekend schedule:

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

(For kids ages toddler through 5th grade)

#### Family & Friends Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 4th  
9:00 – 9:45 am

(New Life Gymnasium)

#### Easter Worship Celebration

Sunday, April 4th  
10:00 am

(Church Auditorium)

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# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd

For kids ages  
toddler—5th  
grade

10 am  
to  
12 pm

Bring your  
egg-collecting  
baskets or  
buckets!



Parents,  
Please register your children and their friends for  
this event at the Welcome Center or online  
at [www.newlifefoursquare.com](http://www.newlifefoursquare.com).

# Family & Friends Easter Breakfast

All are welcome to join us for this  
all-you-can-eat annual pancake, sausage &  
egg family breakfast event in the  
New Life gym.

The meal will be served from 9:00—9:45 am.  
There is no cost to attend, however, we  
would request that you register your group at  
the Welcome Center or online at  
[www.newlifefoursquare.com](http://www.newlifefoursquare.com).

# Ladies Night Out!



Ladies, you are invited to spend an evening of good  
food and fellowship at the home of Rita Hess on Fri-  
day, April 23rd. Ladies will gather between 6:00 and  
6:30 pm for fellowship, and dinner will begin at 6:30.  
If you plan to attend, a donation of a side dish or des-  
sert would be greatly appreciated. Meat from the grill  
and drinks will be provided. Also, please don't forget  
to RSVP at the Welcome Center or online at [www.newlifefoursquare.com](http://www.newlifefoursquare.com) if you plan to participate.  
Directions will be available at the Welcome Center.

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# New Life Family Matters

*By Pastor Dave*

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## Remembering and Forgetting

Deb and I had been planting flowers from seed for at least 10 minutes when she exclaimed, “Where is the dog?” We had become so focused on the task at hand that we forgot about Spencer, our prone-to-wander-out-of-sight dog that had strayed off. Were we surprised? No. It’s his nature to wander. Were we startled back to reality that our canine family member was missing? Yes. Fortunately, the search for him that began abruptly and with much angst, ended less than 10 minutes later as I found him trotting along with his Beagle nose to the ground about 100 yards from our home on the far side of a thick row of pine trees. He was not nearly as concerned about his location as Deb and I, and trotted up to me like it was a planned meeting place.

Forgetting God’s promises to us and the consequences that arise from losing contact with His life-giving words parallel the Hendershot’s recent experience with Spencer –except that our story ended well. Forgetting something important in life isn’t a pleasant experience and depending upon the importance of what we forget, the more pain-filled the results can become. Like my dog Spencer, whose hound-dog nature leads him by his sense of smell, our unredeemed human nature is prone to stray from God’s path, forgetting His Words of promise, rescue and restoration. For Christ’s followers remembering His Word is crucial to living the abundant life His has provided for us. We are given the resources of His Spirit and His Word to guide and equip us for this abundant life because He desires to bless us so that we can be a blessing to others. Knowing our human propensity to live by sight rather than by faith, God gave us His Spirit to help us remember His Word and hold fast to it. (John 14:26)

**Forgetting something important in life isn’t a pleasant experience, and depending upon the importance of what we forget, the more pain-filled the results can become.**

The words of an old hymn, *Come, Thou Fount*, declare this truth about our human weakness and our source of strength: our God’s goodness. *“Let thy goodness like a fetter; bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.”* As we set our hearts upon learning the lessons of remembrance, and the hope contained in His promises, may His Spirit fill us with the same joyful song of the writer of the hymn I mentioned earlier. *“Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. ...Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it. Mount of thy redeeming love.”*

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**Easter and being Neighbors.** Easter weekend is a perfect time to invite and include your neighbors in the children’s activities (Saturday, April 3rd) and our family breakfast (Easter Sunday 9:00 –9:45 am, and worship celebration beginning at 10:00 am). A way to help folks get past their hesitancy is to offer to meet them in the parking lot or at the door. Knowing that you are waiting for them is more of a stress reliever than you know. Let’s take a step of faith and ask God who we should invite as we celebrate the Lord’s resurrection.

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*Please help us if you can!*

*Spring Project Day—Saturday, May 1st*



## **HOME CHURCH MEETINGS**

If you have not connected with a small group we would like to encourage you to consider doing so—and anytime is a great time to jump in! The friendships that are built during these times of fellowship, food, prayer, and study are a blessing that every believer should embrace. Listed below is some brief information about the groups that are already meeting. Please feel free to call the church office at 301-663-8497 or any of the leaders below for more information.

**Todd & Stephanie Watkins—Jefferson**

301-834-5426

(2 Fridays/month)

**Mark & Nicole Lopez de Victoria—Frederick**

301-662-7024

(Alternate Monday Evenings)

**Mark & Terri Napier—Frederick/Walkersville**

301-845-1020

(Sunday—2x month)

**Vaughn & Betsy Thurman—Frederick**

301-473-9992

**Group 1:** (2 Fridays/month)

**Group 2:** (2 Saturdays/month)

**Tom & Ellie Gilbert/Gene & Sharon Cregger**

301-845-0424

301-845-0575

(2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings)

**Jack & Alix Gilbert—Frederick (Young Adult)**

240-446-5808

(2nd & 4th Friday Evenings)