

# The Spire

April 2024



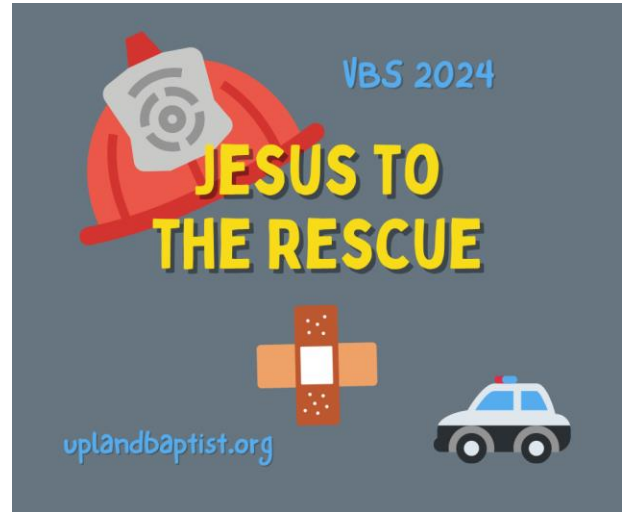
*"Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."*

~ John 18:36

## VBS is Back!!

We are so excited to announce that Upland Baptist Church will offer VBS this summer! We invite children to spend a week with us to learn all the ways Jesus comes to our rescue.

- **When:** Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- **Where:** UBC Chapel
- **Who:** Incoming PreK 4, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders\*
- **Cost:** FREE



Each day will have a different theme, focusing on a community helper with a Bible verse to match. Children will discover how Jesus is just like our neighborhood rescuers. The groups will cycle through various activities, including music, crafts, and games, and children will receive an allergy-friendly snack each day.

Registration is open from **April 2–July 2**, but we will also accept walk-in participants. Sign up on our website: [www.uplandbaptist.org](http://www.uplandbaptist.org). Please call the office with any questions (610) 874-7474.

We appreciate your help in spreading the word!

*\*Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to participate as student helpers to assist leaders each day. Please call the office for more information (610) 874-7474.*



## Want to Volunteer?

To make VBS a success, we need your help! Following worship on Sunday, May 5, we'll hold a volunteer information session to give you an idea of what to expect.

*All adult volunteers MUST have their clearances on file by Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to participate.*

## Sponsor a Child for VBS

We understand that not everyone can volunteer for VBS, but you can still support this program in other ways! Why not sponsor a child with a small donation?

For \$20, one child can participate in a week of VBS. Your donation ensures that each child has the following:

- A daily snack
- Materials for daily lessons, crafts, and games
- A refillable water bottle
- A drawstring bag to keep their personal belongings
- Bible-themed take-home items (bracelets, pencils, stickers, etc.)

If you'd like to sponsor a child, please put in the collection plate or drop off your donation to the office or mail to 325 Main Street, Upland, PA 19015.

*Please make checks payable to Upland Baptist Church and put VBS in the memo.*



## Ice Cream Social

Come join us for an ice cream social on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> following worship in the Chapel. This is a great way to fellowship and get to know your church family.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries for April and May

### April Birthdays

- 3 Jean Giordano
- 13 Dan Miller
- 20 Angela Waltman
- 24 David Pysher
- John Shaw
- Denise Sweeney
- 27 Barry Armstrong
- 28 Stephanie Abbonizio



### May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Shaw
- 5 David Geveke
- Darlene Pysher
- 15 Akky Geveke
- 17 Thomas Geveke
- 24 Dennis Decker
- 26 Jackie Wright
- 27 Hans Geveke



### May Anniversaries

- 4 Brian and Courtney Klimek
- 10 Joan and Dennis Decker
- 14 Steve and Angela Waltman

## Pastor Brenda's Vacation



The Shaws are gearing up to catch a glimpse of the solar eclipse! They'll be driving out to the path of totality, so let's pray the weather holds to give them a great view!

Pastor Brenda will be out of the office from April 5 – April 11. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Dawn Rafalski 484-557-1961.

## Food Bank

The item of the month for April is  
*Cereal*

Please donate anytime during the month.



## Prayer Card Volunteers Needed



We want to begin sending cards to those whose names are given as prayer requests during worship. Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer to write cards.

**How It Works:** If you give a prayer request and would like that person to receive a card, please put their name and address on an envelope in the back of the Church.

Then, volunteers will take those addressed envelopes and write a short note to let folks knowing we're praying for them.

SAVE THE DATE!

UPLAND BAPTIST CHURCH'S

**FRIENDS & FAMILY WEEKEND**

**9 14 & 9 15**

**2024**

SAT 9/14 Car Show • Antique Appraiser • Attic Treasure Flea Market • Lunch Available

SUN 9/15 10 AM Worship Service • Picnic

For more details, visit [www.uplandbaptist.org](http://www.uplandbaptist.org)

## Devotional Thought...

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ, God has forgiven you."*

*~ Ephesians 4:32*

This Easter is a lot different for me than any other. As I reflect on my trip last May to the Holy Land, I am reminded of the many places our group visited which depicted Christ's sacrifice for me as he saved the world from sin.



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a huge crowd gathered and recognized Him as their long-awaited Messiah. They spread their cloaks and palm branches on the ground before him, proclaiming, "Hosanna" (save us). It was a triumphant, yet modest, entrance which demonstrated His divine nature.

Being in the cell where Jesus spent His last night...then walking the pathway to His crucifixion and eventually the tomb where He laid was a profound experience. I will treasure it my whole life.

While there in those places, I felt sadness, humility, and empathy for my Lord, who suffered so much for me (and you!). And to this day, I know His death and resurrection is the way God saves us. If you come to God through Jesus' death for your sins, He will forgive your sins and give you eternal life.

~Frank Kulp



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