

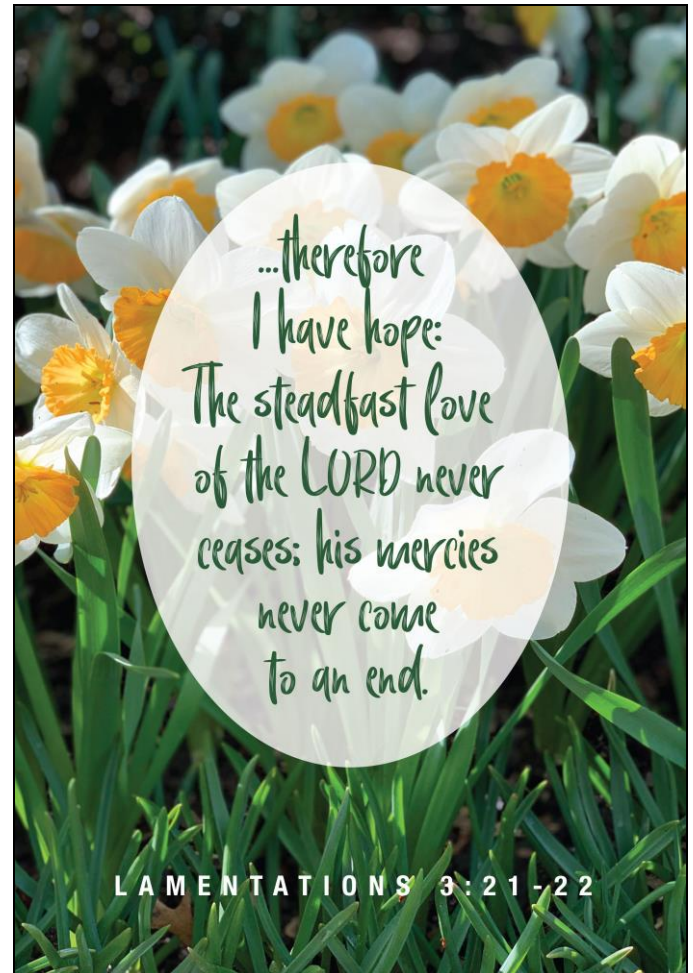
## Getting What You Ask For

By Janet Berrill

Several years ago, I stayed at a beach house in North Carolina with a group of people which included my friend, Sharon, and my sister-in-law, Karen. Karen is a very outdoorsy person who has a lot of experience hiking, biking, skiing, kayaking, running, swimming, and with just about any other sport that can be done outside. At the time, I had very little, if any at all, experience with some of those activities, including kayaking.

Stored at the beach house was a kayak made for two people. Sharon and I thought it would be fun to take the kayak out on the ocean. We brought the kayak down to the shore and talked about what we were going to do. We thought the best way to do this would be to walk in the water with the kayak and get the kayak beyond where the waves break. We could then get in the kayak and paddle out further on the water. Karen was there with us and she commented that the easiest way was actually to get in the kayak at the water's edge and paddle over the breaking waves. This didn't seem like it would be easier, so Sharon and I decided to try it our way.

Things started out well for Sharon and me as we walked in the water pulling the kayak. We ran into a little difficulty as we were dragging the kayak through the section of water where the waves break, but we managed to hold onto it. After reaching the calmer water, all that was left now was to get into the kayak. That, however, turned out not to be so easy. We tried to pull ourselves into the kayak, but the depth of the water made it impossible for us to get in. There were several people on the shore watching us, and I'm sure they all had a good laugh as Sharon and I tried unsuccessfully to climb into the boat.



Left with no alternative, we pulled the kayak back to shore. We decided to try again, but this time we decided to listen to Karen's advice. We got in the kayak at the water's edge and paddled furiously to get over the breaking waves. Although at first it seemed like we weren't going to make it, we persevered and eventually reached the calmer water beyond the breaking waves.

Our difficulty getting started could have been avoided had I listened to Karen from the start. But I thought I knew a better way than Karen did, even though she had experience, and I had none. To Karen's credit, she didn't try to talk us out of doing it our way. She let us do it

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how we wanted, so we would learn for ourselves why our way would not work.

This incident came to mind when I recently read Psalm 106. Verse 15 says, “*So He gave them what they asked for.*” This verse stopped me in my tracks. The psalmist is recounting how the Israelites forgot the great and marvelous things God had done for them, and rather than wait for God to help them in their current predicament, began to make demands of Him. The Israelites thought they knew what they needed and told God what they wanted, rather than seeking God and what He had for them. And God chose to give them what they asked for.

I shudder to think of the times when I have done the same! How many times have I prayed assuming I knew what was best, rather than seeking God’s will? I am thankful for all the times when God did not give me what I asked for. 1 Corinthians 1:25 says, “*For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom.*” This verse does not mean that God is foolish. I think of it this way: if you had a scale of foolishness at one end and wisdom at the other, the highest wisdom on man’s scale would be below the foolishness end of God’s scale.

Who am I compared to God? God is all knowing: He knows the past, present, and future. He knows intimately what is going on in my life and the life of everyone else in the world. My knowledge is a drop in the ocean compared to what God knows. And yet, I often assume I know better than God does what is best for me. How ridiculous! The thought of God giving me what I ask for when it is not what He wants for me is scary. What will the consequences be? What blessings will I miss out on? How will I or others be negatively affected?

I had to learn my lesson the hard way when trying to kayak in the ocean. Against the advice of someone who knew better, I did it my way and failed. I do not want to make the same mistake with God! My response to reading this verse was to ask God NOT to give me what I ask for if it is outside His perfect will for me.

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## 11th Hour

Our adult Sunday School class will begin Sunday, March 2, in the sanctuary basement. Please join us as we look at the Epistle of James. Teachers: Larry and Janet Berrill, Ken and Cindy Bills.



## Happy Birthday!

Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

Joan Hagestad	March 2
AJ Cleffie	March 6
Michael Seiboth	March 7
Thor Bernheisel	March 9
Larry Berrill	March 12
Donna Westbrook	March 19
Cindy Bills	March 21
Maritzal Trahey	March 21

## Elders' Corner

By Ken Bills

As reported in the most recent update from our Pastor Search Team, the elders will be meeting with the search team to assist in seeking the Lord's guidance in calling our next pastor. Our search team has been putting in many hours in this effort, so please take opportunities to thank and encourage them. Please also continue to pray for the search team, the elders and even the candidates we are considering, as we need the Lord to guide and direct our steps.

As we move further toward calling a pastor, it is also important that we prepare ourselves for his arrival by living as the church that God desires us to be. This is a high calling, since we are to called to be nothing less than the Body of Christ. Many of the Apostle Paul's letters encourage his readers to deeper relationships in the Body. For example, as members of the Body, we need, through love, to serve one another, each using our spiritual gifts to build up the church (Romans 12:3-8; Galatians 5:13). We are called to rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15), to outdo one another in showing honor to our brothers and sisters (Romans 12:10). We need to practice encouraging one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:25). The Lord wants us to build each other up, to stir one another to love and good works, to confess our sins to one another, to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving toward one another, to teach and admonish one another wisely (Hebrews 10:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; James 5:16; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:16). Of course, we each can ask God to help us to walk in the light, live by the Spirit, draw near to God and be constant in prayer (1 John 1:7; Galatians 5:25; James 4:8; Romans 12:12). And we can ask God to help us to abound in increasing love for one another (1Thessalonians 3:12).

Our calling is a high one, intimidating even. Yet we are not left alone to do it on our own power. In fact, we cannot succeed if we try based on our own efforts. But the Lord has not left us alone. He has given us the gifts of His Word and His Spirit to empower us for the tasks He calls us to. And, to come full circle, He has given us the gift of one another to encourage and support one another. Let us be thankful for God's salvation and for His priceless gifts, even as we pray that in His sovereign mercy, He will provide us with the pastor He has chosen for us!

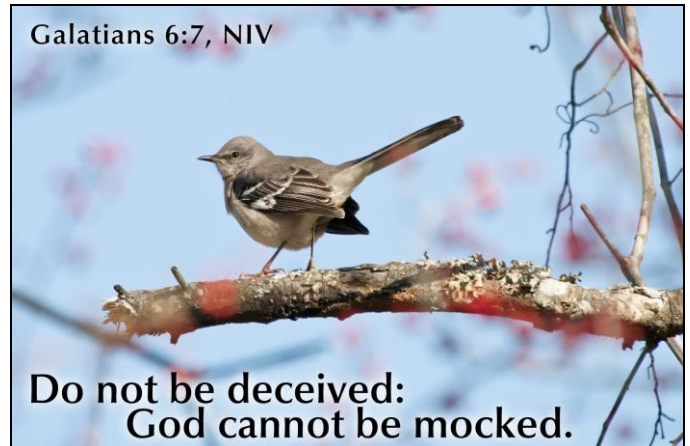
## Financial Update

(Through January 31, 2025)

*"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."*

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$9,647	\$12,000
Expense	\$11,135	\$12,000

Galatians 6:7, NIV



Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse.

Proverbs 2:12





## Mark Your Calendars for Our Easter Egg Hunt!

Be sure to join us for Windsor Chapel's exciting annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Sunday, April 13, at 3:00 pm. Don't forget to invite your family, friends and neighbors! There will be plenty of fun and special treats for all children ages 2 – 9, and everything is free! The rain date is Saturday, April 19, at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in helping in this rewarding outreach, please speak with Ed MacQueen on Sunday, or contact him by email at [e.macqueen1@comcast.net](mailto:e.macqueen1@comcast.net) or by phone at 609-751-6584.

## A Little Time Is a Big Help!

Have you been looking for an opportunity to serve that will fit your busy schedule? A few hours of your time will be a tremendous help as we plan for Windsor Chapel's Easter Egg Hunt. It is one of our most important outreaches of the year and always very well attended. There are many opportunities to assist before or during the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, or on the rain date Saturday, April 19. Please look over the list of responsibilities and positions available as we prepare for the big day:

## Prior to Event

Candy Bag Preparation  
Set up Egg Hunt Areas

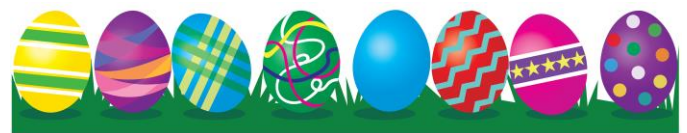
## Day of Event (Starting 1PM)

Set up Tables, Chairs Outside  
Distribute Eggs in Field

## Volunteer Positions

Crafts: support team  
Decorations and Photo Booth: 1-2 people needed  
Candy Exchange Table: Team leader and support team  
Face Painting: support team  
Water Station: one person needed  
Trash: 1 Person Needed  
Welcome Table: support team

If you wish to serve in this rewarding ministry, please speak with Ed MacQueen on Sunday, or you can also contact Ed by email at [e.macqueen1@comcast.net](mailto:e.macqueen1@comcast.net) or by phone at 609-751-6584.



*"The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God that made David dance."*

*C.S. Lewis*



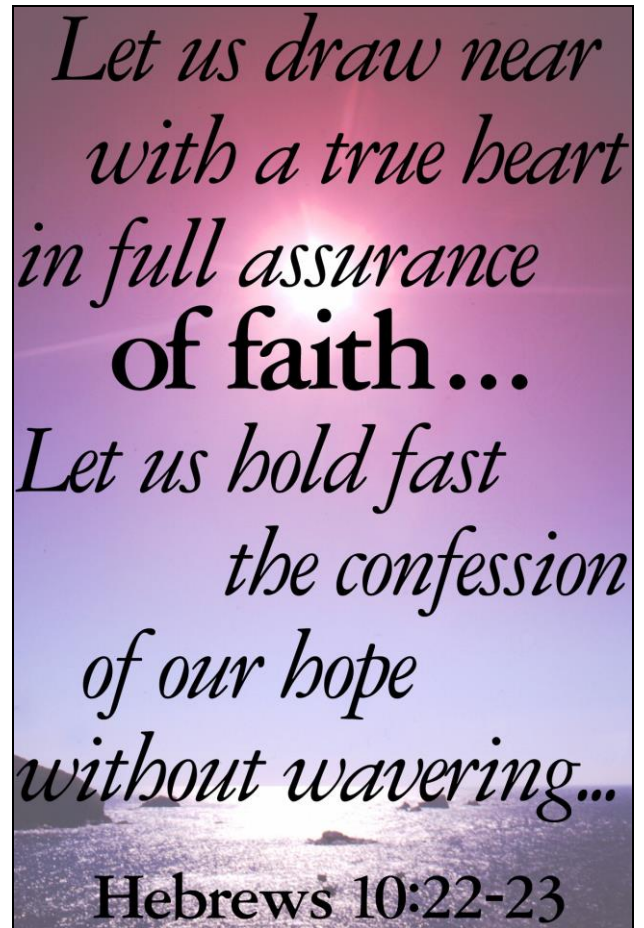
## It's That Time Again!

It's back! We can't escape it. Daylight Saving Time returns on Sunday, March 9. The debatable purpose of Daylight Saving Time is to make better use of daylight. Currently, it begins at 2:00 am on the second Sunday in March, when all atomic clocks mysteriously advance, or "spring forward," one hour. Remember to set your mechanical clocks ahead one hour before sleeping on Saturday, March 9, or just wait until Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on November 2, and they will be correct again. If you have not done so recently, it is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to avoid an unwelcome reminder in the middle of a night when you least expect it.

We can credit (or blame!) Benjamin Franklin for first proposing the idea for Daylight Saving Time in 1784 to reduce candle consumption at night, but the first national daylight saving time, known as the Standard Time Act, occurred in 1918 as a way to conserve coal during World War I. Daylight Saving Time took on its modern form in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act.

Forty-eight of the fifty United States currently observe Daylight Saving Time. The only states that do not are Arizona and Hawaii. In 2022,

the United States Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act to end Daylight Saving Time and have the country remain in standard time permanently. However, it was not signed into law, so set your clocks ahead or pack your bags for Hawaii (and take the Chapel Challenge staff with you!).



"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:9-11

## Further Up and Further In

*Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in  
and among us*



By Cindy Bills

### The Lion and the Lamb

March: In like a lion, out like a lamb. We all know this saying. March generally begins with cold temperatures and icy winds and then then often ends with warmer temperatures and gentle conditions. The saying marks well the contrast represented by March as the transition month from winter to spring.

But from a Biblical perspective, the lion and lamb are not descriptions of opposites in the spectrum of weather conditions. Instead, we read of Jesus as the Lion of Judah and the Lamb God who was slain for the redemption of the world. The Lion and Lamb are not opposites but rather two aspects of the character of the second member of the Triune Godhead. It is vitally important to keep those two aspects in balance as we walk before Christ in faith.

It is easy and understandable that each of us is inclined to emphasize one aspect of the Lord over the other. Some find it easier and/or more natural to view Christ as the Lion: fearfully powerful and dangerous. They carefully define and then obey the Bible's commands to stay out of trouble and sometimes find comfort that those who are less obedient will encounter the strong winds of God's judgment.

On the other hand, there are those who focus on the Lord as the meek and gentle Lamb, led to the cross without protest, dying to redeem us. They take comfort that Jesus is approachable and unthreatening and sometimes ignore or neglect His commands.

We know that Jesus is both Lion and Lamb: the all-powerful God of creation and final Judge as well as the meek God Incarnate who freely offered His life as a sacrifice for our sins. These aspects of the Son of God are not opposites, and they are not in tension. Rather, they give us binocular vision, so to speak, of our Lord and Savior. He is the Mighty God who uses His incomprehensible power to love those whom He has created, to become the Lamb of God who freely offers Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of His creatures. The sacrifice made by the Lamb of God then circles back, coming before the Lion of Judah's judgement seat and acquitting believers of the sin charges against them.

Jesus is so much bigger than our minds can comprehend that He encompasses several apparent opposites: He is the Lion and the Lamb; the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End; He is full of grace and truth. How can we live faithfully in that truth? I believe that it is important to once again follow King David's advice and ask the Lord to search us and know us, to reveal to us any way in which we serve ourselves rather than Him as Master. Do we favor the imagery of the Lion of Judah or the Lamb of God as a self-serving shortcut in our walk of faith? Can we seek to grow to embrace all aspects of our Lord and Savior? May it be so....

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