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The Thirsting Savior

John 19:28-30

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

One of the most important principles for interpreting the Bible is to recognize its Christ-centered character. This principle does not mean that every passage in the Bible must be forced to make a direct reference to Jesus, whether one is present or not. It does mean that the message of the Bible as a whole is directed to the person and work of Jesus Christ. Therefore, every passage in the Bible, whatever its content, should be interpreted within the context of the Bible’s overall Christ-centered message. Christ is the reason we are gathered here today. Christ is the reason we have been forgiven and set free. Jesus Christ is why we move and have our being in him. Jesus Christ is all and all. Our passage presents many challenges to interpreting who Jesus is. However, we will dive into what our passage is saying.

Jesus said, “I Thirst,” Because he Died as a Man

John’s primary purpose was to show Christ’s deity, but here he shows His humanity. When Christians believe in Jesus, we confess that he is both truly God and truly man. There is one person, Jesus Christ, with a divine and a human nature. Throughout church history, skeptics have sought to deny or limit the true deity of Jesus. Among those who want to revere Jesus, however, the tendency is to deny or at least downplay his true humanity. Yet it is essential that when Jesus was born of a virgin, the eternal Son of God took up a true human nature and became man. He had refused the potion prepared to dull the pain. He must feel all the pain due humanity. Not one nerve can be less sensitive as He dies for humanity.

Jesus said, “I Thirst,” Because he must Fulfill the Scripture to Prove its Message to Everyone

“That the scripture might be fulfilled” (Ps. 69:21) ²¹They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink. There are at least 333 prophecies of the Old Testament concerning Jesus. 240 of these prophecies were fulfilled by the time of His ascension. The Word of God is so important to the Savior that He will utter every word necessary to fulfill it.

John states that Jesus said, “I thirst,” “knowing that all was now finished” (John 19:28). This statement indicates that Jesus was aware that his suffering of God’s wrath had come to an end and it was now time for him to die. It is noteworthy that Jesus did not complain during earlier torments such as his two beatings by the Roman soldiers and the nailing of his body to the cross. Once the sixth hour came and Jesus began to suffer the infinite torment of God’s wrath on his spirit, it is likely that the comparatively lighter pains of his bodily torture were hardly noticed.

Jesus said, “I Thirst,” Because God Loves us So.

John 3: ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. We should probably conclude that he wished to undergo his sufferings with a clear mind. But now that he is at the point of death, he wants to say something that will be heard, so he calls for a drink to moisten his parched throat. He drinks, then says, “It is finished.” I thirst. In other words, Jesus is drinking in the suffering of humanity because he loves humanity and is proving it with the sacrifice of his own life. It is finished.

Yours Brother Because of Jesus,

Angel

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

(Mark Your Calendars)

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over

If the date assigned to you conflicts with your schedule, **PLEASE TRADE** with someone else on the list and let the church office know of this change.

GREETERS should be at the door at 10:00 AM. The bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Close the doors when the service begins. You will also take up the offering, get the collection plates before the service begins; they are on the first pew in the back section of the church (in the black cloth bag).

Please lock the front doors into the church. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small “key” found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out. The handicap door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes into service (Cassie will take care of this.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
March 5	Sue Quinn and Julie Quinn	Mia Scrips
March 12	Pam Flickinger and Barb Spangler	Liam Scrips
March 19	Heather Bell and Jeanne Speer	Travis Johns
March 26	John and Dee Craig	MaKayla Scrips
April 2	Mark and Pat Schrecengost	Emily Johns

FLOWERS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

March 5 and 12 – Shirley Schall
March 19 and 26 – open
April 2 – Shirley Schall
April 9 and 16 – Sue Stitt
April 23 and 30 – Heather Bell

Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers or for an organ or table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie 724-954-1671.



Armstrong County Commissioners Don Myers and Pat Fabian presented an Automated External Defibrillator, purchased with Legacy Funds, to Elderton Presbyterian Church.

This unit will hang in the Upper Room vestibule for emergency use.

Several members of the congregation were instructed in how to use the AED.

BLANKET MONTH

**Presbyterian Women
will sponsor Blanket Month
March 5 through March 26**

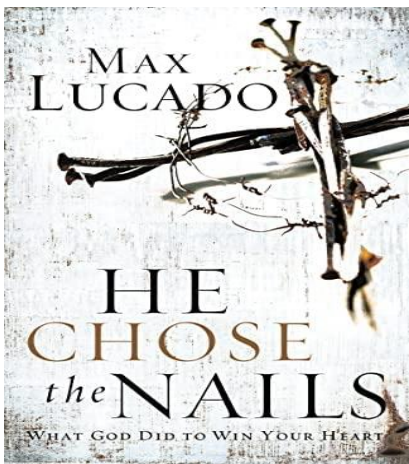
\$10.00 will purchase one blanket.
Envelopes will be in your bulletin and
in the vestibules throughout the month of March.



Thank you to all who donated to the
Souper Bowl of Caring on February 12, 2023.

\$248.29 was collected.
This money stays in our church for the food bank.
The amount collected is reported and
added to the national total.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28
6:30 PM in the Upper Room
(Please note the time change!)



Please join us each Tuesday as we
study the power of the cross.



ELDERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24 – 4:00-7:00 – Fish Fry
March 11 - 10:00-3:00 Spring Craft Show
April 1 – 9:00 am – Bunny Breakfast
April 7 – 4:00-7:00 - Fish Fry

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FIRE
DEPRATMENT!**



Easter Flower orders - March 5 - 26

Deadline - March 26, 2023

Give orders to Joanie Riggle or place in offering plate

Make checks out to EPC

Your name _____

Make choice:

*Lily -- \$10.50 #ordered _____ amt. due _____

*Tulips -- \$9.75 (choose color)

Red _____ Orange _____ Pink _____

Yellow _____ White _____ # ordered _____ amt. due _____

*Hyacinths -\$10.50 Blue _____ White _____ Pink _____ #ordered _____ amt. due _____

Total # of flowers _____

Total Due _____

Please circle or complete the correct category of giving:

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Join Us For Breakfast

Please join us at 8:00 am, April 9, 2023,
for an Easter morning breakfast and hymn sing.
Please bring a breakfast covered dish. Drinks will be provided.
At 9:00 am we will have some fun Easter activities
planned for the Sunday School children.

DOING OUR PART FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

THE ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL PLASTIC RECYCLING PROJECT IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

We have 6 months to collect 500 pounds of plastic through the Trex Company.

We are proud to report that we have collected over 200 pounds.

Please continue to save your plastic and place it in one of the designated bins.

We may reach our goal in less than 6 months!

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue



Grocery bags



Bread



Bubble
Wrap



Dry Cleaning



Newspaper
sleeves



Ice
bags



Plastic shipping
envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable



Cereal bags



Case Overwrap



Salt Bags



Pellet Wrap &



Wood Pellet Bags



Produce bags



BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER JOE CLARK CANDIES

Orders will be taken through March 3.
Delivery date will be the week of March 27.
Please support the preschool by ordering Easter candy.

Brochures and order forms are in the office or
contact Jeanne Speer – 724-422-3719 or 724-354-3117 for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Universal Church Directories will be taking pictures
at the church for a new pictorial directory.

APRIL 14 AND 15, 2023

You will receive a FREE 8x10 photo, a directory, and
the opportunity to purchase additional photos.

Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information.

We need volunteers to make this a success, if you would like to help,
please contact the church office - 724-354-3117 or Marcia Elgin.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Colleen Cessna – 1st
Asher Quinn – 1st
Bethany Rodgers – 1st
Roman Guerrieri -2nd
Meryllyn Meyers - 7th
Jodi Flickinger – 9th
Betsy Bertolino – 11th
Jonah Xiong – 11th
Laura Young – 12th
Isabelle Gaff – 12th
Laurie Pritt, - 15th
Amber Pinkerton – 16th
Charlie Quinn – 17th
Ashley Gaff – 18th
Mike R. Schall – 19th
Drew Patz – 19th
Edna Wells – 21st on her 104th
Eric Schrecengost – 21st
Ella Creighton – 21st
Tyler Keith 22nd
Tyler Rodgers – 22nd
Lance Schrecengost – 23rd
Janey Cessna – 27th
Jade Ramer – 28th
Linnie Rodgers – 29th
Kelsey Smail – 30th
Tyler Anderson – 31st

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Brenda Coleman – 1st, 1997
Brett and Joanie Riggle – 18th, 2000
David and Terri Maughan – 26th, 2009
Butch and Linnie Rodgers – 30th, 1957

The sanctuary and vestibule wall repairs and painting are completed.


We would like to thank John and Dee Craig
for their dedication in overseeing this project.

We would also like to thank anyone who volunteered in any way to help with this
project, it could not have been done without everyone working together.

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor.

Ecclesiastes 4:9

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	6	7 6:30 – Lenten Bible Study	8 1:00 – Circle Meeting- Nancy Schrecengost's house	9 6:00 - Deacon's meeting 6:00 – Session meeting	10	11 10:00 – 3:00 Craft Show at Elderton Firehall
12 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service 6:00 -8:00- Youth Group	13	14 6:30 – Lenten Bible Study	15	16 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	 St. Patricks Day	18
19 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	20	21 6:30 – Lenten Bible Study	22	23 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	24	25
26 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	27	28 6:30 – Lenten Bible Study	29	30	31	