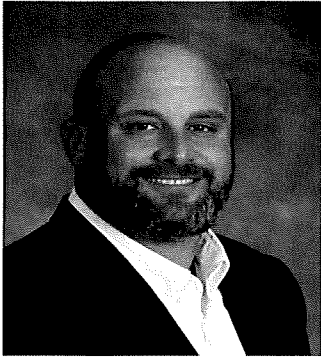


# Shell Point

## BAPTIST CHURCH

*sharing Jesus, one person at a time!*

April 2021 Newsletter



## The Cry of Dereliction

*Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.  
About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,  
"ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?"  
that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"  
... And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.  
Matthew 27:45-46, 50*

Greeting Church,

As we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus this Easter season, let us not forget, nor take lightheartedly, the real suffering that the Son of God endured for us – sinners. Many of you have probably seen the movie *The Passion of the Christ*; a movie that quite graphically portrays the torturous abuse that Christ bore on our behalf. I personally know many people who cannot even bear to watch the vivid scenes of Jesus' unimaginable pain as He walks through several wicked trials: ultimately culminating with the agony of the cross. The mere thought of it all makes my own weak flesh twinge.

With the reality of all that pain in His very own and very real flesh, I find it interesting that never once does the Bible tell us that Jesus complained or asked the question, "Why?" Not once does the Scriptures tell us that Jesus cried out in physical pain. Instead, we see Jesus display His worst agony in what Bible scholars often refer to as "The Cry of Dereliction" found in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34.

The word "dereliction" is a word that means "abandonment." The Bible teaches that when Jesus assumed the sins of humanity, the Father was left with no choice but to turn away His face from His Son for the first time in all of eternity. As the Apostle Paul explained, "He (God the Father) made Him (God the Son) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus took on our sin in His flesh on the cross, and when He did, the Father forsook the Son for the first EVER in history!

The prophet Habakkuk writes of God saying, "Your eyes (God the Father) are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot look on wickedness with favor" (Hab. 1:13). God is far too holy to ever place His favor upon sin. Thus, Jesus experienced abandonment on the cross so that in Him believers would never be abandoned. The sinless Son of Man took our sin and traded us His righteousness that we would be both sinless and righteous in the eyes of God! Therefore, the answer to Jesus' question, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" is clear. He did it for me. And He did it for you too, "that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

This Easter, let us remember that Christ temporarily suffered abandonment so that we never would again! Happy Resurrection Day!

In the Risen Christ,  
Pastor Darren A. Jones

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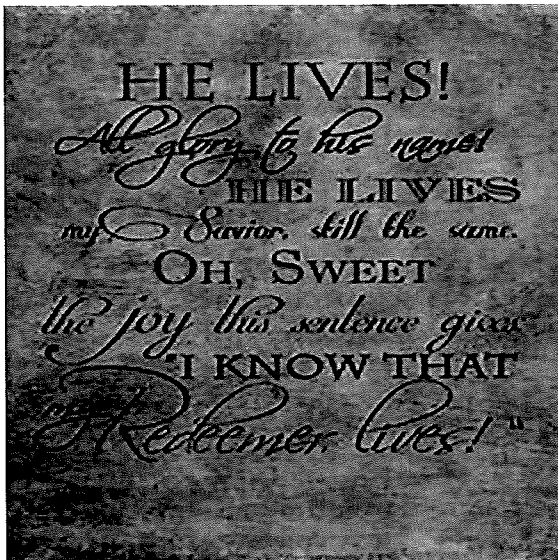
Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I hope this finds you all doing well. What a mighty God we serve. He sent His one and only son to die for us. I always think of that old song "Born to Die" at this time of year. He came to this earth knowing he was going to die for each of our sins and still chose to come. Easter is such a special time in a Christian's life. In my heart I feel like it is even more important than Christmas. As you celebrate Easter this year take time to acknowledge what Easter is really about. We have the ability to celebrate eternal life because of Easter. Someday, we will meet Jesus face to face and share with him how much we appreciate him being willing to die and take all our sins upon himself.

Upcoming, the women of Sheli Point have an exciting event coming in May. On May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> we will be having our own retreat at Fort Jackson. Guest speakers are Mary and Mary, you will not want to miss a step back in time to hear Mary and Mary speak about knowing Christ and the possible emotions they felt knowing our Savior. The signup sheet is in the vestibule. Please feel free to invite others. We have a couple of great men who will be doing our cooking so that no woman will miss any part of this event. Please continue to watch for details.

**Please do not forget our Annie Armstrong Mission Offering. Our church goal is \$800.00.** Every penny goes to support missions in the United States. More important than giving is remembering our missionaries in prayer.

Thanking you for all your support.  
In Christ Love, Jenny Durham, WMU



## "Gods Battle Plan of Son Rise"

He bids us walk  
with Him in His  
Gifted Break of  
Day,  
a long the way  
a battle to fight  
In His majesties  
High Rise, the  
Most Holy Break  
of Day.  
Oh Break of Day  
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Us, to in no raise  
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Truth to a dead  
and dying world,  
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refuse to die and  
death be slain in  
the souls of sinners  
To your Glory  
Our Resurrected  
Lord Jesus!!!

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—Anthony C. Settles



### April Birthdays

04/08	Jenny Durham
04/14	Jason Parrish
04/16	Joey Gentalia
04/21	Carol Wheeler

### Church Information for April

04/04	Easter Service, 11am
04/06	Church Council/Deacons Meeting, 7pm
04/21	Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:30pm
04/25	Church Staff Appreciation Sunday

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who volunteer to do task around our church without being asked or being paid for your services. God will surely bless you in a special way. Thank you again.