



## **COPING WITH CHALLENGES**

Life is full of challenges! As I counsel, visit nursing homes, visit the hospital, preach funerals, and talk with people in general, life can be difficult. The good news is that God understands, and that He is always with us. We can cast our cares on Him because He cares for us.

Our challenges are small compared to what Jesus went through. Check out the last several chapters of each of the gospels. For one thing, Jesus knew what was coming. He prayed in Luke 23:42, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

Anticipating the cross had to be hard.

Obviously, when Jesus died on the cross He suffered physically. The crown of thorns, being whipped, carrying the cross, being nailed to the cross, and the list goes on and on. He also suffered emotionally and spiritually, taking on the guilt of every sin that has ever been committed and being separated from the Father.

When we go through hard times, Jesus understands. We should depend on Him. And we need to share with others that God can help, not just with eternal life through faith in Christ but also with the challenges of life. -Pastor Ron

# **Catawba Baptist Church**

Sunday, April 6th, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.

# CHURCH LIFE AT CATAWBA

## SUNDAY

8:00 | Men's Prayer Time

9:15 | Sunday School Life Groups

10:30 | Morning Worship

4:00 Barbados Mission trip Meeting

## TUESDAY

6:30 | Men's Video Study (Connection)

WMU Groups

## WEDNESDAY

9:00 | Food Closet

10:30 | Chuck's Study in Fellowship Hall

12:30 | Praying For Our Nation

6:00 | KIDS JAM, YOUTH, Young Adults

6:15 | Chuck's Study in Chapel

7:30 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY

6:30 | Unchained

## FRIDAY

6:00 | Easter Celebration / Children's Egg Hunt

## Saturday

5:00 | Youth Easter Egg Hunt at the Mendenhall's

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Easter at Catawba

Good Friday Service **April 18 at 6:30 pm**

Sunrise Service & Breakfast **April 20 at 7 am**

Sunday School **April 20 at 9:15 am**

Morning Worship **April 20 at 10:30 am**

## Easter Celebration / Children's Egg Hunt

**Friday, April 11 at 6 pm**

We will have a children's egg hunt, prizes, a craft corner, balloon animals, face painting, door prizes, food trucks (you purchase), and more!

## Youth Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 12, 5-7 pm**

At the Mendenhall place; call the church or see Tyler or Julie for details.

## WMU Spring Meeting

**April 15 at 6:30 pm** here at Catawba Baptist Church.

Please RSVP to Brenda Palmer by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## GriefShare Group for the Loss of a Spouse

The GriefShare group will meet each Thursday beginning **Thursday, April 17, at 10 am** in the Connection Fellowship Hall. Contact Cheryl Bumgarner or the church office for more information. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

## Ramblers: What's that hymn?

Tuesday, **April 22 at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship hall.

Menu: Fried Chicken, sides, and desserts.

## Kids Summer Camps

Details and registration are available online.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 40 Days to Easter Blog

Check out Pastor Ron's daily blog on the website or on Facebook. His primary theme is following Jesus and fishing for men.

## Candy

Please bring candy for the egg hunt to Michelle by **Tuesday, April 8th**; no hard candy or dumdums.

## Craft Market Vendors

It is time to sign up to be a vendor! Visit our website for more info and to sign up.

## Thank you to the Ladies of Praise!

Lesslie staff appreciated and enjoyed the desserts you provided!

## OCC Dollywood Ticket Drawing

If you participated in the Operation Christmas Child packing party and would like to be in the drawing for Dollywood tickets, please drop your name in the basket on the mission table in the foyer today. We will draw in the next couple of weeks.

## Picture Backdrop

We have a beautiful picture backdrop set up in the parlor. It will be available for families to use starting today through Easter morning.