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### YOU HAVE AN ORDER TO GO

We are on the verge of Easter – Resurrection Sunday! The account of the resurrection recorded in Matthew 28:1-20 repeatedly includes the admonition, "Go and tell." This mission — to share the good news of Jesus — stands in stark contrast to a world dominated by negativity and bad news. Our culture is drawn to scandal and tragedy, often ignoring positive stories. But for followers of Christ, the message we carry is radically different: Jesus is alive, he is Lord, and he is always with us. That's not just good news — it's the best news imaginable.

Sharing this message can feel intimidating. Many people fear being pushy, judgmental, or awkward. But the task isn't to convince or debate — it's simply to share. The passage offers three ways we should "go and tell:"

### 1. Go and Tell Others What You Have Seen

Like Mary Magdalene, who ran to tell Peter that Jesus' body was missing without fully understanding the resurrection, we begin by telling our story as we experience it. Even when we don't have all the answers, we can share what we've seen and felt. There's a story in the book of John where Jesus heals a blind man, and afterwards the Pharisees confront the man, telling him that Jesus is a sinner. And then they ask him: "What do you have to say about

### Ministry Happenings. . .

### THE TONY JERNIGAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Registration for the annual **Tony Jernigan Memorial Golf Tournament**, which will be held on Friday, May 9, at Cypress Lakes is open. Deadline to register is May 5th.

For details and to register click the link below:

**Register Here!** 

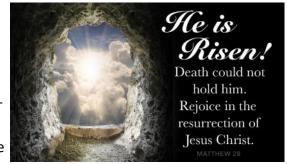
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him?" And after some conversation back and forth, the man finally replies... "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25) Just as the healed blind man told the Pharisees, "I was blind but now I see," our testimonies are powerful even in their simplicity. It's okay to say, "I don't understand everything, but here's what I know." That kind of honesty can have a deep impact.

### 2. Go and Tell Others What God Has Promised To Do

In Matthew 28:7 it says,"...go quickly and tell his disciples 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead

of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Though Mary didn't grasp everything, she ran to share that promise. Similarly, in tough times, we're reminded of God's promises — that he will be with us, that we will overcome, and that he works all things for good. Repeating these promises, especially when others are struggling, can be life-giving. Galilee may feel far away, but God's faithfulness assures us we'll get there — and that he'll be waiting.



#### 3. Go and Tell Others About the Second Chance

When Jesus appeared to the women after his resurrection, he told them in Matthew 20:10, "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Not "my disciples" — my brothers. This was a profound act of grace toward the very ones who had abandoned him. By calling them brothers, Jesus offered a second chance, a clean slate. This is the heart of the gospel — not condemnation, but forgiveness, salvation and restoration. The world desperately needs to hear this message of mercy, forgiveness, and hope. In a world flooded with bad news, we carry a counter-cultural truth: Jesus lives, he forgives, he saves, and he gives new beginnings. Our mission is simple yet profound — go and tell.

Rev. Joe Pritchett

## Mark your Calendar for the Southern Region WHFMS Meeting

The **Southern Region WHFMS Annual Meeting**, themed "Missional Women," will be held May 1–3, 2025, at Camp Dixie in Fayetteville, NC. Lodging includes six hotel rooms (\$60/night, double beds) and Nile bunk-style rooms (bring linens). Check-in starts Thursday afternoon. Registration is \$5 per person, payable at the meeting. Contact Cynthia Lee at (919) 624-9164 or cyndleefnp18@gmail.com for lodging, questions, or accommodations. No deadlines—just show up! Please share with your local societies and encourage attendance for a strong Southern Region representation.





On Saturday, May 10th from 8 to 10 am, **United AC Church**, Wilmington, NC will host a Community Breakfast. A delicious spread of fluffy pancakes, savory scrambled eggs, hearty grits, and sizzling sausage, paired with steaming coffee and refreshing orange juice will be served—all completely free!

While there's no cost to attend, your generous donations are always appreciated and help support meaningful community initiatives. Bring your appetite and your friendly spirit for a morning of great food, wonderful company, and community connection! Submitted by United AC Church, Wilmington, NC



## Summer Camp 2025 Registration is now open:

### Camp Dixie Dates and Rates



To learn more about the Dates and Rates for Camp Dixie scan the QR Code to the left with your telephone camera or click <u>here</u>.

### To Register for Camp Dixie



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### **Camp Suwannee Information**



To learn more about Camp Suwannee scan the QR code to the left with your telephone camera or click here.

### **To call about Summer Camps:**

Camp Dixie: 910-865-5180

Camp Suwannee: 386-243-4455

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# **Coming Events...**

March-April	Penny Crusade—Restored
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April 18 Good Friday

April 20 Easter Sunday

April 25-26 The Pastors Memorial Golf Tournament, Loganville, GA

May Prayer Emphasis

May 1-3 Southern Region WHFMS Annual Meeting, Camp Dixie

May 9 The Tony Journigan Memorial Golf Tournament, Fayetteville, NC

### Philippians 1:4-6

<sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.