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## *Clearing the Hurdles!*

Hello Church Family,

Last month I stated that the greatest hurdle to clear is that of being separated from God. And that separation is because we are spiritually dead when we take our first physical breath. This obstacle deals with the area of positional holiness. Are you born again? If so, you are holy in the positional sense. Which brings me to the second great hurdle.

That hurdle still deals with the flesh. The flesh is where the struggle ensues for practical holiness. We need to remember that even though God's Word states "we are new creations," that does not ensure that there will not be struggles. Galatians 5:16-17 says, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

In other words, the struggle is real! The steps toward continual practical holiness include the process of continual self-evaluation. Constantly asking ourselves questions about the state of our hearts. Instead of focusing so much on the heart of others, we should be concerned about whether we are living lives that give to others. Giving love, giving joy, giving hope, giving Jesus.

**He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

**Happy Resurrection Month!**

**Furthering HIS Kingdom, Pastor Mitch**

## **April – Deacons of the Month**

**Ken Rhodes, David Slade, Jeff Smith**

## **April – God’s Grocery**

- 7 - Granola or Cereal Bars**
- 14 - Canned Fruit**
- 21 - Canned Beans**
- 28 - Peanut Butter and Jelly**

## **April – Nursery Workers**

- 7 - Darlene Gregory and Temple Powell**
- 14 - Doris Lewis and Pat Walker**
- 21 - Pam Jones and Sheena Sigmon**
- 28 - Diane Keen and Tish Brandon**

## **April – Ushers**

- 7 - Ryan Holt, Tony Poteat, Ken Rhodes,  
and Jeff Smith**
- 14 - Bob Burton, Ben Cifers, Ryan Holt,  
and Scott Slade**
- 21 - Jacob Cifers, Bill Farthing, Cory Lewis,  
and Keith Gregory**
- 28 - Ben Cifers, Ken Rhodes, Tony Poteat,  
and Scott Brandon**

