

Signs of Spring

Every winter, late in the season, I see pink flowers coming out all through the area where I live. They are Redbud trees, and they are some of the first plants to bloom. When I see them, I know spring is getting near. So, they cause me to think of spring and for me, the most important event of the year, Easter.

When I was a child, I was told the legend of the Redbud tree which is also known as the Judas tree. The legend says that when Judas Iscariot had betrayed our Lord Jesus, he was so filled with grief that he hanged himself on a Redbud tree. The legend continues to state that the flowers on the Redbud were originally pure white in color. But the tree was so ashamed that Judas had used it, that from that day on its flowers would be pink, as though it were blushing.

I know the story is not biblical, but it reminds me of the cross. The cross reminds us of the suffering that Jesus went through to pay the price of our sin. His sacrifice on our behalf shows His great love for us. I am also reminded that I must strive to be faithful to Jesus and not betray Him or His rule.

Matthew 26:48-49

“Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.” Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.”

May God bless each of you with a wonderful Easter season this year,

Scott Kinnick – CBC Executive Board member



Weekly Prayer Request

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all of the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18

Praise the Lord who gives us His Holy Spirit to help us in every way. Thank God, who hears and answers our prayers and does not leave us stranded to fend for ourselves but provides us with everything we need to serve Him. Ask God's Holy Spirit to direct our prayers in accordance with His perfect plan and will. Pray for the leaders and people of the Covenant Brethren Church to always be alert and constantly in prayer for discernment of God's truth and justice, obeying God's Word, seeking God's will, loving and caring for the needy, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors.

Limestone Congregation in Limestone, TN and Pastor Jim Griffith
Little Pine Congregation in Ennice, NC and Pastor Eddie Wooten

CBC Prayer Committee