

VH Dream Center Prayer Luncheon



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The VH Dream Center recently held a community Prayer Luncheon, bringing together local leaders and neighbors for food, fellowship, and a time of prayer over Scottsville. Guests also heard powerful stories of transformation happening right here in our community—a reminder of the hope we share when we come together to serve.

All Problems are Spiritual

By **Al Earley**, Guest Religion Columnist

The early Christians did not shy away from proclaiming that Jesus Christ was crucified. Paul writes, “But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles” (I Corinthians 1:23). Jesus died an especially agonizing and humiliating death, the kind of death reserved for rebellious slaves, political rebels, traitors, enemies or criminals.

The Jewish historian Josephus, who lived in the first century A.D., and was an eye witness to many gruesome crucifixions, characterized this form of execution as “the most wretched of deaths.” The Romans liked crucifixion because it crushed rebellion completely. No one wanted to be associated with a crucified prisoner for any reason, period.

Remembering such facts makes it all the more meaningful that Jesus transformed this symbol of agonizing, humiliating death into the greatest symbol of hope the world has ever known, and will ever know. The days following Jesus’ crucifixion were dangerous days for the disciples because the Romans were quick to crucify anyone suspected of being a follower of the crucified prisoner.

In spite of such danger, the disciples preached with boldness after receiving the Holy Spirit as reported in the Book of Acts. For example, Peter and John healed a lame man in the name of Jesus in Acts 3:1-10. They are arrested by the religious elite and put on trial for doing so. Peter and John have big problems. What are they? They could be killed or crucified, tortured, jailed, or all of these.

It is noteworthy that Peter and John do not think this is their biggest problem. In fact, given the way they preach Jesus Christ, and Him crucified for us, they are completely unconcerned with this problem. We read in Acts 4:10, Peter looks his accusers in the eyes and says, “Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead - by this name this man stands here before you in good health.”

So, what do Peter and John think their biggest problem is? Read Acts 4 and it will be clear that their biggest concern is being obedient to God. They are threatened that if they keep preaching they will pay a price. It is a price they pay without thinking twice, for it would be worse if they had to live life separated from Jesus because of their lack of faith.

All through the Book of Acts we see examples of the disciples thinking spiritually about every problem they faced, which the world would think about in a worldly way, to save oneself, to find comfort, and avoid unnecessary pain.

One of the many lessons those early disciples teach us from their response to worldly problems is that all problems are spiritual. When they are faced with crucifixion by the leaders of the day, the spiritual answer is to be obedient to God. When you and I are looking for solutions to our hardest problems we need to understand the spiritual problems that underlie the problem, and solve those to find the true and complete solution to the problems we face.

An example of an earthly problem that causes no end to struggle for the vast majority of people are financial problems. There is never enough money. The world teaches that we have to work harder and earn more, so we can compete in the great competition, “Whoever has the most toys wins!” Only a very, very small percentage of people win if we look at money this way. The Bible says that money is a gift from God, and He requires we give 10 percent back to help us refrain from worshipping money.

If we do this God will open the flood gates

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INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Allen County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 5 through May 19, 2025. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2025 will be due about September 15, 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are available online at allencountypva.com and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at: 201 W. Main St, Scottsville, KY.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
- (2) Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

s/Tracy W. Oliver
Property Valuation Administrator
ALLEN County

School Menu

ACPC March-May

Menus are subject to change due to weather conditions and /or food deliveries/substitutions by vendors
Breakfast and Lunch (Milk - 1% Low-fat White or Chocolate)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/3	Lucky Charms Cereal Applesauce Cup 100% Grape Juice	WG Chocolate Donut Strawberry Craisins 100% Apple Juice	WG Blueberry Pop Tart Fresh Apple	Vanilla Yogurt Bug Bites Banana 100% Apple Juice	Pancake/Sausage Sandwich Apple Slices 100% Orange Tangerine Juice
3/24	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
4/21	Crispy Chicken Wrap Shredded Lettuce Cheese/Pickle Baked Beans Chips Fresh Apple	Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes /Gravy Green Beans WG Roll Baked Apples	Shredded BBQ Sandwich Pickles Fresh Veggies/Dip Seasoned Wedges Sliced Pears	Nachos Supreme Lettuce/Diced Tom Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Salsa Cup Sliced Peaches	Pepperoni Pizza Sweet Corn Mixed Green Salad Pineapple Chunks WG Chocolate Cookie
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/10	Cocoa Puffs Applesauce Cup 100% Grape Juice	Sausage & Biscuit Cherry Craisins 100% Apple Juice	WG Blueberry Muffin Tree Top Apple Crisps 100% Very Berry Juice	WG Strawberry Pop Tart Banana 100% Apple Juice	Pancake on a Stick Apple Slices 100% Very Berry Juice
3/31	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
4/28	Baked Chicken Legs Au gratin Potatoes Green Beans WG Roll Peaches	Sloppy Joes Emoji Potatoes Cherry Sidekick Fruit Cocktail	Taco Pizza Bites Salsa cup/Sour Cream Mixed Green Salad Sweet Corn Pineapple Chunks	Hot Dog Tater Tots Baby Carrots/Dip Mini Rice Krispy Mandarin Oranges	Turkey Sandwich Lettuce/Tom/Pickle Cheese Slice Pork N Beans Sun Chips Fresh Apple
5/19	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/17	Chocolate Crescent Applesauce Cup 100% Orange Tangerine Juice	Strawberry Yogurt Emoji Grahams Strawberry Craisins 100% Apple Juice	WG Blueberry Pop Tart Fresh Apple	Mini Chocolate Donuts Fresh Banana 100% Very Berry Juice	WG Lucky Charms Cereal Apple Slices 100% Grape Juice
4/14	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
5/5	Corn Dog Fresh Veggies/Ranch Baked Beans WG Roll Peach Cup	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Green Beans WG Roll Strawberry Cup	Beef & Cheese Taco Stick Refried Beans Brown Rice Salsa Cup Mandarin Oranges	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Lettuce/Tom/Pickle Baby Carrots/Ranch Tater Tots Apple	Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Green Salad Sweet Corn Pineapple Chunks Pudding Cup

Students must choose at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable at Lunch and Breakfast.
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3/6 - Dr. Seuss's Birthday: Green Eggs & Ham, Biscuit & Gravy, Emoticon potatoes, Orange Slices, Birthday Cake

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	(1) Glazed Pull Apart Donut (2) WG Cereal Choices Strawberries 100% Very Berry Juice	(1) Egg Cheese Burrito (2) WG Cereal Choices Sliced Peaches 100% Apple Juice	(1) Uncrustable Sandwiches Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Choices 100% Grape Juice	(1) Breakfast Pizza (2) WG Cereal Choices Pears 100% Orange Tangerine Juice	(1) WG Mini Donut (2) WG Cereal Choices Banana 100% Apple Juice
3/3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
3/24	Crispy Chicken Wrap Shredded Lettuce Cheese/Pickle Baby Carrots/Dip Chips Fresh Apple	Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes /Gravy Green Beans WG Roll Baked Apples	Shredded BBQ Sandwich Pickles Seasoned Wedges Cherry Side Kick Sliced Pears	Nachos Supreme Taco Meat/Cheese Sauce/Salsa Refried Beans Diced Tomatoes/Shredded Lettuce Sliced Peaches	Pepperoni & Cheese Calzone Marinara Cup Sweet Corn Mixed Green Salad Pineapple Chunks WG Chocolate Cookie
4/21	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
5/12	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	(1) French Toast Sticks/Maple syrup (2) WG Cereal Choices Cherry Craisins 100% Grape Juice	(1) Egg Cheese/Croissant (2) WG Cereal Choices Clementine or Apple 100% Orange Tangerine Juice	(1) WG Muffin Choices (2) WG Cereal Choices Tree Top Apple Crisps 100% Very Berry Juice	(1) Sausage & Biscuit (2) WG Cereal Choices Banana 100% Apple Juice	(1) WG Pop-Tart Choices (2) WG Cereal Choices Apple Slices 100% Kiwi Strawberry Juice
3/10	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
3/31	Baked BBQ Chicken Au gratin Potatoes California Blend WG Roll Peaches	Chicken Cheese & Rice Queso Cheese Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Refried Beans Salsa/Sour Cream Mandarin Oranges	Taco Pizza Bites Mixed Green Salad Sweet Corn Queso Cheese Salsa/Sour Cream Pineapple Chunks	Chili Dog Shredded Cheddar Cheese Tater Tots Fresh Veggies/Dip Mini Rice Krispy Treat Peach Cup	Turkey Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Cheese Slice Pork n Beans Sun Chips Pasta Salad Fresh Apple
4/28	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
5/19	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	(1) Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar/Cream Cheese (2) WG Cereal Choices Fresh Fruit Choices 100%	(1) Yogurt Parfait Blueberries or Strawberries (2) WG Cereal Choices 100% Orange Tangerine Juice	(1) Biscuit & Gravy (2) WG Cereal Choices Sliced Peaches 100% Very Berry Juice	(1) Cinnamon Rolls (2) WG Cereal Choices Banana 100% Apple Juice	(1) Chicken & Biscuit (2) WG Cereal Choices Apple Slices 100% Kiwi Strawberry Juice
3/17	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
4/14	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
5/5	Orange Chicken Steamed Broccoli Glazed Carrots Fried Rice WG Roll Mandarin Oranges	Tuscan Chicken/WG Flatbread Shredded Lettuce/Diced Tomatoes/ Black Olives/Jalapenos/ Shredded Mozzarella Sour Cream Black Bean Corn Salsa Sliced Peaches	Corn Dog Baked Chips Fresh Veggies/Dip Baked Beans Sliced Pears	Hamburger/WG Bun Cheese Slice Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Seasoned Wedges Apple	Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Green Salad Sweet Corn Pineapple Chunks Pudding Cup

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