

## Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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# WELCOME

### Week of April 16, 2023 Schedule of Services:

- Sunday School 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 P.M.  
Monday, our church will be hosting the **Appalachian Association Meeting** at 7:00 P.M. Our church will be responsible for providing the music/song portion of the service.  
Tuesday **Prayer Meeting** 10:00 A.M.  
Wednesday, **Quarterly Business Meeting** followed by our Mid-Week Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday: Frank King - April 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Ladies, come join us on the last Tuesday of each month as we continue our Ladies Bible Studies.**

Beginning on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M., we will begin "Luke", a Bible Study by Lisa Harper. This study will speak of Outliers, Outcasts, and the Outrageous Mercy of God, exploring why many of us feel we aren't good enough to meet the expectations of others. The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

Join us as we enjoy great fellowship studying God's Word together. Sign up is not required for this study - just come to the church (downstairs Reception Room) and be prepared for a blessing!

### *He's Coming Back*

You are in your car driving home. Thoughts wander to the game you want to see or the next meal you want to eat, when suddenly a sound unlike any you've ever heard fills the air. The sound is high above you. A trumpet? A choir? A choir of trumpets? You don't know, but you want to know.

So you pull over, get out of your car, and look up. As you do, you see you aren't the only curious one. The roadside has become a parking lot. Car doors are open, and people are staring at the sky. Shoppers are racing out of the grocery store. The Little League baseball game across the street has come to a halt. Players and parents are searching the clouds. And what they see, and what you see, has never before been seen.

As if the sky were a curtain, the drapes of the atmosphere part. A brilliant light spills onto the earth. There are no shadows; NONE. From whence came the light begins to tumble a river of color-spiking crystals of every hue ever seen and a million more never seen. Riding on the flow is an endless fleet of angels. They pass through the curtains one myriad at a time, until they occupy every square inch of the sky...North...South...East...West.

Thousands of silvery wings rise and fall in unison. Over the sound of the trumpets, you can hear the cherubim and seraphim chanting, Holy, holy, holy. The final flank of angels is followed by twenty-four silverbearded elders and a multitude of souls who join the angels in worship.

Presently the movement stops and the trumpets are silent, leaving only the triumphant triplet: Holy, holy, holy. Between each word is a pause. With each word, a profound reverence. You hear your voice join in the chorus. You don't know why you say the words, but you know you must.

Suddenly, the heavens are quiet. All is quiet. The angels turn, you turn, and the entire world turns and there He is: JESUS.

Through waves of light you see the silhouetted figure of Christ the King. He is atop a great stallion, and the stallion is atop a billowing cloud. He opens His mouth, and you are surrounded by his declaration: I am the Alpha and the Omega. The angels bow their heads. The elders remove their crowns. And before you is a Figure so consuming that you know, instantly you know: Nothing else matters. Forget stock markets, school reports, sales meetings and football games. Nothing is newsworthy... All that mattered, matters no more...for Christ has come.

~ Max Lucado