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# FAITH MATTERS

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## Pastor's Pen

BY REV MARK TICE

### Sunshine, Showers, and Sprouts

"April showers bring May flowers" a rhyme that we were taught as children while growing up in the cow pastures of Northern Pennsylvania. As I watch the daffodils bloom and apple trees starting to bud here in beautiful Western North Carolina, I am reminded that time seemingly is moving much faster than when I was a child. It is but late March and spring has just about sprung! We have pushed the clock forward an hour, tuned the outdoor power equipment, prepared garden beds, and begun the transition to warmer weather.

Turning the corner into spring is not the only corner that we are eagerly anticipating. With a new season there is a renewed desire for our daily lives to emerge from the dark cloud of Covid-19 to bright days ahead filled with all that we love so much in this season. I can assure you as a pastor I am in great anticipation of what the coming month holds. Although everything in the ministry may not return to exactly the way it was before, I assure you we are doing all we can to provide safe opportunities to gather for worship, bible study, and fellowship.

**Isaiah 43:18-19 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

I am thrilled to announce that we will begin a bible study at 10am on Tuesdays in the fellowship hall of East Fork Baptist Church. Mark your calendars for April 20th as this will be the start of this exciting time to come together in the study of God's word. That week we will also resume Sunday evening children's groups along with Wednesday evening bible study.

Would you join us in praying for each of these ministries? Would you pray that God would use them mightily and that God would give strength and wisdom to all that take part in delivering the Gospel here at East Fork.

May the Lord Bless & Keep you,  
Pastor Mark

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A close-up photograph of a person's hand, showing a ring with a large, light blue, triangular stone set in a gold band. The hand is positioned against a blurred background of green foliage.

## Remembering Alana

BY LEVI HENSON

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021, GOD CALLED ALANA COUGHLIN HOME AFTER A BATTLE WITH LEUKEMIA. MANY WILL REMEMBER ALANA AND HER SIBLINGS COMING TO CHURCH AT EAST FORK FOR MANY YEARS. ALANA WAS A SWEET YOUNG GIRL WHOSE TESTIMONY AND WITNESS WAS FILLED WITH HER LOVE OF GOD.



Alana was a native of Osceola County, Florida and a daughter of Kelly Noe and Jody Weldon and the late Edward “Ed” Timothy Coughlin. She had resided in North Carolina for most of her life and was a 2020 graduate of Pisgah High School. Alana was attending Haywood Community College and enjoyed her time spent at the lake and loved all animals. She was a cancer warrior so please visit on Facebook, “The Brave Warriors Project”. In addition to her parents she is survived by three sisters, Shayla Coughlin, Caroline and Iris Weldon, all of Canton; and one brother, Joseph Weldon of Canton. The family received friends from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Wells Funeral Home of Canton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas, 404 Hunt St., Suite 300, MB#4, Durham, NC 27701 or to the Pinky Swear Foundation, 5555 W. 78th St., Suite E, Edina, MN 55439. The care of Alana has been entrusted to Wells Funeral Homes of Canton and an online memorial register is available at “Obituaries” at [www.wellsfuneralhome.com](http://www.wellsfuneralhome.com)

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

JOHN 14:1-3







it is well.

## Love in a Box

As a way to reach out to our shut-ins, elderly, sick, and those who simply cannot worship with us regularly, we are excited to begin the Love in a Box ministry. This ministry will feature the preparation and delivery of a meal to those who could use a bright spot in their day. We love each of you and want to take time to show that. We also want to take a moment to pray with each person as we deliver the meals.

SO THEN, AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO EVERYONE, AND  
ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.  
- GALATIANS 6:10

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21TH, 9 AM

For more info or to sign-up to serve,  
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### March Love in a Box Menu

Oven Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Roll  
Dessert







# Plugging In

As 2021 continues to unfold and we begin to emerge from the COVID-19 situation, we are excited to announce new ways to "Plug In" at East Fork. We are creating new ministries such as the Love in a Box program and re-instituting others so that everyone has safe opportunities to Grow, Serve, and Love. Check out some of the ways to get plugged in.

**9:30 am**  
(Mask Optional)

**Join us for worship.**

**11:00 am**  
(Mask Required)

*Service Times*

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH, 9 AM**

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*Easter Sunday*

Join us for our Community Easter Sunrise Service as we worship the risen Savior.

Meadow Grove Baptist Church  
Sunday, April 4th, 7 am

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**RISEN**

**Easter Worship**

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Savior. Service will be held in the Parking Lot. Tune your car radio to 90.9 FM to hear the broadcast.

**Sunday, April 4th, 10 am**

**East Fork Baptist**  
Growing, Serving, Loving

Senior Adult

*Bible Study*

Tuesdays beginning April 20

**10 am**

East Fork Baptist Church Sanctuary

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**Sunday Night Kids**

Join the kids of East Fork for Worship through music, Bible Stories, Food, Object Lessons, and a whole lot of fun! Classes for all ages of kids.

**Kicks off Sunday, April 18, 5-7pm**

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**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

East Fork Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays 7pm

Beginning April 21st

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Growing, Serving, Loving



## Praying it Through

Faithful, fervent prayer is vital to our faith as Christians and to the ministry at East Fork. No matter how seasoned a Christian you may be or how involved in the day-to-day activities of the church you are, it takes prayer from all of us to further the Gospel and the mission of East Fork.

Will you pray with us?

- Pray specifically for our Sunday worship opportunities. Pray for growth both numerically and spiritually.
- Pray for each area of the church: Children, Teens, Young Adults, Adults, and Senior Adults
- Pray for the new ministries in the church
  - Love in a Box
  - Sunday Night Kids'
  - Small Groups
  - Bible Studies
- Pray for the family of Alana Coughlin
- Pray for our Pastor and Ministry Staff
- Pray for our community that we may minister effectively and share the Gospel

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."

CHARLES SPURGEON

