An Easter Faith In A Good Friday World

"In a Good Friday world shaken by so much violence, deceit, cover-ups and revolutionary change, the resurrection of Christ remains the unshakeable reality."

The campus community, during yesterday's Pre-Easter Worship Service held in the Neal-Jones Auditorium, heard a powerful message delivered by the Reverend Dr. Charles M. Pee. Dr. Pee is college minister and assistant professor in the Division of Religion and Humanities. He is also the pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Conway, SC.

The message provided a window into Pee's thoughts and insights about Easter. With 1 Corinthians 15:14, 20 as a scriptural port from which to weigh anchor, he set sail using "An Easter Faith in a Good Friday World" as his subject. "If it is true that we come to all our Easters by way of our Good Fridays," he stated, "then what an exciting, hope filled time to be alive." With his eloquent and prophetic style that holds the attention of his audience captive, he gave convincing illustrations of how today's world is definitely a Good Friday world. Balancing a world like ours in one sermonic hand and the life-changing impact of the resurrection in the other, Pee asked the questions, "What difference does Easter make? What good is an Easter faith in a Good Friday world?"

The Easter faith, as perceived by the Christian faith, sees no other religion pointing to an empty tomb. "The external evidence of an empty tomb," Pee said, "and the presence of a living Christ are overwhelming." Having engaged the audience in the preaching moment, he mentioned the faithfulness of those early Christians. "The great apostle Paul and early Christians did not have time to debate the fact of the resurrection; they were too busy declaring that Christ was alive." The fact of the resurrection of Christ was self-authenticated by Christ himself who, according to Pee, was seen and examined by others.

Focusing on the relevance of Easter as the supreme question being pondered by so many, Pee said, "If all Easter means is springtime, flowers, bunnies, eggs, new clothes and a trip to church, then Easter does not make too much difference in a world on the brink of collapse. It is only a beautiful, but irrelevant interlude in life's urgent concerns." The true meaning of Easter is in holding on to an Easter faith in a Good Friday world regardless of its awful agonies. "Easter is the declaration that God is eternally victorious," Pee said. "Every person who hooks up with Jesus the Christ is a winner."

Having come to the end of his sermonic voyage, Pee challenged every one saying: "We must never be defeated by the Good Friday circumstances of life. No matter what you are facing . . . the truth of God will ultimately win."

Dr. Luns C. Richardson, in his remarks, thanked our able college minister for an excellent and inspiring message and advised everyone to get to know him. "Amen" could be heard throughout the auditorium when Richardson said, "You can trust Dr. Pee as your college minister." He concluded his remarks by wishing everyone an enjoyable, meaningful and safe Easter. "Give your families our best regards."
April 3, 2015
Easter recess begins after 5:00 p.m.
classes

April 7, 2015
Easter recess ends at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Class Meeting
Music Studio, 10:00 a.m.
Note: Important decisions will be made and information will be shared. Please plan to attend.

April 8, 2015
Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society Induction Ceremony Neal-Jones Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

April 16, 2015
Freshman Class Assembly Neal-Jones Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.

April 17-18, 2015
Annual Student Government Weekend Activities will include a game night in the Student Center, a campus cook-out, social, and other exciting activities. Everyone is invited to come out!

April 23, 2015
Assembly: Installation of SGA Officers and other Student Leaders/President’s End of the Year Information Neal-Jones Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.

April 24, 2015
Annual Spring Concert Morris College Chorale Neal-Jones Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY sponsored by the Baptist Student Union in Religious Center, Room 224 behind O. R. Reuben Chapel

Class Ring Orders: The April 7th date for the Herff-Jones representative to come to the campus to take orders for class rings has been changed. The new date is April 13th. Please make a note of this change. Orders will be taken in the lobby of the student center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Loan Exit Counseling: Graduating seniors need to complete the Loan Exit Counseling On-line for Federal Direct Student Loans prior to graduation. The exit counseling is required by the federal government for all students who have received student loans. The Office of Financial Aid has sent out correspondence to prospective graduates regarding this process. Graduating seniors should check their campus mailboxes, dormitory or home mailboxes. A Personal Identification number (PIN) must be established. The PIN is needed to complete exit counseling. For additional information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at ext. 3245.

Commencement Invitations: Commencement invitations may be picked up in the Office of Planning and Governmental Relations Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

SOPHOMORE CLASS ASSEMBLY

The Sophomore Class Assembly will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. The speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Ella Busby. Dr. Busby is the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alcolu, SC.

DON’T FORGET!!

1) The 2015 Summer School will consist of only one session this year. It will run for six weeks from June 8 through July 21, 2015. To be classified as full-time, students must carry a minimum of six hours and a maximum of nine hours.

2) Students completing a FAFSA for 2015-2016 must create a “User ID” and “Password.” Pin numbers previously used will be invalid. Students are asked to have everything done before leaving at the end of the spring semester.

CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES

Campus transformation continues with ground clearing and preparations being made for the contruction of a new administration building. The building is part of the capital development projects funded by Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. who made history with the largest individual gift, ever, to the college of $10 million.

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