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Easter

Today many are celebrating Easter, a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, after his crucifixion three days earlier at the hands of the Roman government of his time.

The crucifixion came about because of Jesus' religious race, the Jews of the time, who did not want his interference in their religion. The Jews saw him as a problem. Much of the New Testament gospels, Matthew through John, speak of the confrontations between the Jewish leaders and Jesus.

But actually the crucifixion was foretold centuries before, that his people would claim his life, but the important thing was that Jesus was given as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. It was foretold that he would suffer physical death because of his people.

He told the Jewish leaders then that they would destroy his body but in three days he would win, but they did not understand what he meant.

Jesus' calling was much higher than giving his life on the crucifixion cross for the benefit of people who did not like him. Early on, he told one of them of the plan, how that God loved the people of the world so much that he gave his one and only son in order that those people that God loved would have everlasting life.

And the cross and the resurrection were major points of time and Jesus understood that, but most did not, even his disciples of the time. They would want him to do certain things and he would say he could not, because he had not yet been glorified. He was speaking of the cross and the resurrection when he mentioned the need to be glorified.

The resurrection was the icing on the cake, because had he not resurrected from death, nothing else would have mattered. No other promises would come true.

For us today, it is still true: had there been no resurrection, we would have no hope. We would all die one day and go to the grave to be forever forgotten.

But Jesus did resurrect, and because he did, those who believe in him know that they will too. That is the reason many celebrate Easter in such a way. It demonstrates an affirmation that they know there will be a resurrection.

Some churches add in a celebration that is called Lent. It represents a 40-day period when Jesus was in the desert being tempted by the Devil. That happened some three years prior to the resurrection, but churches put it with the resurrection or Easter, probably to give the people more of an understanding of the sacrifices Jesus made for the people. Lent is a time that those who celebrate it are invited to make some sacrifice, too.

Whether we celebrate the formalities of Easter and Lent or not, we should still keep in the forefront what Jesus did for us, realizing the importance of following him and his teachings and believing that our future is intertwined with his promises.

Jesus said, before the crucifixion, "I am going to prepare a place for you, and if I go, I will come again to receive you, that where I am there you may be also."

Today -- and everyday, thank God that he loved us enough to give his son for our salvation and, through his miracle, bring him back from the grave of death.

— **Chuck Owen**
Northside Church of Christ, Laredo, TX



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our nation as we are going through troubled times

Our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

Our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

Todd Fulkerson (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

The innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

The "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

Those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

The church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

The churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Karren Griffith continues to improve.

Tom Kallner continues his rehab at home.

Thelma Rakes (Rushie Richmond's mother) had her knee surgery last week at Holzer in Jackson. Her rehab will be at Heartland in Jackson.

Bill Reed (Becky Jarvis's father) had his surgery in Columbus last Friday and was able to come home on Saturday.

Toni Ruch is scheduled for hip replacement surgery in Memphis on May 14.

Tom Blevins (known to Heather Gragg) is being treated for skin cancer.

Jim Miller (Donnie Miller's brother in Houston) had heart bypass surgery a few weeks ago and had to have more surgery this week. He is in ICU.



Coming Events

- 4/18 Secret Sister Revealing--5 pm
- 4/24-26 Sunshine Youth Rally at Fort Hill
- 5/4 Ladies Mother's Day Banquet
- 6/6-7 Ladies Retreat at Fort Hill
- 6/22-26 Sunshine VBS

VERSE OF THE MONTH

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

- 4/12 Colossians 2
- 4/19 Colossians 3
- 4/26 Preaching Service

Wednesday

- 4/15 Deuteronomy 32-34
- 4/22 Joshua 1-2
- 4/29 Joshua 3-4

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Bill Holbrook** (Ruth Morris's brother in law) who passed away on Wednesday. His funeral was Saturday in Sciotoville.

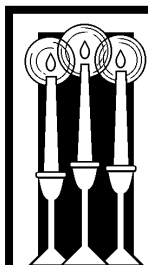
To the family of **Julie Hoeck**. Julie is one of our Innermission students. Her brother was killed in a 4-wheeler accident last week. The funeral was Wednesday in Waverly.

Camp Applications Available

We have received the camp schedule for 2009. Camp applications for Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp are on the bulletin board now. Sunshine's week at camp is July 12-18; however, if that week doesn't work for you and your family, find another week to participate.

Youth Rally Details

April 24-26 the Sunshine Youth will be having their annual youth rally at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp near Hillsboro. Activities kick off at 6 pm Friday evening and should conclude on Sunday morning. Some of the highlights of the weekend will be Mike Anderson and Jamie Riley who will be the keynote speakers for the weekend and a performance by the a cappella singing group known as Durant. Tim Gampp says we'll be needing lots of volunteers to get through the weekend and lots of donated snack foods, breakfast cereals and soda pop. Tim also says "Thanks" in advance for all those who will be donating or helping.



**For thou wilt light my candle;
the LORD my God will
enlighten my darkness.**

— Psalms 18:28

Secret Sister Revealing Updated

Secret Sisters will be having a carry-in dinner on **Saturday, April 18 at 5 pm** in the annex to reveal our secret sisters. Drinks and meat will be provided. At this time we will also be assembling gift baskets to donate to Elbrooke residents. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer and bring 5 of the items you choose. Forms for 2009-2010 Secret Sisters are also available in the foyer. Please fill one out and return it to Autumn or Mandi before April 18. We will draw names that evening. Anyone new can draw on Sunday, April 19. It is important for all Secret Sisters to attend so everyone can participate in the revealing.

VBS Remixed--Reloaded--Revised

The last couple years have been especially exciting for VBS. Our attendance has been way up and we have been using a different format to conduct VBS. Now we have become victims of our own success. More changes are required if we hope to handle the anticipated flood of kids for VBS.

The Major Change in VBS is that we will be having only **3 teaching centers**--but each of those teaching centers will have room enough to handle 3 classes at a time. The three centers are the auditorium, the eastern half of the annex and a 30x60 tent beside the building. There are huge benefits to this arrangement: 1) Our classes no longer have to fit in a small classroom. We will be able to handle classes up to 25 and 30 without too much problem. 2) Those who are doing the teaching for us will be able to do all of their teaching in one night and be relatively free the other nights of VBS. 3) The emphasis will be on simple props and costumes rather than on decorating the rooms.

VBS is scheduled for June 22-26, from 6:30-8:45 pm. The theme for our VBS is **ANYWHERE WITH JESUS**. We are developing 12 scenes/parables from the ministry of Jesus which we will recreate in a skit type presentation. A description of each of those 12 scenes/parables is on the wall of the auditorium with a place for people to sign up to take care of that particular scene/parable. These are leadership/planning type jobs. We have already designated the day and place where the presentation will be made so that you can work out your schedule. For now, we need to get people committed to doing those scenes/parables and start thinking and praying about how to do them. Also we have put up sheets for people willing to take care of other major jobs in VBS. In a few weeks, we will get our chart up for all the support workers for VBS. **THIS VBS IS DIFFERENT AND I THINK IT WILL BE A BLAST FOR THE ADULTS AS WELL AS THE KIDS.**

Student Housing Needed

We have received an email from a young Christian couple in Morehead currently attending the university there. They are transferring to Shawnee and would like to find out if there might be apartments for rent in our area which they could rent while attending Shawnee. If you are aware of a small inexpensive unit that is available (whether your own or another person's) would you please get with Steve right away so we can put you in touch or you can email them directly at 2sons@foothill.net. The family name is Merritt.

Sermons on DVD

Most sermons presented at Sunshine are available for viewing on DVD. See Jacob Miller if you wish to borrow one for viewing.

Angel Food--Last Call

Today is the deadline for orders from Angel Food. See Jason or Judi in the office before or after services today to place an order for April.

Women Coming Together Survey

In addition to the annual women's retreat, we are considering a women's group. Please see pink survey in the bulletin for more information. We would love for all the women to take time to read and complete this survey to gauge the interest in this endeavor. We are trying to make this fit the needs of as many as possible. Please place completed forms in the manila envelopes in the foyer. Forms need to be returned no later than **May 3**. Thank you!

Ladies' Mother's Day Banquet

We are having a Ladies' Banquet in honor of Mothers Day on Monday, May 4, 6:30 pm in the annex. The meal will be catered, cost and menu information TBA. Mark your calendar and save the date. Make plans to attend with your favorite lady! See Kim McCray for details.

No Spirit Club Meeting

There will not be a Spirit Club meeting tonight.

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
— Ephesians 6:4

Those Who Serve

Regular Service Times

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 L Server 6
 O Server 5
 R Server 4
 D Wine
 S Bread
 S Server 3
 U Server 2
 P Server 1
 E
 R Message
 Closing Prayer

April 12

Jon Coriell
 Shaun McCray
 Josh Coriell
 Rich Book
 Chuck Allison
 Eric Copas
 Ryan Coriell
 Mike Gamp
 Aaron McCray
 Ed McLaughlin
 Jim Jacobs
 Bill Gammon
 Steve Miller
 Jeff Hayward

April 19

Wayne Gamp
 Nick Davis
 Ira Coriell
 Derek Miller
 Jamie Veach
 Lane Raiser
 Eric Miller
 Eric McLaughlin
 Jason Coriell
 Dale Kuhn
 Terry Grashel
 Dale Gamp
 Steve Miller
 Dennis Ruch

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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info@sunshine-church.org

Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class

Jacob Miller
 Rick Coriell
 Shawn Gragg
 Matthew Hoskins
 Jack Jennings
 Colossians 2

Spike Ferrell
 Dewey Cordle
 John Berry
 Gabe Coriell
 Aaron Kallner
 Colossians 3

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Caleb Miller
 Mark Villinger
 Deuteronomy 32-34

Zach Coriell
 Mark Gamp
 Joshua 1-2

Children's Bible Time Schedule

April: *Resurrection - Beauty in Life's Cycle*
 3/5: Kerri Davis, Ira Coriell, Josh Coriell,
 Christian Coriell
 6/8: Kristin Riley, Kayla Coriell, Renee Higbee

May: *God's Child Is...*
 3/5: Julie Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller
 6/8: Kerri Davis, Candi Gamp, Cindi Coriell

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If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624



A verse from Acts 2 has been scrambled below using a letter substitution code. Unscramble the verse by replacing each letter with the correct one. Hints: D=N L=H Give up? Solution can be found at the bottom of page 3.

F D E Z L M D K L M E F G U C
 A M D K M I U Q K Z F Q C P W W G I U X M,
 K L M G Z M B M F W W Z J K L
 U D M F I I U B E J D U D M A W F I M.