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The Trumpet

“The trumpet shall sound...and we shall be changed”
(I Corinthians 15:52)



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Pastor's Pen

The earth trembled, the skies blackened, and stormy winds began to blow on that Friday afternoon. When Jesus exclaimed, "It is finished," he bowed his head in death and the veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom. Jesus did not say, "I am finished," for to do so would have been the cry of one who was defeated. But, "It is finished," is the proclamation of the victor. What Jesus said meant He had done what He came to earth to do; take all the devil had to throw at Him, and to transfer the sin of mankind to Himself. When the transfer was complete, God the Father turned His back on Him because He could not look upon the sin.

Most assuredly, this was Satan's crowning moment. For he thought he was victorious. Why not? He had seen Jesus beaten, whipped, mocked and spit upon. He saw Him struggle up Golgotha beneath the weight of the old rugged cross. He saw the Roman soldiers remove His robe and drive the spike through the quivering flesh on one hand and then the other. He witnessed them put Christ's feet together and then fasten them to the cross with a fourteen-inch spike. He saw Him hang for six hours before a mocking, ridiculing crowd. Then he saw Jesus bow His head in death. He even saw them bury Jesus in a tomb. Yes indeed, Satan thought he had defeated the Son of God.

Far too many Christians today are living defeated lives because they still have Jesus on the cross or in the tomb. We celebrate Easter because it's a day of victory. We remember on that first Easter morning it was Jesus who defeated Satan. He

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was placed in the tomb dead...he came out alive! He was buried battered and beaten...he arose glorified! The sting of death could not keep Him down; a massive stone could not keep Him entombed. Victory over sin, death and the grave is why Jesus left the splendor of heaven. When He said, "It is finished," He knew victory was His.

As you celebrate Easter, remember victory in Jesus is yours. He will walk with you through life, turn your

sadness into joy, your sorrow into laughter, and settle life's storms. Most importantly he will forgive your sins and give you an eternal place in heaven. All you have to do is confess your sins, ask God to forgive you, and invite Jesus into your life. The Bible tells us "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" (**Romans 10:13**) and Jesus promised, " *...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*" (**John 6:37**)

In Christian Love,
Pastor Jim



Awana Report

We just finished our competition season and I wanted to give you an update.

Ten youth went to Meridian on March 1-2 for their competitions. Makayla Clark, Omayya Simler, and Zachary Thayer our High School clubbers got 3rd place in Games. Brogan Bolthouse, Kent Clark, Isabelle Hyatt, Mikey Nordin, Korra Simler, and Roland Simler our Junior High clubbers got 3rd in their game competition as well.

We took the Sparks (K-2nd grade) and T&T (3rd – 6th grade) to Kuna on Saturday, March 10th for their games competition. The Sparks who went down are: Molly Allen, Starr Ashabranner, Austin Case, Trystan Case, Elijah Grohs, Addison Hare, Michael Pierce and Samuel Pierce. They received 3rd place.

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Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry formed by Franklin Graham that takes Christmas gifts and the Gospel to underprivileged children all over the world. We are collecting items to fill shoeboxes in November. Each month we will highlight a different item to bring in. But, please remember we will take all types of donations at any time! For April please bring in small toys.



PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

APOLOGETICS - FROM BOB NEUBAUER

Low in the Grave He Lay

It is now nearly two thousand years since our Savior hung on a cross. Two thousand years since our sins were laid on Him. Two thousand years since He died and was buried. And two thousand years since He rose from the grave! Ever since Christians have been rejoicing in that greatest of all events. Nothing in the history of the world compares in importance with what happened that day - the morning that Jesus rose from the grave. It is not that other events have no significance. Of course, they do. But the meaning of other things is temporal, not eternal. Everything that really matters comes from the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We regularly hear of great sporting achievements. A thousand years from now they will not even be remembered. The presidents of the United States, the kings and queens of other countries and all the other rulers who have ever lived mean nothing compared to the resurrection. It alone stands as the center point of all history.

It is fascinating that the resurrection is not actually described in the Bible. The women come and find the stone rolled away, but we never actually see Jesus coming forth from the grave. The scripture does not sensationalize events - it is very matter of fact in its descriptions. Yet the consequences of the resurrection are far greater than of anything else that has happened in history. Romans 4:25 says, *He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised for our justification.* That we will stand before God not only having our sin removed, but having His righteousness credited to our account is what we will be praising Him for throughout eternity. For not only did we not deserve heaven, we deserved hell. Grace is more than unmerited favor, it is favor given despite our demerit. It is in the words of one hymn, *grace that is greater than all my sin.* Any honest person will admit that he or she is a sinner. But, none of us fully understands the depth of our sin. The tiniest sin is worthy of eternity in the lake of fire. But we are as Augustine said a mass of sin. How can we ever begin to comprehend the extent of God's mercy when we do not know how truly sinful we are?

One question, one criticism that Christians get all the time about the resurrection is that Jesus could not have been three days and three nights in the grave because He wasn't buried until late Friday afternoon and rose early on Sunday. We often say that the proper way to interpret the scripture is the grammatical historical method, considering not only the language but the times and culture in which it was written. It is the historical part of that method that helps us here. First, the Jews considered any part of a day to be a full day. Second, Jewish terminology

commonly used the expression day and night to refer to any portion of a day. Does that mean that Jonah was not three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish? We don't know because the scripture does not tell us. What we know, what we believe must be based either on what the Bible says explicitly or by what can legitimately be derived from what it says. We need to avoid basing our beliefs on mere speculation which has no Biblical support.

What we do see in scripture is an empty tomb. The import of what had happened was not immediately realized by any of His disciples. It took time for His followers to absorb the meaning and consequences of the resurrection. Thomas is often criticized because he would not believe until he had seen Jesus in person. But we must not disparage him too much. He knew Jesus had died, so in spite of all that Jesus had said he was dealing with one thing he knew for sure, that the one he had followed for three years had been killed by the Romans. And he was used by Jesus to communicate the blessing that comes to all of us who have not seen and yet have believed. Ah, but that day is coming when we will see Jesus, for His return is surer than the sunrise. This is the promise that the resurrection gives us. For His rising was the first fruits and is the basis for our trust in His second coming. There are many different understandings in the Christian church about the details of Christ's return. But what is common to every one of them is His return. So, whether premillennial, amillennial or postmillennial adherents are correct the end result is the same. The one who rose from the dead almost two thousand years ago is coming back for His people. Alive or dead, all those in Christ will be with him forever. It is not that the details are unimportant, it is that what is critical is that Jesus is coming back. In II Peter 3:4 we read of the mockers asking where is the promise of His coming? Peter responds by saying that the amount of time that has passed is not what is important. Rather it is that Jesus will not lose any of those who are His. If He had come a hundred years ago no believer reading this would have been saved.

When will Jesus return? We do not know the date. When Jesus was on earth He did not know the date either. When the second person of the trinity took on humanity he did not give up His divinity, but he did for the time of His incarnation give up His divine prerogatives. He acted not in His own power but in perfect dependence on the Spirit. But when the last person who is to be saved comes to faith then the Lord will come. Then all the critics will be silenced. Then all those who have persecuted Christians will be punished. Then believers will receive their new bodies. Then we will be glorified, no longer able to sin. Then we will be with our Lord forever, praising and serving him forever. Then we will know even as also we are known. Then we will receive our reward. All of this is the result of His resurrection! Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FSBC

- 1 Choir Practice (6:30 p.m.)
- 2 Ladies' Leadership Team Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 5-6 TVSBA Ladies' Retreat
- 8 Deacons' Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 9 Church Council (6:30 p.m.)
- 11 Choir Practice (6:30 p.m.)
- 12 Egg Packing Party (5:00 p.m.)
- 13 Easter Egg Egg-Stravaganza (10:30 a.m.)
- 14 Pot Luck Fellowship (12:30 p.m.)
- 15 Choir Practice (6:30 p.m.)
- 19 Choir Practice (6:30 p.m.)
- 21 Lord's Supper (11:00 a.m.)
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 27 TVSBA Youth Rally in the Valley
- 28 Business Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- 30 Sunday School Teachers' Training (6:30 p.m.)

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Our T&T'ers went and were split up: Gracie Allen got 2nd place, Alex Harwood and Nate Pineo got 3rd place and Johnny Harwood and Tyler Smith got 1st place.

A big thank you to John Crowe for coaching, Makayla Clark for volunteering, and Vincent Brooks, John Crowe and Shannon Crowe for chaperoning our youth!



Nicole Clark, Commander

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPPETS

Wonderful things happen in Sunday School. Sunday School can touch the lives of everyone, from the very young children to the very senior adults. Our church is so blessed to have Sunday School teachers who totally commit themselves to making every Sunday special. They tirelessly pray and prepare lessons each week to share with their class members.

Sunday School is:

- * Lifelong
- * Life giving
- * About real life
- * Connected to the source of life.



Sunday School accomplishes the following:

- * Grows and develops leaders to support the mission of the church.
- * Increases people's sense of belonging and commitment to stewardship.
- * Provides a place for new people to make friends and learn to grow as disciples.
- * Deepens our understanding of God's Holy Word – the Bible – the textbook.

Our Sunday School has 3 main tasks:

- * **Reaching** people for Christ
- * **Teaching** people God's Word
- * **Ministering** to people's needs

The Sunday School is the largest ministry of our church and is totally supportive of the mission of the church. So take advantage of what it offers. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you to Sunday School.

Lord bless you all,
Brother Patrick Holt

Few Words – Great Meaning

Ephesians 2:4-5 is a text with great meaning. This text tells us three things – First it tells us why we have been saved – because of the great love with which He loved us. Second, it tells us when we were saved – when we were dead in our transgressions. And third, it tells us how we were saved – by making us alive together with Christ. Few words indeed, but great meaning!

Joke of the Month (Comedy) Corner



1. I never use my turn signal. It's nobody's business where I am going.
2. I avoid things that make me fat, like scales, mirrors and photographs.
3. If life's a journey, mine is between the fridge and the computer.
4. Age is only a number. Weight is only a number. Numbers are really starting to get me upset.
5. Sometimes I panic and think there's a crazy person in my house, and then I realize it's just me.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 8 Isabele Hyatt
- 9 Debbie Blackstock
- 9 Jason Blair
- 11 Thomas Westcott
- 16 Stephanie Osgood
- 17 Hunter Sisson
- 18 Jessica Nagel



Happy Birthday

- 20 Mistee Kelley
- 22 Don Scheffler
- 24 Alex Harwood
- 24 Jenna Crowe
- 26 Jessie Landers
- 26 Starr Ashabranner
- 30 Addison Hare

- 1 Victor & Samantha Nostrom
- 5/2 Jason & Amber Blair



- 25 Jason & Sarah Hare

First Week May Birthdays

- 2 Korra Simler