



# The Beacon



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

April 2021

## Jesus Has Risen Just As He Said

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. - *Matthew 28:1-9 (ESV)*

## Paul's Exposition of the Resurrection

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. - *1 Corinthians 15:3b, 4, 14-15, 17 (ESV)*

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. - *1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (ESV)*

<sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. - *1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (ESV)*

## Response to the Resurrection

Our response to the resurrection should be to worship the risen Savior. A way to worship Christ is to tell others about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and what that accomplishes, namely, a restored relationship with God that will last for all eternity.



## Application of the Resurrection

(1) Because Christ was raised from the dead we can be assured that our relationship with God has been mended.

God resurrecting Christ from the dead proves that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was sufficient to satisfy His wrath and mend our relationship with God.

(2) We can face death with joy being assured of eternal life.

Jesus was not resurrected in order to die again like Lazarus or Jarius' daughter; rather, He was resurrected and given a new body, in order that He might live and reign forever.

Because Christ defeated death in the resurrection, we too, if we believe in Jesus as our Savior, will defeat death, be resurrected and given a new body. One that will not grow old, experience pain, disease, or even death. As a result of the resurrection, we can look death in the face knowing that we, those who are in Christ, will experience eternal life. <https://christianitymatters.com/celebrate-the-savior>



**Pastor Dave's  
Message  
for the  
Month**

What an exciting month April is as we celebrate Easter! I want to encourage you to stop and think about what Easter means to you. For many people Easter is all about bunnies, eggs, candy, or spring break. However, for the Christian Easter is much more. Think about all that God has done in your life through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:13-14 says, "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." All of us are born with a sinful nature, therefore we are in the kingdom of darkness (Satan's kingdom). When we trust Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, He moves us from the kingdom of darkness to His kingdom. All of that is possible because of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross of Calvary to pay for our sins and redeem us.

When we are moved from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the

Son, our lives are forever changed. We now have a relationship with God and eternal life. We also have freedom from the bondage of sin in our lives. We do not have to live according to our sinful nature anymore. First Corinthians 6:11 says, "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." Right before this verse, Paul listed a bunch of sins. In verse 11, he says, "and such were some of you." We used to live a lifestyle of committing those sins, but Jesus changed all of that. At salvation, Jesus justified us. He washed us. He sanctified us and He continues to sanctify us.

As we celebrate Easter this year, be sure to celebrate what God has done in your life. I pray we live in such a way that it is obvious that we belong to the kingdom of the Son and not the kingdom of darkness. I pray we do not go back to the old way of living before Jesus saved us. Let's live like we have been changed, and let's share that change with those around us.

For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*

**Building  
Loan Balance**  
(as of 03/12/2021)  
**\$ 422,037**

**Tables of Love**  
Saturday, April 24 ~ 6p  
Presented By the Youth  
Bar-B-Que provided by Hog Heaven  
Space is limited and almost gone.  
Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Hall

Join Us For...  
**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**  
10:15a - 10:45a



**WORK  
DAY** AT THE CHURCH  
Saturday  
April 3rd  
8:00am



**Women's  
Bible Study**  
Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:45p  
Join us this month as we start a New Study: 'Job' by Lisa Harper  
We'll meet in the Family Life Center  
(Please wear a mask)



**MEN  
OF  
IRON  
BIBLE STUDY**  
Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00p  
(3rd Monday of each month)  
**"The Bondage Breaker"**  
Overcoming: Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins  
*"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17*

**Baptist Men News**  
Our 14th Annual **Golf Tournament** will be May 15th. Mark your calendars and make plans now to join us! Sign up sheet in the Welcome Hall.

**Miracles of Spring**  
All earth rejoices and the heavens sing; as we enjoy this beautiful season of Spring.  
Blossoms of azaleas and tulips add to our view, just as cardinals, woodpeckers, and bluebirds do.  
I sit and ponder the miracles of God above, I think of His Son whom He sent in love.

How He came as a babe to Bethlehem's stall; to offer His life as salvation for all.

He taught, He healed, He raised the dead. He wore a crown of thorns upon His head.

He gave his life upon a cruel cross, but in God's miracle, all was not lost.

The third day, He came forth from the grave, providing a way for mankind to be saved!

**Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!**  
~Pansy Dodson

# APRIL 2021

# BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center"><b>Memory Verse</b></p> <p align="center">“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed <i>us</i> into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”</p> <p align="center">Colossians 1:13</p>				1	2 <b>Good Friday</b>  <i>Cindy Ellis Jeff Smith</i>	3 Church Work Day 8am
<p>4  <b>Easter</b></p> <p>Sunrise Service 7a Family Worship Service 9a &amp; 11a Sunday School 10:15a</p> <p><i>Nicholas Young</i></p>	5  <i>Cade Dunn Weldon Gresham</i>	6 Women’s Bible Study 6:45p	7 Deacons Mtg 7p	8  <i>Amy Blalock</i>	9	10  <i>Savannah Davis Tabitha Stone</i>
11 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10:15a Business Mtg 5:30p	12  <i>Darrell Ellis</i>	13	14 Missions Night 7p	15	16	17  <i>Camryn Dunn</i>
18 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a  <i>Phillip Holmes</i>	19 Men of Iron 7p	20  <i>Ronnie Huff</i>	21  <i>Heather Glenn Joey Glenn</i>	22	23  <i>Tracy Clayton</i>	24 Tables of Love 6p
25 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday School 10:15a  <i>Stephanie Turner</i>	26  <i>Jesse Capel</i>	27	28	29  <i>Raley Gentry</i>	30  <i>Grant Jordan</i>	<p align="center"><b>May 1</b></p> <p align="center">WOJ Conference</p> <p><i>Luke Gillie Mollie Huff</i></p>



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## The Importance of Sunday School

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was "too crowded."

"I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School."

For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building.

But the story does not end there...

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands.

When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents. Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide.

Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00--a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated.

Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds".

This is a true story, which goes to show WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH 57 CENTS. <https://urbanlegendsonline.com/57-cents->

Never underestimate the importance of Sunday School!



*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6*

*"What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?" James 2:14*

*"Imprint these words of mine on your hearts and minds, bind them as a sign on your hands, and let them be a symbol on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deut. 11:18-19*

*"And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:22-24*

*"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:17*