

# Bible Biz

## NEWS & NOTES

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God with gratefulness that we get to worship together this year!

### **CHRISTIAN ED NEWS**

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all who planned and attended the Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. Special thanks to the youth who helped hide the eggs. A fun time was had by all!

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Vacation Bible School is coming! We are excited to announce that VBS will be held this year from July 7th—July 11th. In preparation for this event, we are in need of bottled water and paper towels. If you are able to help by donating these items, a box will be placed in the fellowship hall beginning next week.

### **DINE & DEVOTION SCHEDULE**

Our Wednesday night Dine & Devotion will restart April 14<sup>th</sup>, and continue through May 26<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to enjoy fellowship, feed your soul with worship, and skip the cooking! Mark your calendars to come and spend this time together. Meal starts at 6:00 PM. Donations will be accepted.

### **MEDIA TEAM NEWS**

The Media Team needs YOU! Are you interested in helping with the process of livestreaming our Sunday Service? Training is being offered and the process is easy to learn. Teenagers are welcome to apply and you will not be required to attend monthly meetings. Contact Ben Williams 636-614-0339 if interested.

### **GRITS NEWS**

Would you like to help others while decluttering your home of old cards? St. Jude's Ranch for Children is a charity which cares for abused, abandoned and neglected children. These children have a recycled card program where they take used cards and make them into new ones to sell. BLC Grits group will be continuously collecting cards (Christmas, Birthday, etc.) to ship to the children so they can learn to be productive wage-earning citizens in their community. Look for the container near the office area.

#### **WEEKLY IN THE WORD OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday:** Sunday School 8:45 AM All ages  
Worship Service 10 AM  
Bible Youth Group (BYG) 6:00 PM

**Wednesday:** Zoom Lectionary Bible Study 11 AM  
Call Pastor Dave 912-661-8735 to be added.

**Small Group Bible Study:** Ebenezer Study Group—1st & 3rd Tues. 6 PM Contact Connie Bazemore (912)659-2188

SERVANTS	THIS WEEK (APR 4 <sup>TH</sup> )	NEXT WEEK (APR 11 <sup>TH</sup> )
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	Grant Rutland Trip Vorel	Brooks Burnsed Timothy Burnsed
ALTAR CARE	Connie Bazemore	Julie Thompson
ANNOUNCER	Melissa Osteen	Melissa Osteen
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Melissa Osteen	Melissa Osteen
COUNCIL SERVANT	Michelle Batchelor	Michelle Batchelor
COMMUNION ASST.	Michelle Batchelor	Michelle Batchelor
FLOWERS	Earl & Connie Bazemore	Harrold & Kristy Wheeler
HEAD USHER	Ken Thompson Travis Bazemore	Ken Thompson
LESSON READER	Connie Bazemore	Allen Newkirk
LIVESTREAM	Worship & Music	Worship & Music
MUSICIAN	Karen Hall Shelly Hobbs	Karen Hall
MUSICIAN-SERVICE	Karen Hall Shelly Hobbs	Karen Hall
NURSERY ASSISTANTS	Dawn Vorel Ramona Kessler	Katie Whitten Beth Helmly
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pastor Dave Hansen	Pastor Dave Hansen
YELLOW RIBBON HOST	Evangelism	Evangelism
LAST SUNDAY ATTN.	SS: 45 Worship: 98 LvStm: 10	New Life, 826-4261 Joanne's, 754-9116
<b>IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE: 912-826-2711</b>		

Plan Ahead:

- 4/4 Easter Sunday  
 Sunrise Service 6:30 AM  
 Breakfast following sunrise service  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 Festival Worship 10:00 AM  
 4/6 Quilter's Group Meets 10:00 AM  
 4/8 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg. 6:00 PM  
 4/11 Confirmation Class 11:30 AM  
 4/13 AFPAG Foster Parents Meet 6:00 PM  
 4/14 Dine & Devotion 6:00 PM  
 4/15 Staff Support Meeting 6:00 PM  
 4/21 Christian Ed Meeting 5:45 PM  
 4/21 Dine & Devotion 6:00 PM

Study Ahead:

- Acts 4:32-35  
 Psalm 148  
 1 John 1:1—2:2  
 John 20:19-31



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# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

April 4, 2021 — Easter Day

*(The Lord) will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.*

*- Isaiah 25:8 -*

If you've ever had occasion to feel the sickness of shame and guilt, then you know what it means to truly need forgiveness. Forgiveness is something that all of humanity yearns for, even if we hear some say they don't need it or don't care about it. This does not seem plausible. We were created in God's image, to be in relationship with him and with one another, and therefore the quality of those relationships is inherently important to all of us. No one likes it when someone is angry with them - it leaves us uneasy and it's hard not to think about.

The Good News of Easter is that Christ came to put an end to the separation we humans experience with God and with each other. Through sin we have all experienced death. Sometimes that death is the death of relationships, or even the death of some dream we have in mind. But death affects all of us. Into the life of the world came Jesus, the Savior, and through his life, death, and resurrection, God swallowed up death forever. Part of this has happened already and part of this eradication of death is yet to come.

Through Jesus, God has taken away the reproach we deserve. We are sinners in need of grace, and yet through the waters of Holy Baptism we are made into new creations. This is all done through the power of Christ's love for us, a love that was nailed to the cross of Calvary, buried in a borrowed tomb, and was made alive again three days later. Christ's love frees us from the gloom of God's judgment and allows all our tears to be wiped away and replaced by pure joy, hope, and new life.

It seems that the only way we can truly comprehend this grace is to understand the depths of our sinfulness. If we think, "I'm not so bad; at least I've never murdered anyone or cheated on my taxes or my wife," then we cannot understand the depths of our need for forgiveness. But when we are in touch with that need (like the publican in Luke 18:9-14), then as Christ offers us his grace we weep with tears of joy and not tears of guilt or sorrow. We recognize just what he has done for us, and it is incredible! Amen.

## Of First Importance

Find the 36 bold words from 1 Corinthians 15:3–11 (ESV)

T E F D S S B H C I E D W A B  
D S A O E E U E M H E V P C R  
E Y R M R N R P L R U O I D O  
T L A I D F O U E I S R I F T  
U J L R F R S V T T E E C N H  
C A E A T A I U L P D V S H E  
E D P A H L R E C E I V E D R  
S K N P E T S I R H C R S D S  
R C E D E E C N A D R O C C A  
E C W L E A S T R D D D O S G  
P I U N W O R T H Y E R U D R  
T W E L V E W E Y E S I R O A  
Y L E M I T N U D M I H R G C  
E N O H C A E R P I A T E U E  
S N I S B O R N V T R S S Z B

For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also **received**: that **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures**, that he was **buried**, that he was **raised** on the **third day** in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he **appeared** to **Cephas**, then to the **twelve**. Then he appeared to more than **five hundred brothers** at **one time**, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to **James**, then to **all the apostles**. Last of all, as to one **untimely born**, he appeared also to me. For I am the **least** of the apostles, **unworthy** to be called an apostle, because I **persecuted** the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the **grace of God** that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we **preach** and so you **believed**.

## On the First Day of the Week

Find the 39 bold words from Mark 16:2–8 (ESV)

D E B O R F A P B E M A N S E  
L E H O I U G F C A S N I E A  
O T M R H N D N R T C T P G R  
O Z S R U W A G O A T K E R L  
K T O O A R Y N M I I Q T A Y  
I S Y S T L I D N U S D E L G  
N V E N I S A G N E S I R H N  
G A E L H D E I F I C U R C I  
E J Z M P E N T E R I N G E L  
R N E A B I S E I Z E D D E B  
K N O S R M C W H I T E L L M  
T E S T U E O S H F L W V I E  
K E E W S S T T I L L E X L R  
D E S S E R D H O D R E O A T  
J A W A Y F R R D Y G U D G D

And **very early** on the **first day** of the **week**, when the **sun** had risen, they went to the **tomb**. And they were saying to one another, “**Who** will **roll away** the **stone** for us from the **entrance** of the tomb?” And **looking up**, they saw that the stone had been **rolled back**—it was very **large**. And **entering** the tomb, they **saw a young man sitting** on the right side, **dressed** in a **white robe**, and they were **alarmed**. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek **Jesus of Nazareth**, who was **crucified**. He has **risen**; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, **tell his disciples** and **Peter** that he is going before you to **Galilee**. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and **fled** from the tomb, for **trembling** and **astonishment** had **seized** them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were **afraid**.