

April 8th at 6:30,
The Passion of the Christ.

April 9th at 7:00,
Communion Service.

April 10th at 7:00,
Community Good Friday Service.
It will be held at Mt. Aries Baptist
Church in Letts.

Resurrection Sunday!

SONrise service at 7:00

Breakfast at 8:00

Sunday School at 9:30

Worship at 10:30

No evening service

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Mike's Message...

What a WONDERFUL time of the year! Not just because it's spring and the fish are biting, but this is the time Christians celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The resurrection of Jesus IS of most importance. In 1 Corinthians, Paul gives us the gospel in one single verse. *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."* (1 Cor 15:3-4 NASU)

Is it important to proclaim that Jesus rose from the dead? Yes! Yes! Yes! Our faith, our salvation, stands or falls on the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

"... if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied." (1 Cor 15:17-19 NASU)

Paul continues this discourse with an assertion that Jesus is alive! *"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep."* (1 Cor 15:20 NASU)

In the 1970's, an English journalist and doubter by the name of Frank Morison started writing a book to disprove or contradict the resurrection. He was sure it was only a myth, and he set out to prove it. To his surprise, his research validated the claim that Jesus rose from the dead! Thus the book was printed with the title, *Who Moved the Stone. Continued inside. . .*

Mike's Message continued...

He based his decision upon testimony of those who were eye-witness to Jesus' post resurrection appearances. Here are a few:

- Mary Magdalene who saw Jesus and had Him speak to her at the entrance to the empty tomb. (John 20:13-17)
- Two men who were traveling to Emmaus and eventually recognized Jesus. (Luke 24:29-33)
- Thomas, the doubting disciple who was allowed to touch Jesus' wounded hands and side. (John 20:27)
- Peter, who had returned to a career of fishing, encountered the risen Christ and was asked, "Peter, do you love Me?" (John 21:15)
- Paul records that Jesus was seen by a large body of people at the same time. (1 Corinthians 15:6)

There are many things we read in Scripture that are matter of faith, but the Resurrection of Jesus is NOT one of them. There is ample proof that Jesus burst forth from that tomb. His resurrection is not some made-up story like so many today want people to believe. As a matter of fact, Peter puts it this way. . .
"For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty." (2 Peter 1:16 NASU)

It is the resurrection that sets Christianity apart from all other belief systems. The song begins *I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. . . You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!!* You see, Jesus is ALIVE!

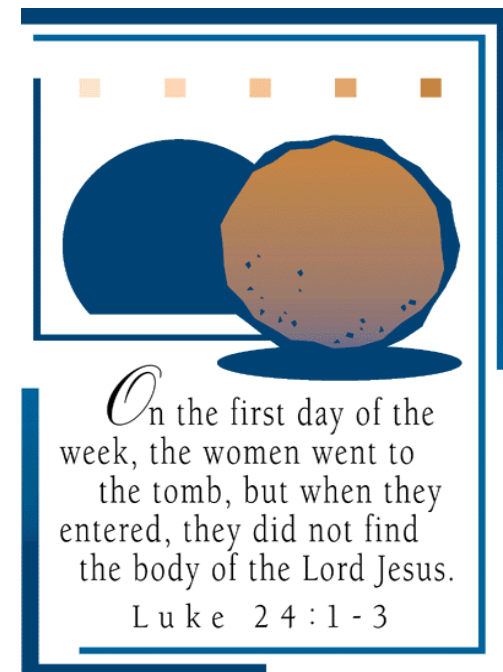
Let's tell others together,

Mike

Elders Express:

Do we call ourselves Christians? If we do then by definition we are saying that we are followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Jesus the Son of God came down to earth to live among us in order to show us how we are to live our lives. Jesus was God in the flesh, living a life being tempted but never failing, the perfect sacrifice for our sins. It was Jesus that did not condemn us sinners, but through loving example told us to go away and sin no more. Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says that in Christ we are new creatures, "the old things passed away, behold new things have come. Does this mean that we will never sin? NO! It does mean that when we see our old selves beginning to immerge, we need to go to God in repentance and asked to be reconciled to HIM. Be careful in your daily walk for the Lord Jesus Christ. Be on your guard! Study God's word daily and be on your knees in prayer every day for everyone. See you next month.



April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> **Resurrection Sunday** Sunrise service 7:00—Breakfast following Sunday School 9:30—Worship 10:30 No evening service </div>			1 Bible Study 7:00	2	3	4 All Church Cleaning Day 8:00—12:00
5 Palm Sunday Christ Driven Teens Baptist Church 6-8:30	6 Good News Club (Refreshments) Encouraging Others 6:30	7 Tutoring 3:30-5:00	8 Bible Study 7:00 Movie—Passion of the Christ	9 Communion Service 7:00	10 Good Friday Service My. Aries Baptist Church 7:00	11
12 *Resurrection Sunday* See details above No Evening service Ministry Outreach	13 Good News Club Encouraging others 6:30 Board Meeting 6:30	14 Tutoring 3:30-5:00	15 Bible Study 7:00	16	17	18 Family Movie Night 6:30
19 ALL Church Pitch-In	20 Good News Club WCC God's Men 6:15	21 Tutoring 3:30-5:00	22 Bible Study 7:00	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Women's Retreat at Hilltop</div> Mark Schultz in concert at Greensburg.	25 Carnival 4 Kids SDES 1-4
26 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	27 Good News Club Encouraging Others 6:30—Carry In	28 Tutoring 3:30-5:00 SCICMF Garden City	29 Bible Study 7:00	30		

Birthdays

1st Sydney Callahan
8th Brandy Murray
10th Alberta Robbins
16th Karen McDonald
22nd Roseann Haines
Monica Garrity
24th Jenny Hardebeck
25th Bill Peele
26th John Richards
29th Danny Sebastian

Anniversaries

23rd Jim & Edna Layton