



## Living in Resurrection Power

Easter is a lifestyle not just a holiday. On Sunday we will look at a time when the early church experienced the resurrection power of Jesus. A life of spiritual power should be considered standard for every follower of Jesus.

Resurrection power is promised to all Christians. When we place our faith in Christ for forgiveness and new life, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us. The Spirit provides us the resurrection power of Jesus. Here is what the Bible says:

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” (Ro. 8:11).

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ Jesus was referring to the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (Jn. 7:38-39).

The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in all believers. As we cooperate, God’s mighty power will flow through us like a river of life; God’s potent river brings constant revival to ourselves and others.

Walking with you in the anointing!

Les

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, Mar. 28

Noon – Movin’ Up Pizza  
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

### Friday, March 30

7:00 p.m. Community Service at  
Sonlight Wesleyan

### Sunday, April 1

9:15 a.m. – Continental Breakfast  
10:05 a.m. – Kids’ Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

## Teachers This Sunday

### Nursery

Davis Family

### Kids’ Time

Deb Klopfenstein/ Darcy Isch

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Remain in Service

## Last Week

### Attendance

### March 25, 2018

Worship Service – 107  
Sunday School – 49

## Stewardship Report

### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2345.14
Missions	\$300.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$50.00
Memorial	\$25.00
Funeral Dinner	\$100.00
Bible Study Books	\$120.00

**Total: \$2940.14**



## **RESURRECTION SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

This Sunday, the Becomers Sunday School Class will host a continental breakfast from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. There will be not Sunday School. Come to the Fellowship Hall for some food and fellowship.



## **COLLEGE ENCOURAGEMENT**

Finals for college students are coming soon. If you would like to contribute to an encouragement gift to them from the church, please see Jan Jones. The deadline for contributing is this Sunday, April 8.



## **RECEPTION**

Sarah will finish up as our Music Director this Sunday. On April 8, right after our worship service, we will have a reception to honor Sarah and her ministry here at FBC. Plan to come to fellowship hall to thank Sarah and enjoy a piece of cake.



## **GRADUATES**

The Christian Education Board is planning a reception for graduates of high school and higher education. Please notify the church office of anyone graduating this spring.



## **SUMMER CAMP**

Planning your summer? Our summer camp opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in The Gathering Place. Be sure to check it out!



## **THANK YOU**

Dear FBC, Thank you so much for the beautiful light box. We have greatly appreciated your support. Joe & Barb have always felt very loved by their FBC family. And to the kitchen workers – Thank you so much for the wonderful meal after dad's funeral. I know that takes a lot of time and planning. It was delicious and the fellowship was appreciated very much. FBC has always been very kind to dad and he enjoyed his time with all of you. Sincerely, The Family of Joe Smekens.

# The Blood Applied

The deliverance of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt concluded with blood. Nine plagues had failed to break Pharaoh's hardened heart and iron grip. Then blood entered that epic story of redemption. But it was blood that had to be applied. There had to be a personal and family application of blood from a spotless lamb, in order for it to become effective. We recall Exodus 12:13 where God said, "The blood shall be for you a token. When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

When applied, that blood was all that was required for peace of mind and rest of heart. It took away the fear of the destroying angel. This was not a mere interest in the blood, or belief in its power, or even appreciation of its worth that snapped the power of darkness and brought release. It was the **applied** blood that counted. Truth had to be translated into action.

So it is with the blood of our LORD Jesus. It is effective against the destruction of evil when applied by faith through prayer and declaration. Someone has noted that "a proper application of His blood to a given situation - if the believer is operating from a cleansed position - brings peace, rest and deliverance."

Consider 1 Peter 1:18-19: "...you were redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ..."

The story of redemption began in Eden when God shed the blood of an animal to cover Adam's and Eve's nakedness (sin), and ends in heaven before God's throne with a multinational choir singing to the crucified and risen Savior, '...You...have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every...nation' (Revelation 5:9 NKJV).

Our LORD's torn body which released His blood demonstrates two things:

(1) The cost of our sin. Rolled on to Christ's shoulders was the weight of all our misdeeds from the cradle to the grave. Through unmatched agony, Jesus paid the total price for sin and sin's penalty. Next time we are tempted to violate God's Word and do our own thing, we can remember Christ's love and sacrifice!

(2) The cure for our sin. Our salvation was not a joint effort. We did not contribute a penny because we were spiritually bankrupt. Again God's word states: '...you were redeemed [bought out of slavery and set free]...with the precious blood of Christ...' Communion reminds us that we have already applied the blood of Jesus for salvation. We must keep on applying it in our lives (John 6:53-56; 1 John 1:7). Let us apply His blood daily and often.

There is power in the blood of the Lamb... "LORD, Your precious blood will never lose its power. Thank you, thank you, thank you Jesus!"

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## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

### River Terrace

LaVera Krummen – Room 116  
Eulis West – Room 220

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216

### Home

Rose McCormick

As we co-labor with other churches  
in our community,  
this week we pray for:  
Markle Church of Christ  
Pastor Aaron McClary

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Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
9:50 a.m. – Coffee/Tea Time  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service