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First Baptist Church Newsletter

April 5, 2023

The Last Word

A young man and woman were discussing the account of the resurrection of Jesus. They agreed that such a thing was impossible. Seeing an old Christian gentleman approaching, one of them asked him, "Tell us, why are you so sure Jesus rose from the dead?" The old fellow replied, "Well, for one thing, I was talking with Him this morning."

That exchange brings to mind a line from the hymn *He Lives*. The chorus concludes with these words: "You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart." Our personal relationship and experiences with Jesus are not the only evidence for His resurrection, but they certainly are some of the most precious to us.

Still, death is a serious matter to us humans. We try to be sensitive and cautious around those who are grieving. But our belief in the resurrection causes us to wear a smile behind tears of sadness. Our Sunday school lesson for this coming Sunday recounts a story that illustrates this balancing act of ministry and joy.

"My wife Candance and I had not been at our current church long when one of our charter members passed away. She was one of the more influential ladies in the church, so her funeral was a pretty big deal. In preparing to attend the service, Candace was helping our oldest son get dressed and ready. As any good mom would do, she was also prepping him as to what to say and do. She told our son about the receiving line and how, when it was their turn to speak to the family, he should say, 'I am sorry for your loss.' In a mixture of confusion and frustration, he immediately responded with, 'Why should I be sorry? I didn't kill her.' We got a good laugh out of his innocent response, but death is no laughing matter. It strikes the young and the old. No one escapes its earthly grip. However, the good news for believers is that it is not the last word. Jesus Christ conquered death, and through faith in Him, we have eternal life."

Together with you,

Les

M A U N D Y

Thursday



In the Fellowship Hall, this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. we will remember our Lord's mandate to love one another. We will sing familiar songs, hear scripture read, and share communion. Join us in this valuable time that sets the stage for Resurrection Sunday.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

All children are encouraged to come and have fun at an Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. The Board of Christian Education organizes this event.



T H A N K S

A row of six stylized, colorful figures (three men and three women) standing and holding up large, red, block letters that spell out the word "THANKS". The figures are wearing various colored clothing: green, pink, brown, yellow, white, and blue.

Thanks to Brian & Nancy Fuller and Gary & Angie Bynum for spearheading the dinner last Sunday. And thanks to all who set up, contributed food, and helped clean up!

Resurrection SUNDAY

This Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will have a special drama during the message time by our guest Don Dillavou. Don served as a pastor for many years and has ministered to all ages through biblical dramas. Join us and bring a friend!

The Emmaus Road: (Luke 24:13-32)

This drama is spoken in first person by the character Cleopas. As he describes from his perspective the Sunday after the crucifixion, you are led down a road of disillusionment and despair until the unrecognized Jesus enters into the dialogue. The rumor of the resurrection is unveiled as truth in an exhilarating discovery that He has risen!



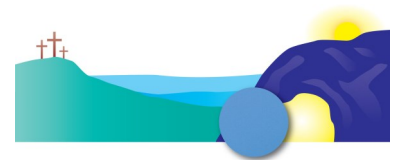
Teachers - Sunday, April 9

Kids' Time

Angie Bynum
Jessica Bynum

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Remain in service



Stewardship - Giving to:

March 19, 2023

General Budget	\$2,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$50.00
Missions	\$15.00
Deacons	\$52.00

Total \$2,117.00

April 2, 2023

General Budget	\$4,290.00
Building Maintenance	\$190.00
Missions	\$355.00

Total \$4,835.00

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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