

TRUMPET

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Seek the lost, equip the saints, send the sowers

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Good morning The Grove Family,

I am praying that this trumpet finds you well this morning.

This morning, I want to read Acts 10. In the second half of the chapter, Peter finds himself at Cornelius' house. Cornelius was a gentile, and if you knew Peter's story, you would know that this would have been awkward for him. Peter struggled, we read in Paul's letter to the Galatians that he had rebuked Peter and his attitude about eating separate from gentiles intentionally. However, In Acts chapter 10 we read a wonderful teaching moment from Peter and for us.

So, we find ourselves in a gentile home with Peter and Cornelius is asking about God. And so Peter spoke. We will chime in at verse 39.

We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. – Acts 10:39-41

If there is an initial takeaway for us a believers, it's that the disciples of Jesus didn't die a martyr's death because their teacher died, but because Jesus did rise from the dead and they ate with him. Peter tells Cornelius this, that his witness of the risen Christ is important to tell.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Acts 10:42-43

Peter gave Cornielius a simple explanation. This is something that we may call a "in line" witness. Think about this, if you were in line to get coffee and someone asked about the Bible in your hand or the cross tattoo on your arm and wanted to know what you believed, could you give them a short, condense witness message?

You never know when or who is going to ask about your faith. Regardless of who asks, we are commanded to go out and to tell everyone about the glory of the good news of Jesus and we should be prepared to do so. This week, I would love for you to think through how you would tell the good news in a short paragraph message to a stranger you just met in that moment. Praying for you all think week.

In Him,

Jordan Kattine

Church Servants

March 24, 2024

Serving the Table: J Kattine

Worship Team: P Corbet/J Michael/D Brown

Musicians: L Burkholder/J Dwyer/D Hays/P Hines/B Long/P Long/D Ritenour

<u>Attendance</u>	S.S.-	Worship	Offering
03/17/24		61	\$2,285.00

Our Prayers Are With...

If you would like to purchase a plant for Easter, in memory or in honor of someone, forms are in the foyer. Place both the form and the money an envelope and put in in the offering plate. The price is \$10. Please have your form in or let Marta know by the morning of **March 28** so it can be printed in the bulletin and Trumpet.

Up & Coming Activities In Our Family...

- March 20 Bible Study with Jordan, 5:30 pm
At the Grove
- March 21 Bible Study with Michele, 5:30 pm
At the Grove
- March 30 Annual Egg Scramble/Breakfast 9 am
- March 31 RESURRECTION DAY!
- April 6 Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study, 8 am
- April 20 Women’s Fellowship/Devotions, 10 am
The Noble Tree in Enon

There will be a Congregational Meal on April 7 after worship to fellowship with missionaries Chris and Nica Irwin of Entermission. Please let Sandra Goodbar know what you plan to bring to share. Let us give a huge welcome and show our support for the work they are doing.

Our weekly YouTube video presentation called *New Wineskins* by Bill, has now been uploaded. This week’s episode is *The Hardest Prayers*. New episodes are uploaded every Thursday afternoon.

Ladies, our Saturday morning coffee/devotions will be on Saturday, April 20 at 10 am. We will be meeting The Noble Tree in Enon. Hope to see you there.

Butler Springs is asking for the Grove to donate **75** boxes of cereal for summer camp (No rice crispies or cheerios). Please bring the boxes to the church after Easter week. Thank you.

The Grape Grove Church family would like to honor Marta Lott for her many years of service as Church Secretary **on Sunday April 28** following Morning Worship, we invite all of you to help us celebrate Marta and her retirement and we will be hosting with cookies, and punch.