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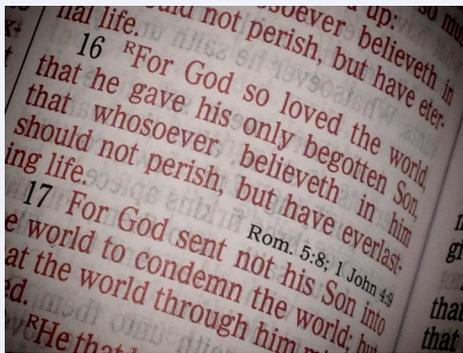
April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday

“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” John 4:13



Rise Up

Jayla - Hanover Park, IL - February 23, 2010



John 3:16 states that “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

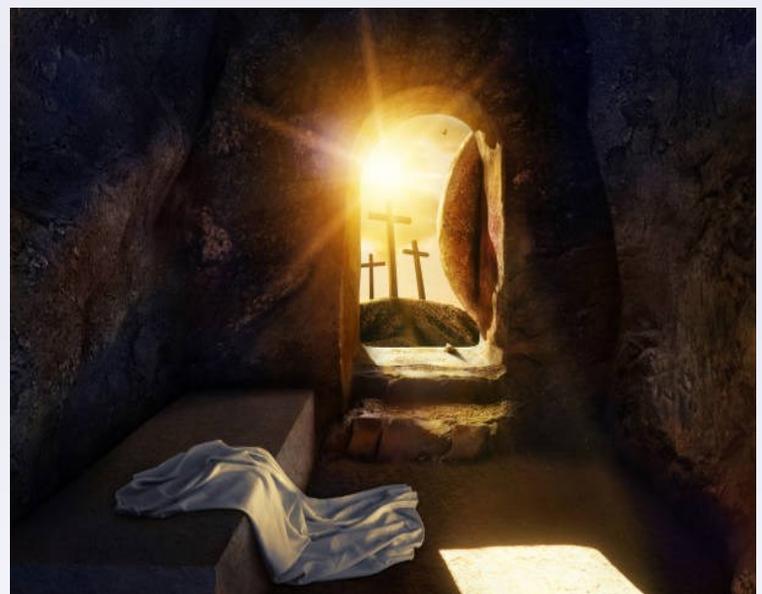
During church the Easter following my uncle’s death, the preacher quoted John 3:16, but this time the following statement was not the usual, “but that’s not all, on the third day He rose up!” He said, “look at that phrase again. **WHOEVER** believes in Him, **WHOEVER** you are, if you believe in Him, you shall **NOT** perish but have everlasting life. Is not that a nice word church, **WHOEVER**. , because it does not matter if you are the CEO of a company or the janitor who cleans up after the meeting. He promised, that if you believe in him, not only are all things possible, but you will have everlasting life.”

When I was younger, I heard this bible verse many times, but never understood its full meaning. Every Easter Sunday I cried and cried because I never thought that I was worthy of God’s love and Jesus’ sacrifice. To me, there was nobody worthy except for a few of my family members.

This helped me realize that my uncle was enjoying his everlasting life. I let my grief become doubt therefore, shrouding my belief. If I did not truly believe, I would never get the chance to receive my everlasting life and see my uncle again one day. I know now that he died so we could all live the way we do today. His death was tragic but it saved the entire world. Not only that, but on the third day **HE ROSE UP!**

This became a ritual for Easter for about five years. I cried and my mother tired to explain to me that it was okay because though he died he came back, thus fulfilling his promise. None of that mattered to me. To me, the point was he died, end of story.

Years went by and as I grew older, I started to grasp the entire concept. Just when I thought I made a breakthrough, my uncle died. That affected me in ways I did entirely understand when he died. Besides the normal grieving and sorrow, after his death, the preacher’s words seemed empty. Bible verses appeared pompous and unnecessary. Worst of all, I regressed in my spiritual progress and felt that if Jesus didn’t die so a worthy man like my uncle, could live a longer life, He died for no reason.





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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

- For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper & Eleanor Hathaway**
- For **Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, Hayley Morris & Jean Miller**
- For **Barb & Dave Hammell, Joe Celkupa, and Polly's son-in-law, Donald**
- For **Jim Shanley's Father-In-Law Carl and Ginny's cousin Isabell**
- For **Jack Harkins** during his resumed chemotherapy
- For **Maritza Chambers and Aiden Witte**
- For **Blondell Shaw**
- For **Carol Shore's Sister-In-Law, Faye Eckert** who is recovering from heart surgery, as well as, **Faye's daughters Terry & Laurie and their spouses** for multiple health issues.
- For the **People of Ukraine**

God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For **Krista** coping with addiction
- For the family of **Barney Barnes** who passed away this past week

For God's guidance & understanding:

- For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For the joy & fellowship abounding in our church
- For **Marleigh**. While she is continuing her full course of treatment, her doctors have said the magic word, "Remission!"

As we hear God's word, may those in need see it in action as we live it out in service



Palm Sunday

Last Week

4/10/2022





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Jean Wainwright - **April 17**

Joe Celkupa - **April 19**

Jane Cheslo - **April 19**



are displaying some hand crafted Easter and Spring crafts, including beautiful spring wreaths , in the CE Building. Stop by and take a look, and check them out.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Luncheon

Tuesday, April 19th — 12:30 pm

Villa Rosa





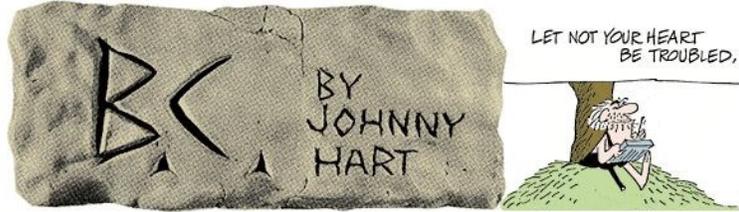
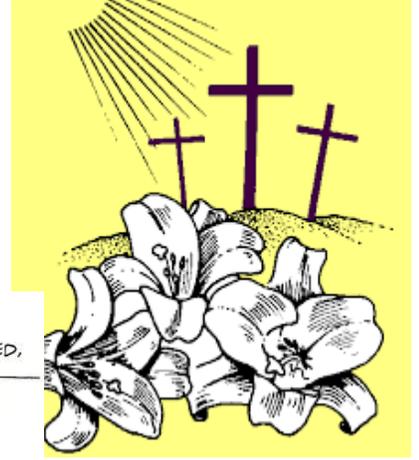
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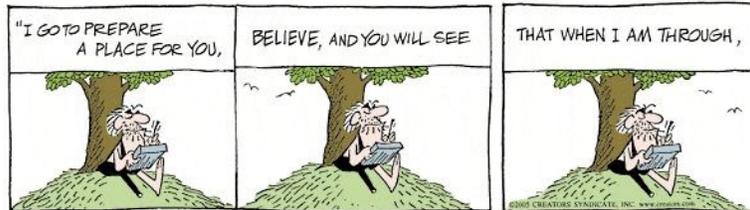
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LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED.

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