

Vision with a Mission

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. ~ Matthew 28:19

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Easter Activities

The Easter period was a busy one for our church. We added some activities to the schedule this year and everything was really good!

The **Movie Night**, where we showed the movie, 'Risen' was great and we had a really good turn out! Not only was it a fantastic movie in the lead up to Easter, but also we had some delicious New York hotdogs, courtesy of Kevin Martin (a New Yorker!), chips, soft drinks and popcorn, courtesy of Cowboy.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Saturday was so much fun! We had around 30 children and they were able to 'hunt' for eggs with candies in them, play games, have their faces painted and have some snacks. Not only that but Cowboy dressed up as the Easter Bunny and was a huge hit! We also had a representative from the Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Sun Coast who had information for those who either wanted their services or were interested in volunteering.

Our **Easter Sunrise Service**, 7am at Indian Mound Park was wonderful. It was thrilling to have an individual trust Christ as their Savior at the service. We also held an **Easter Service** in the church at 10:30 am which was the same format as the Sunrise Service but enabled those who either cannot manage the early morning or the outside service to still be able to celebrate Resurrection Sunday with us. Both services were very well-attended and a lovely day celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday evening Bible studies with Sam Evans have been taking place for a few weeks and they are going really well. Sam is going through the Book of Zechariah and presenting some very interesting and useful information for us. We meet from **6pm to 7pm in the church** and everyone is welcome to join in!

Photos from Easter



Pastor John's Retirement

Last Fall, Pastor John announced his retirement from Grace Community Church. That time is now approaching and he will be retiring at the end of June 2025.

He is currently preaching the final few sermons from his series, 'Passages of a Lifetime.' His last sermon will be on May 25th.

To help Pastor John and Patty to celebrate his retirement and their moving to the next stage of their lives, we are having a retirement party for them on **Saturday, June 7th at 4:00 pm**. The party will be held at Community Presbyterian Church, 405 S McCall Road, Englewood.

If you need further details, wish to contribute in any way, or if you plan to attend and so need to RSVP, please contact Bev Alston by phone or text on 941-809-1936.

Pastor John is preaching his last messages on, **'Passages of a Lifetime'** throughout the month of May.

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