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From the Pen of Brother Len:

What a Gift!

Have you ever forgiven a loved one who wronged you and said they were sorry? It's difficult, but to save the relationship, often we find it in our heart to forgive – especially if the other person is sincerely sorry. But how about the person who wrongs you and is not sorry? Would they be dead to you? Should that relationship be pursued? Should they be shown forgiveness? Actually, it happened to each of us ... about 2,000 years ago.

All of us, at one time or another, chooses wrong over right: to lie, steal, curse, or to be resentful, bitter, or jealous of another person. Because we are made in God's image and created to be in relationship with Him, when we violate His character, we separate ourselves from Him and sever the relationship. Still, as a loving Father, God wants to restore this relationship and is willing to forgive even when we're not sorry. **Romans 5:8** says: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

God did not wait for us to come to Him; for God knew that left to ourselves, it would never happen... "The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. They have all turned aside,.. There is none who seeks

for God." **Psalm 14:2-3; Romans 3:11** And so, before the beginning of time, God arranged a rescue mission to extend forgiveness to those who didn't know to ask.

Easter is the celebration of this amazing gift. 2,000 years ago, the Son of God willingly left the glory of Heaven and came to earth, wrapped in human flesh, to become the complete sacrifice for sin. Yet, when we look at the Cross, we often forget that Jesus suffered something far greater than physical death: He suffered spiritual separation from God the Father so we wouldn't have to. Jesus laid bare His greatest agony when He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (**Matthew 27:46**)

The eternal God-head was torn apart for us. The penalty for sin is not the Cross; that's the symbol. The penalty for sin is eternal separation from God, and only the eternal God could pay that price.

The greatest gift ever given is not God's forgiveness that is now available to us, but rather God's Son through whom forgiveness was made possible. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." **John 3:16**

The person who looks upon God's Son who, as He was being nailed to the Cross, said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." **Luke 23:34**

... and turns away, will not spend an eternity regretting his sin – that's done and paid for. Rather, he will be left to agonize over all the ways God tried to reach out to him, reveal Himself to him, and demonstrate His love in an endless pursuit to have a relationship with him — that God even decided he was worth dying for — but he turned away ... however:

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ..." **John 1:12**

On that first glorious Easter morning, the dark tomb was empty. God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, restoring Him to His rightful throne in Heaven, demonstrating God's complete satisfaction that the penalty for all sin, for all people, for all time, has been paid in full. Easter is resurrection day! The day Christians all over the world celebrate that their relationship to God the Father, once dead, has been restored to life — and not just life, eternal life!

God wants to restore a relationship with you and He is only a prayer away. And one day, when you enter your heavenly Home, you will run to your Father who will say to you, "Welcome home, my child!"

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." **John 15:13** What love! What a gift! What an amazing God!

Do you know this Savior in a personal way? If so, Are you helping share his message to anyone?

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We at Coalville are blessed to have a body of believers who pray. Let's begin this spring combining prayer with action. God not only gave us a beautiful earth to live on but also the seasons to bring water and sunshine to nourish the things on earth. He also nourishes us with His 'Son' His Word, and His 'Holy Spirit'. Let's apply and put into action all of His blessings. Some of His blessings are of the 'Fruits of the Spirit' which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self – control.

As we pray let's remember to intentionally ask that we stay aware of the opportunities to put into action 'all' of the blessings. May His Word continue to become alive and active in each of our lives.

Our Prayer Ministry invites you to our **National Day of Prayer** vigil on Thursday, May 6, 2021. The sanctuary will be open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM for come and go time. There will be a closing service from 5:30 to 6:00 PM. Please put this date on your calendar. See you there.☺



CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone! We are glad to have seen some familiar faces lately that we have not seen in a while due to Covid. To those we still have not seen, we miss you! We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

Springtime is on the way! With that being said, the spring festivities at our church are beginning.

Easter is Sunday, April 4th. There will be a breakfast at 8:30 am and a combined service at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

We will also be hosting our annual Spring Sidewalk Service on April 25th at 11:00am. Come and worship with us under the oak trees as we give thanks to God for all the many blessings we have. It will surely be a time of fun and fellowship. Food will be provided following the service. We hope to see you there!

Matthew 18:20, *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*

WORSHIP

Good Friday April 2nd:

7 AM, Prayer Breakfast with Father Martin Gillespie in the CLC

6:30 PM, Communion Service in the sanctuary: You are invited to bring a battery operated candle (prefer NOT the blueish tint) to place on the altar during the hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*. Then after you take communion, you'll go up and get your candle and take it outside to the cross in front of the church, to place at the base of the cross.

Saturday, April 3rd: You're invited to bring fresh flowers to attach to the cross that will be on the front porch.

Easter, April 4th:

8:30 AM, Breakfast in the CLC

10 AM, Combined Worship in the sanctuary.

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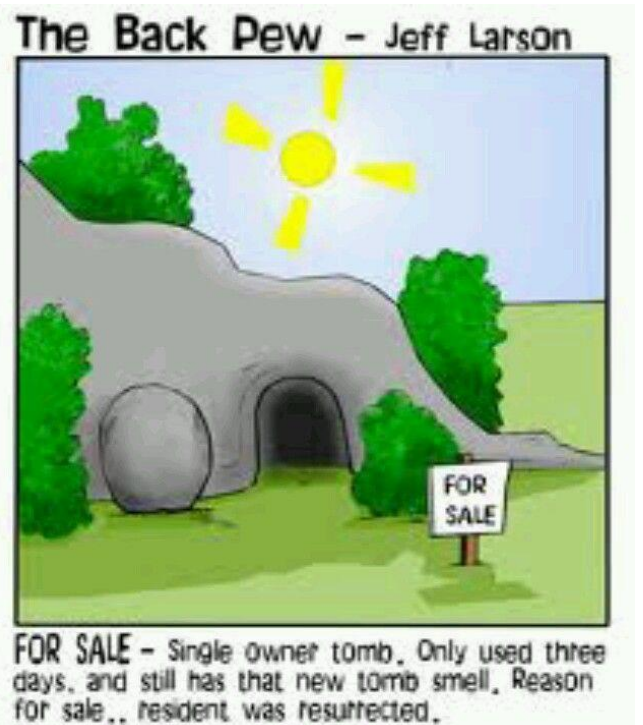
The youth group is thankfully picking up some after the crazy year we've had. They did a great job with the Easter Egg Hunt, and continue to serve our local Backpack ministry. We are excited to be back planning new things for the year.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our children are the future of our church. In the world today we must equip them with a strong foundation in the word of God and love for His church. The Lord has laid it on my heart to coordinate a children's ministry utilizing our awesome young adult group. Beginning April 11th we will meet each Sunday at 4:30-5:30. The children's ministry will include, Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and snacks. It is open to ages 4 years to 5th grade. (Children younger than 4 are welcome but we ask that a parent remain with them unless told otherwise.)

It is time for us to get back to the business of our Father and serve Him with joy and gladness. Please pray for all that are involved in this ministry.

Blessings,



Birthdays
Anniversaries
Monthly Events
Scheduled Meetings
Weekly Events
CLC – Christian Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall
S – Sanctuary
CW – Contemporary Worship
TW – Traditional Worship
AB – Administrative Board
CB – Cornerstone Band

CM – Children’s Ministry
DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers
FL – Fellowship Luncheon
Pm – Prayer Ministry
SL – Senior Luncheon
WOW – Women of Worth

April 2021						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Backpack 4 th – Chicken noodle soup 11 th – Oatmeal/grits 18 th – Ramen noodles 25 th – Ravioli	Blessings Chicken noodle soup Oatmeal/grits Ramen noodles Ravioli		1 Daniel Mitchell 10:30 AM, Pm, FH	2 7 AM, GF Prayer Breakfast, CLC 6:30 PM, GF service, S 7 PM, AA, CLC	3 All Day, AA, Bro. Len’s, SS
4 Easter Schedule 8:30 AM Breakfast, CLC 10 AM Worship, S	5 Bruce Garner Jan Garner 6 PM, CB, S	6 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	7	8 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, WOW, FH	9 Scarlett Ortiz 7 PM, AA, FH	10 Garry Mason Jared Quave
11 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 4:30 – 5:30 PM, CM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	12 Janice Laut Colston Dearman 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	13 Max Cobar 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	14 Edie Rushing	15 Robin Bond 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, WOW, FH	16 Bob Ellis Matthew Bozeman 7 PM, AA, FH	17 Butch Fayard
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25 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, Sidewalk Service, CLC Wayne Claude Cammie Sykes 4:30 – 5:30 PM, CM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	26 Barbara Shuttleworth 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	27 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	28 Danielle Smith	29 Don Jones Dustin Ray Richard Winsor 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, WOW, FH	30 Donald Gum [Mother’s 7 PM, AA, FH	1 Day Tea, CLC]