

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 6 - Shirley Councillor
- 17 - Pat Nicholson
- 18 - Gary Nicholson
- 19 - Ellen Buckland
- 20 - Helen Marshall
- 20 - Jim Sinner
- 21 - Cole Wernette

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 20 - Travis & Crystal Kuykendall
- 21 - Tammy & Terry Cook

MINISTER

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ELDER

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April 2026



ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE LOVE AND
JOY OF JESUS

Hebrews 10:23 NKJV

**“Let us hold fast the confession
of *our* hope without wavering,
for He who promised *is* faithful. “**

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

This is the article for our April newsletter and usually I would be writing about Easter, but Easter happens so early in April this year that by the time this is printed Easter will be over. So, what happened after Easter? The simple answer is that Jesus made His resurrection known to those who would tell others about it.

In Luke 24:44-49, Jesus tells His disciples three specific goals He had for them post-resurrection

1. He wanted them to understand that everything that had happened to Jesus was to fulfill Scripture. In other words, all that happened to Jesus including His birth, His teaching and miracles, Him being attacked by the religious leaders, His arrest, abuse, death, and resurrection was all according to God's plan! So many people think that God's will means comfort and ease, but that wasn't true for Jesus and the sooner we learn that God's will doesn't only include comfort and ease, the better prepared we will be for what God sends and allows our way.
2. Jesus told them that everything happened so that people could be forgiven of their sins. Jesus had to be the perfect, sinless sacrifice – but that doesn't mean much if He hadn't been tempted. He had to go through temptation, He had to struggle, He had to face off against the Prince of Darkness and not flinch or cave or give in to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. And Jesus tells the disciples that this message for forgiveness will be preached to all nations.
3. Jesus tells them that they are to be His messengers. He says to them in Luke 24:48, "You are witnesses of these things." What is interesting is that this word "witness" could also be translated as *martyr* – Jesus is telling them that they must be willing to die to go and communicate this critical message.

Easter is over, but Jesus' message is the same to us – all that happened to Jesus was necessary and according to God's will, it is the only way of salvation, and we'd better be ready and willing to share this good news with those who need it!

Sincerely,

Jon



OUR NATION and LEADERS

Shawn - needs dialysis and oxygen (Ellen Annis' Son)

Larry Buckland - recovery & strength & comfort

Micheal Cain - cancer/treatment

Lisa Cortez - recovery from surgery (Marti Bontrager)

Jessie & Kevin Gardner- pain relief

Tiffany Hernandez - family/school/career

Cindy Lang - stage 4 cancer

Walt Meilke - stage 4 cancer

Oakley - leukemia (Zeigler friends daughter)

Jacob Osborne - He has work! Needs Christian influences

Allan & Alice Poole - health concerns

Happy Reed - internal bleeding/head & eye pain

Matt White - stage 4 cancer (Faith Stiver's grandson)

Stevie Wiser and family - loss of wife (Karol Perkin's son)

Vernon Yoder - toes amputated/needs physical therapy (M.B.)

Jim Youst - cancer not growing (Jim Sinner)

Stay Connected.....

MEN & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Sunday at 4:00 PM. Study on Minor Prophets. If you have any questions please call the office number 813 - 782 - 8893.

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP - Meet at Chick-Fil-A on Monday Nights - call church office if interested. (813) 782-8893.

GUY'S GROUP - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM, meet here, Contact Jon Stradtner 616-560-8901 if interested.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. Meeting at Pam Smith's (37040 Lakota Court). If you have any questions please call Linda Vollstedt (309-532-2613) or Pam Smith (740- 243-7560).

ZCC KIDZ (Preschool - High School) - Meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Contact Cherie' Osborne if you need a ride 813 - 924 - 0372.

MEN'S DISCIPLE GROUP - Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM, contact Cole Wernette 813-345 -7526 if interested.

LADIES DISIPLE GROUP - Thursday evenings here at 7:00 PM, contact Jaimi Wernette 832-803-8012 if interested.

CONNECT CARDS - Please remember to sign the connect card on Sunday, it helps the church.

ELDERS' MEETING - Saturday, April 4th, at 10 AM. All church members are invited to attend.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT - Saturday, April 4th, at 5:30 PM - 7 PM. All ages & and activities. Come have some fun with your church!

EASTER CELEBRATION - Sunday, April 5th, 8:30 AM & 10 AM services, with refreshments from 9:30 AM - 10 AM. Easter egg hunt for children Pre-k - 5th grade during 10 AM service.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - Saturday, April 18th and 25th, 9 AM -10:30 AM. Please call the office to reserve a seat. Thank you.

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MISSION NEWS

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP -

Women's Retreat -April 10-11, 11-12, 2026

Cost per retreat: \$97

(\$50 deposit will secure your spot for one retreat.)

863.696.1102

Summer Camp 2026 Registration is open May 1st.

S.A.C.M. - South African Christian Mission (SACM) is an organization that focuses on teaching, training and equipping Christians with sound Biblical knowledge through the Cape Bible Seminary and the Bibles for Africa Project. Since SACM's establishment in the 1960's, it has expanded into an umbrella mission allowing it to meet the broader needs of the community. SACM works alongside many other ministries, but specifically collaborates extensively with Gospel 101, Hearts of Hope Christian Ministries and Teach Love Care Network. The leaders of these organizations have all been called to serve the Lord in different aspects of ministry work, but they all share that same underlying mission that Christ himself had: to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).

FAMILY MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA - Dear Friends at Zephyr Christian Church, Thank you for your special gift of \$200.00, on 2/23/2026. Thank you so much for your generous support and continued belief in our mission. trade-related fields. We are thrilled to announce that the **new roofs are on!** This is such a blessing and a major improvement for our homes. We are grateful for everyone who prayed, gave, and supported this project. Your faithfulness helps ensure that our buildings remain safe, welcoming, and ready to serve our youth for years to come.

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM / NO Kidzone!	2	3	4 Elder's Meeting 10 AM <hr/> Family Game Night 5PM - 7 PM
5 EASTER/ RESURRECTION CELEBRATION 8:30 AM & 10 AM <i>Refreshments</i> 9:30 AM - 10 AM	6	7	8 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM / Kidzone 5:30 - 7 PM	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast Legacy Christian Church 9 AM
12	13	14	15 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM / Kidzone 5:30 - 7 PM	16	17	18 NEW MEMBER CLASS 9 AM - 10:30 AM / IRENE MILLS BOOK SIGNING 2 - 4 PM
19	20	21	22 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM / Kidzone 5:30 - 7 PM	23	24	25 NEW MEMBER CLASS 9 AM - 10:30 AM
26	27	28	29 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM / Kidzone 5:30 - 7 PM	30		