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MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST- ONE HEART AT A TIME- ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



Pastor and First Lady Hackett

JESUS CHRIST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE - ARE YOU WOKE?

If you frequent social media, you may well have seen posts or tweets about current events that are tagged #staywoke. *Woke* is a slang term that is easing into the mainstream from some varieties of a dialect called African American Vernacular English (sometimes called AAVE). *Stay woke* became a watch word in parts of the black community for those who were self-aware, questioning the dominant paradigm and striving for something better. Like many other terms from black culture that have been taken into the mainstream, *woke* is gaining broader uses. It's now seeing use as an adjective to refer to places where woke people commune: *woke Twitter* has very recently taken off as the shorthand for describing social-media activists.

When it comes to being “woke,” Christians should keep three things in mind:

First, Christians must acknowledge that racism in America has resulted in shame, injustice, and, at some points in history, terrible violence. Moreover, no clear-thinking person thinks that all remnants of racism were erased by the American civil rights movement of the mid-twentieth century. For as far as we've come since the Civil War, there is still work to be done.

Second, Christians should understand that, while laws and legislation guard the principle of equal rights for all Americans legally, no law can change the heart. Someone who is filled with prejudice and racial hatred will not suddenly be filled with love simply because a new law is passed. Unlike some who pursue change only at the legislative level, Christians know the evil of the human heart (**Jeremiah 17:9**). Real *justice* is possible only when individuals have been *justified* in Christ. Only when we are saved can we live out the mandate “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” in the way taught by Christ (**Mark 12:31**). Jesus addressed racial divides, among other things, in the parable of the good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25–37**).

Third, a Christian must realize that real racial reconciliation in the Church occurs when we prioritize our identity in Christ over our belonging to a racial category or ethnicity. Members of the body of Christ should feel more at home in their Christian family than even in their own ethnicity: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (**Galatians 3:28**).

As Christians, we should be “woke” to the love of God for our family in Christ: “Anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them” (**1 John 2:11**). We should be “woke” to the light of the gospel (**2 Corinthians 4:4**). We should be “woke” to the fact of temptation in the world (**Matthew 26:41**). We are reconciled with God and united to Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:18**), allowing us to be truly reconciled with one another. Real change and real answers to the problems of racism, injustice, other societal evils are found in God's Word and in the peace He gives.

Pastor Keith S. Hackett

QUESTION: WHY IS RESURRECTION IMPORTANT?

Answer: The resurrection of Jesus is important for several reasons. First, the resurrection witnesses to the immense power of God Himself. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in God. If God exists, and if He created the universe and has power over it, then He has power to raise the dead. If He does not have such power, He is not worthy of our faith and worship. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death, only He can reverse the hideousness that is death itself, and only He can remove the sting and gain the victory over the grave (**1 Corinthians 15:54–55**). In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sov-

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Birthdays

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p><i>Rejoice! He Lives!</i></p>			1	2	3
4 Resurrection Sunday	5	6	7	8 Corrine Armstrong	9 Deja Mathis Diana Richardson	10 Desiree Bishop Sallie Haskins
11	12	13 Lenette Dennison Katie Harris	14 Phillip Moore	15 Harold Gilmer Willie Glover	16	17 Lesia Martin
18	19	20	21 <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	22	23 Shatelle Beason Jonathan Higgins	24 Renita Ennels
25 Betty Garrison	26	27 Hattie Hunt Kenia Lee	28 Deanna Berkley	29 Linda Cox	30 Zel Fleming	



Congratulations, Nathan Garrison!!!

Congratulations to our youngest son, Nathan, for receiving the Defensive Impact Player of the Year trophy as well as the Defensive Captain Plaque at South Oldham High School...He has committed to play football in the fall at Lindsey Wilson College 🍌

We are extremely proud of him 🙏!!!

Submitted by Dea. Rich Garrison



April Dates

- Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021
- Good Friday, April 2, 2021
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 21, 2021



RESURRECTION

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Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

ereignty over life and death.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is also important because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely, the [Son of God](#) and [Messiah](#). According to Jesus, His resurrection was the “sign from heaven” that authenticated His ministry ([Matthew 16:1–4](#)). The resurrection of Jesus Christ, attested to by hundreds of eyewitnesses ([1 Corinthians 15:3–8](#)), provides irrefutable proof that He is the Savior of the world.

Another reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His sinless character and divine nature. The Scriptures said God’s “Holy One” would never see corruption ([Psalm 16:10](#)), and Jesus never saw corruption, even after He died (see [Acts 13:32–37](#)). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, “Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin” ([Acts 13:38–39](#)).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the supreme validation of His deity; it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection (see [Acts 17:2–3](#)). Christ’s resurrection also authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day ([Mark 8:31](#); [9:31](#); [10:34](#)). If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ’s resurrection, we have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be “useless,” the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven ([1 Corinthians 15:14–19](#)).

Jesus said, “[I am the resurrection and the life](#)” ([John 11:25](#)), and in that statement claimed to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life. Jesus does more than *give* life; He *is* life, and that’s why death has no power over Him. Jesus confers His life on those who trust in Him, so that we can share His triumph over death ([1 John 5:11–12](#)). We who believe in Jesus Christ will personally experience resurrection because, having the life Jesus gives, we have overcome death. It is impossible for death to win ([1 Corinthians 15:53–57](#)).

Jesus is “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” ([1 Corinthians 15:20](#)). In other words, Jesus led the way in life after death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is important as a testimony to the resurrection of human beings, which is a basic tenet of the Christian faith. Unlike other religions, Christianity possesses a Founder who transcends death and promises that His followers will do the same. Every other religion was founded by men or prophets whose end was the grave. As Christians, we know that God became man, died for our sins, and was resurrected the third day. The grave could not hold Him. He lives, and He sits today at the right hand of the Father in heaven ([Hebrews 10:12](#)).

Words of Restoration — April Lessons

Lessons of Unit 2 focus on restoration and hope. These begin with the Easter Sunday lesson that focuses on the connection between Isaiah’s fourth Servant Song and the account of Jesus’ resurrection in Luke 24.

The sacrifice of Christ on the cross makes possible forgiveness of sins and removes our estrangement from the Father. That estrangement is powerfully illustrated by the prophet Jeremiah in Lamentations 5 (lesson 8). Backsliders, then as now, often must take difficult and decisive action to remove obstacles to a restored relationship with God. But that must be done in order to experience God’s blessings. The texts studied in lessons 6 and 7 narrate such decisive action on the part of the post-exilic figures Ezra and Nehemiah.

Unit 2: Prophets of Restoration

- April 4-Lesson 5** - The Suffering Servant - Isaiah 53:4–11a
- April 11-Lesson 6** - The Faith-in-Action Preacher - Ezra 10:1–12
- April 18-Lesson 7** - The Restoring Builder - Nehemiah 2:11–20
- April 25-Lesson 8** - The Nation’s Plea - Lamentations 5

The Word of God guarantees the believer’s resurrection at the coming of Jesus Christ for His church at the rapture. Such assurance results in a great song of triumph as Paul writes in [1 Corinthians 15:55](#), “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (cf. [Hosea 13:14](#)).

The importance of the resurrection of Christ has an impact on our service to the Lord now. Paul ends his discourse on resurrection with these words: “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#)). Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ’s sake (verses 30–32), just as our Lord did. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thousands of [Christian martyrs](#) through history have willingly traded their earthly lives for everlasting life and the promise of resurrection.

The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures ([1 Corinthians 15:3–4](#)). And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies ([1 Thessalonians 4:13–18](#)). Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important? It proves who Jesus is. It demonstrates that God accepted Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf. It shows that God has the power to raise us from the dead. It guarantees that the bodies of those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life. **Article from GotQuestions.org**

HEALTH NOTES FOR APRIL 2021

From the Nurses Ministry

FALLS PREVENTION: SIX TIPS TO PREVENT FALLS

As you get older, physical changes and health conditions — and sometimes the medications used to treat those conditions — make falls more likely. In fact, falls are a leading cause of injury among older adults. Still, fear of falling doesn't need to rule your life. Instead, consider six simple fall-prevention strategies.

1. Make an appointment with your doctor or nurse practitioner. Begin your fall-prevention plan by being prepared to answer questions such as:

What medications are you taking? Your doctor can review your prescription and over-the-counter medications for side effects and interactions that may increase your risk of falling. Some medications may make you tired or affect your thinking, such as sedatives and some types of antidepressants.

Have you fallen before? Write down the details, including when, where and how you fell. Be prepared to discuss instances when you almost fell but were caught by someone or managed to grab hold of something just in time.

Could your health conditions cause a fall? Certain eye and ear disorders may increase your risk of falls. When you walk — for example, do you feel any dizziness, joint pain, shortness of breath, or numbness in your feet and legs when you walk? Your doctor may evaluate your muscle strength, balance, and walking style (gait).

2. Keep moving. Physical activity can go a long way toward fall prevention.

- ◆ **With your doctor's OK, consider activities** such as walking, water workouts or gentle exercises that involve slow and graceful movements. Such activities improve strength, balance, coordination, and flexibility.
- ◆ **If you avoid physical activity because you're afraid, it will make a fall more likely.** Tell your doctor or nurse practitioner. He or she may recommend carefully monitored exercise programs or refer you to a physical therapist to create a custom program for you.

3. Wear sensible shoes. Consider changing your footwear as part of your fall-prevention plan. High heels, floppy slippers and shoes with slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall. So can walking in your stocking feet. Instead, wear properly fitting, sturdy shoes with nonskid soles. Sensible shoes may also reduce joint pain.

4. Remove home hazards. Take a look around your home. Your living room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, hallways and stairways may be filled with hazards. Some examples:

- * Remove boxes, newspapers, electrical cords, and phone cords from walkways.
- * Repair loose, wooden floorboards and carpeting right away.
- * Store clothing, dishes, food, and other necessities within easy reach.

5. Light up your living space. Keep your home brightly lit to avoid tripping on objects that are hard to see. You may also:

- * Place night lights in your bedroom, bathroom and hallways.
- * Consider trading traditional switches for glow-in-the-dark or illuminated switches.
- * Turn on the lights before going up or down stairs.
- * Store flashlights in easy-to-find places in case of power outages.

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6. Use assistive devices

Your doctor might recommend using a cane or walker to keep you steady. Other assistive devices can help, too. For example:

- Handrails for both sides of stairways
- Nonslip treads for bare-wood steps
- A raised toilet seat or one with armrests
- Grab bars for the shower or tub
- A sturdy plastic seat for the shower or tub — plus a hand-held shower nozzle for bathing while sitting down.

If necessary, ask your doctor for a referral to an occupational therapist. He or she can help you brainstorm other fall-prevention strategies. Some solutions are easily installed and relatively inexpensive. Others may require professional help. If you're concerned about the cost, remember that an investment in fall prevention is an investment in your independence.

Breaking News: In Kentucky, Persons ages 40 and older can now register for the COVID-19 vaccine. Since the vaccine supply is increasing, the age range is changing rapidly. Keep Informed!!! In Indiana, It is now available for persons ages 16 and older.

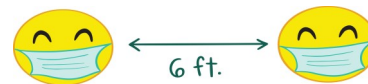
You can help protect yourself and the people around you by getting the vaccine when it is available. Studies show that [COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective](#) in preventing severe illness from COVID-19. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. Depending on the kind of COVID-19 vaccine you get, you might need a second shot 3 or 4 weeks after your first shot.

After getting the vaccine, some people have side effects. Common side effects include: Pain where the shot is given – fever – chills – tiredness – or a headache for 1-2 days. These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19.

Even after getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you should still:

- wear a well-fitting mask that covers your nose and mouth when around others

- stay at least 6 feet away from others
- avoid crowds
- avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- wash your hands often



We still have more to learn about [how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions](#), so it is important to continue to follow [all safety recommendations](#) to help stop the pandemic.

The [vaccine is free of charge](#) to people living in the United States. However, your vaccination provider may bill your insurance for administering the vaccine. No one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay this cost.

Scam Alert: *If anyone asks you to pay for access to vaccine, you can bet it's a scam. Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for an extra fee.*

For more information:

The COVID-19 Hotline (800) 722-5725 can answer general COVID-19 vaccine questions.

www.kycovid19.ky.gov provides detailed information about coronavirus, vaccines, etc.

Sources: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/fall-prevention/art-20047358>; www.kycovid19.ky.gov; www.cdc.gov

Online Giving to Begin April 11th

A New Way to Contribute Virtually to Greater Salem Baptist Church (GSBC)

Greater Salem Baptist Church (GSBC)
Keith S. Hackett, Pastor
A New Way to Contribute Your Offering
“Online Giving is Here”
April 1, 2021

Dear GSBC Members and Friends,

The way we have come together to worship during the past year is different since we shifted to virtual ministries. Despite social distancing, we are very blessed to have our church family continuing to thrive, and we thank the Lord for allowing us to continue serving, i.e., “Make Disciples for Jesus Christ, one heart at a time, one family at a time.” *Matthew 28:18-20.*

We have exciting news about a new way you can contribute your offering. We have partnered with Vanco Services, an electronic giving resource which will assist members and friends who prefer contributing to GSBC electronically.

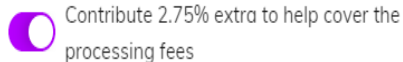
Effective April 11, 2021, the Vanco Online and Vanco Mobile app will be available to make your donation to Tithes/offering, Missions, Building Fund, Sunday School, Scholarship Fund, and the Capital Campaign. The following is a description of the options and in addition we will also provide presentations to help you learn the new options for electronic giving.



There are four (4) ways to give your offering:

- 1. Vanco Online Giving** is available on the GSBC website greatersalembaptist.org under the Home/Give heading. Click the link provided and it is a simple step-by-step process. Sign up to create an account to track your giving.
- 2. Vanco Mobile App Giving** is a free app you can download from the Apple App Store or Google Play which allows you to contribute via your mobile phone.
 - A. After you download the app (Vanco Mobile), simply open the app and search for our church by entering **Greater Salem Baptist Church**.
 - B. Complete the registration steps which will allow you to receive a receipt for your contribution.
 - C. After you complete the registration, use the following password to enter the GSBC payment portal – **7MU4J5**

Online/mobile contributions will be credited to your annual contribution statement during the month in which they are received. **Also, there are processing fees associated with the online/mobile contributions. Please help GSBC cover the processing fees by clicking on the following in the Basket.**



The percentage (%) listed above is for MasterCard/Visa/Discover processing fees. Checks are 1%. We discourage using American Express due to higher processing fees.

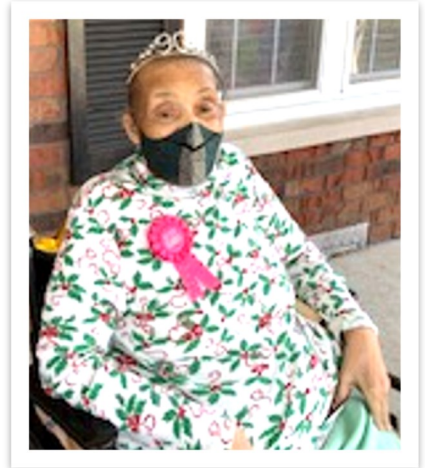
- 3. Mail offering to:** Greater Salem Baptist Church
 1009 W. Chestnut Street
 Louisville, KY 40203
- 4. Drop off offering at :** Greater Salem Baptist Church, 1009 W. Chestnut Street, any day or during regular worship

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Larry Austin at aaqrsalem@bellsouth.net or Sis. Monica Little at m1little@bellsouth.net. You may also call the church with any questions you may have: (502) 587-8869. Thank you for your ongoing support of GSBC through your prayers and financial support.

Blessings,
 Pastor Keith S. Hackett
 and the GSBC Finance Ministry

News from the Youth and Family Ministry / Celebrations

DRIVE-BY HAPPY BIRTHDAY For Sis. Ella Leslie took place on Saturday, March 27th. Thank You GSBC for supporting one of "The Pillars" of our church. Praise God for 90 Years of A Beautiful Blessed Life



HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY, CHRISTIAN

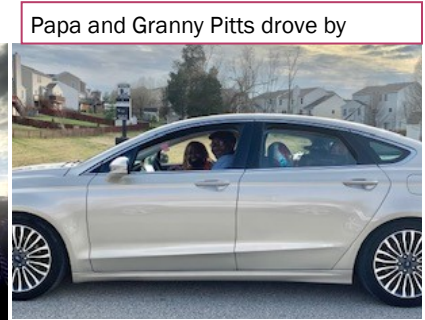
Christian's Drive By Birthday Celebration took place on Saturday March 13th.



Christian greeted drive-by Guests



GSBC was there



Papa and Granny Pitts drove by



ARIA SMITH-TURNER'S CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

This competition was held in Louisville, KY on March 27th. Aria's team came in 4th out of 16 teams. What a blessing it was hanging out with family on a beautiful Saturday morning.



WEDDING BLESSINGS - Glenn Smith and Shelby Woodard were married at the home of Donna Faye Smith on Wednesday, March 24th 2021. Praising God and asking for prayers and blessings for the new couple. March 24th is also the wedding date of Glenn's grandparents, Dea. Glenn and Sis. Everlean Smith. He is Donna Faye's son. Pastor Hackett officiated.





A PROMISE

By Denise L. B. Zellars

Many years ago my uncle pastored a church and as part of the worship service he incorporated the Baptist Church Covenant. The congregation in unison would stand and read and/or recite this covenant aloud each week. By the time I entered

my teen years, I no longer needed to read this covenant from the projector as I memorized it. Years later—my early adult years, my church attendance became rare.

My sister who was very active in the church would call me on a regular basis to remind me of the old Church Covenant. She would in particular regurgitate the last part of the covenant: “We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.”

To be honest, she began to irritate me. The Holy Spirit does not slumber nor sleep and I received the message as it weighed heavily on my heart (**Psalm 121:1-4**). While my sister could not see my eyes rolling upward, I was sure to allow her to periodically hear my deep breathing and sighing in efforts to divert our conversation. After all, I thought she called me to talk as a sister, but instead, she called to preach to me. As disciples/believers in Christ Jesus, each one of us is called by Him to preach His gospel

(**Mark 16:15**) *Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.* And **See Acts 1:8 & Matthew 28:19-20**. This call for all disciples in general is *not* the same call for those disciples with Spiritual gifts to serve as preachers and teachers (**See James 3:1 & Ephesians 4:1**). The good news/gospel is clear enough for even a small child to understand and receive. There are some individuals who reject the truth, and there are those that simply need encouragement, a reminder to put away foolish things and to focus on our Creator and Sustainer. My sister was holding me accountable to the promise we both had made so long ago.

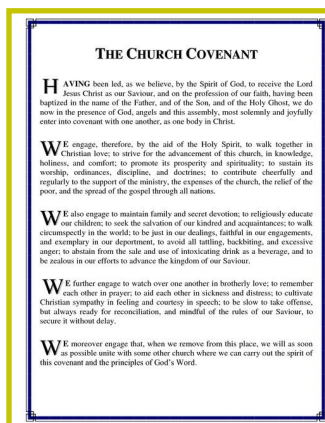
Fast forward to year 2021, I have found myself reminding folks quite often of the importance of going to Church and I hear from some, “church is in the heart, and I can worship God at home.” The only difference now is the pandemic

has been added to this premise. My question is: What if God had said a year ago, “Don’t call on me until after the pandemic?” If we can worship Christ Jesus at home as with the universal church, why can't we worship Him with other worshipers/ body of believers at the local church if we are physically able to get around and about? We have to hold one another accountable! (**See 1Corinthians 12:26-27 & 1Thessalonians 5:11**) (**Proverbs 27:17 & Jude 1:22-25**)

Lastly, we cannot assume that everyone has a relationship with Christ Jesus. And some may never hear His Word from week to week until entering the Church House. There is power in God's Word — Don't underestimate the power of going to church. Christ Jesus, our Lord is our perfect example in every given situation. If He tells us to do good to those *especially* in the household of faith; how much more “good” should we expect His power to move, *especially* when we are present in the household of faith? Our commitment is first to Him and He tells us that our neighbors are equally important (**See Mark 12:29-31 NLT**). It’s verse 31 that folks tend to negate, but it’s all or nothing! Jesus

replied, **“²⁹The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only Lord. ³⁰And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. ³¹The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”** One way to love our neighbors is to support our neighbors (wear a mask, wash our hands, stay six-feet apart on the *church pew*, wink an eye, and wave hello). I do not see where these two commandments are conditional to any pandemic. Many individuals may never have read the Baptist Church

Covenant, but we should know that when we make Covenant with Christ Jesus and we are saved, we are committing to the body of Christ (the body of baptized believers) too. This is the gist of the church covenant, its principles are based on God’s Word. We should remember its importance and receive a loving reminder from our brother/sister in repeated absence, even if that reminder irritates us. While weekly church attendance is not a requirement for the believer, it is essentially an expectation in the commitment we make to support our church family, spiritually, financially and with our physical presence. Therefore, we should continue to invite, and encourage others to worship/go to church—the Holy Spirit will do the rest. After all, He never ceases to be in control, and I am indeed, “glad”....



Blessings,
-Denise

Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!

- ⇒ Sunday Worship services are now streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.
- ⇒ The weekly Bible study led by Pastor Hackett continues on Facebook Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page.
- ⇒ Bro. LeRoy Winston & Sis. Rosa Battle will be leading the weekly Wednesday Prayer Service at 12 noon via conference call. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#
- ⇒ You can join in with Min. Kern Richardson, Sister Sara Toney and all classes for the weekly Sunday School lesson via conference call at 9:30 AM on Sundays. Just call 978-990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code 721799#
- ⇒ Sis. Tanisha Hackett is facilitating the Women's Ministry's Bible Study. They will hold classes via Conference Call. They will meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 10:15 AM. For Audio only please call 978-990-5000, access code 703263# to be a part of the class. If you'd prefer audio and video go online at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett>. All women, ages 18 and over, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Tanisha Hackett at tanisha.hackett@gmail.com
- ⇒ Pastor Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study by Conference call on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. The dial-in number is (978) 990-5432—The access code is 3331448# (In-Person classes will also begin soon)
- ⇒ Rev. Hall and Sister Mary Stoddard will be leading the weekly Friday Bible Study via conference call at 11:30 am. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#
- ⇒ Tithes and offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings.
- ⇒ If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)
- ⇒ You can get a paper copy of the GoodNewsLetter via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leave your name and address.
- ⇒ Check with Youth Leaders Mona Fleming, Lynn Fleming are leading the 6-8 youth classes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5993844666?pwd=QW9JTGprdzY10G12aXd0V202UW50dz09> Password: 8420.
- ⇒ For Teens Bible study: Contact Renita Ennels regarding Zoom Meetings at TOPIC: Renita Ennels' Zoom Meeting, Time: 07:00 PM Wednesday-Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4569077761?pwd=WjgveENIMmhNU25nempWRHQzWEZIUT09>, Meeting ID: 456 907 7761 Passcode: JY8LRQ

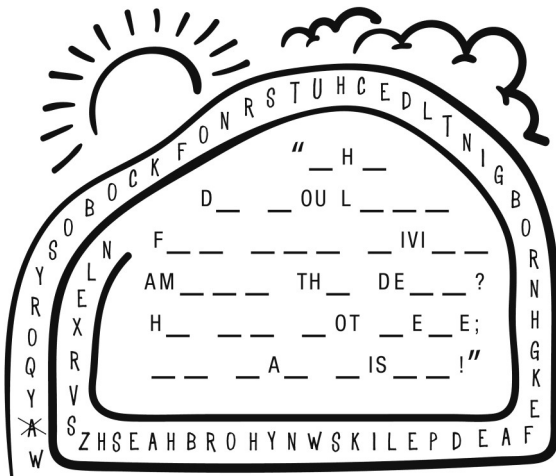


PUZZLE

EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?



- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas

(See Luke 24:18.) Answer

Christian Symbol



-LILY-

The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.



SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!



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Is Something Missing From Your Life?

What Is Missing?

Do you ever feel that there is something important missing from your life? A vital part of your existence that isn't there, and has never been there? An empty void and longing, deep within the depths of your soul crying out to be filled?

If you do not know the Lord Jesus Christ on a personal basis, that is the problem. God, the giver and sustainer of life, is missing from your life. The Bible says that without Jesus Christ as your personal savior, you are "dead in trespasses and Sins." (Ephesians 2:16)

How Did It Happen?

In the garden of Eden, before men's fall, Adam and Eve were alive, that is, they were "spiritually" alive. They walked in perfection and oneness with God. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 2:16-17)

On that day, when they disobeyed God and ate of the fruit, they died a "spiritual" death. Sin entered in, and they were separated from God. Since then, everyone of us has been born into sin. "wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12) As it is written, "there is none righteous, No, Not One:" (Roman 3:10) "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)

The results of sin are spiritual death, a physical death, and if you die without Jesus Christ, an eternal death. This is eternal separation from God in hell fire.

What's Being Done About It?

Jesus Christ, the God-man, was not a partaker of man's sinful bloodline. He was perfect, sinless, righteous, holy, born of a virgin, and God in the flesh.

He came to seek and save that which was lost. He offered Himself the perfect, sinless sacrifice unto God, to redeem man from the sin which separate him from God. He came to give life back unto men, "...I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) ²⁴ "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. ²⁵ Verily, verily I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." (John 5: 24-25)

Now It Is Up To You!!!

My Friend, do you hear His voice calling you through these scriptures??? He wants to breathe life into you. This receiving of new life from Jesus Christ is what he called being born again. We see this in the Bible when Jesus tells Nicodemus, "³...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." "⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3: 3,6)

My friend, repent, turn to God from your sin, and embrace the Lord Jesus Christ by faith and be born of God. God promised in Romans 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." When you turn to God, the missing link will be found, and the empty void will be filled. You will be one with God. He will be your father, and you will be His child. **You can rejoice with us in the great truth forever. Amen.**

"He That Hath The Son Hath Life; And He That Hath Not The Son Of God Hath Not Life." (1 John 5:12)

Submitted by Deacon Marshall Merrill

If you need to talk to someone about this, you can contact the Church office at 502-587-8869 and speak with Deacon Merrill or a member of the Evangelism Team!!!

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Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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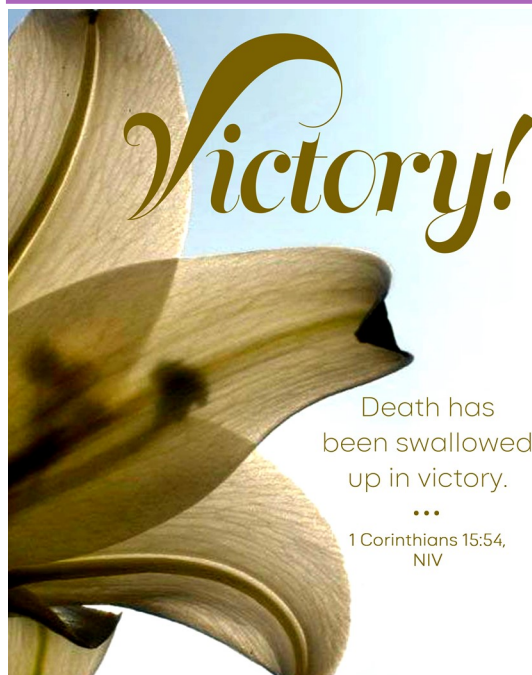
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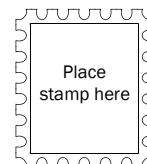
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