Church of Christ

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Sunday

Bible class 9:30 AM 10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday

Bible class 7:00 PM

Thursday

Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 PM

CONTRIBUTIONSWe are encouraged to continue our weekly contributions. They can be mailed to ECC P.O. Box **426**, Exeter, CA 93221

Sunday Morning Bible Study by Wayne Hardcastle Hope to see you there.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7ack Ludden Hope to see you there.

- 4 6 Richard Pfeifer
- 4 15 Benjamin Miller
- 4 17 Sergio Cercado
- 4 22 Ken Ludden
- 4 23 Jean Hogue
- 4 23 Kayleigh Viscarra
- 4 27 Steffanie Viscarra
- 4 28 Josh Ludden

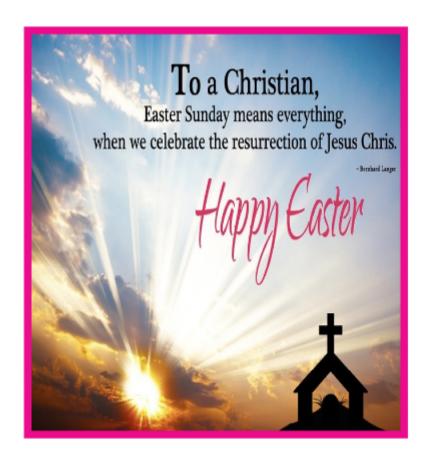






Exeter, California - Since 1910

To share the love of Christ, to grow in relationship with Christ and one another, and to serve God by serving others.



April 4, 2021 320 East Firebaugh / 592-2909

Order of Service

Announcements: Richard Pfeifer

Song Leader: The Luddens

Opening Intro Song:

1. In Christ Alone

2. I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Above All

Opening Prayer: Tony Howard

4. Lamb of God

5. How Deep the Father's Love

Communion/Offering: Dick Kirkpatrick

Sermon: Zack Ludden - Hope is Rising

Closing Song: Because He Lives

Closing Prayer: Ron Marks



Elders Meeting April 13@ 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday Prayer

Lord God,

You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.



Prayer Requests & Updates



Ida Mae Ayers, Surgery has been scheduled for May 27. MRI to remove a growth in her brain. The doctors feel confident that the seizures will cease with the removal of the growth. She recently experienced a severe seizure. Please keep Ida Mae and family in prayer.



Donations will be accepted for Ron's Memorial Service. Due to the current covid restrictions, we will be providing simple finger food platters of cookies and mini sandwiches that will be served to those in attendance as they go through the line. Water will also be provided. If you would like to contribute for expenses or for more information, please see Darlene Hardcastle.



Keep in Prayer

Reva Thompson is in Tulare Rehabilitation, recovering from a broken bone. **The Thomspons** with the loss of their brother-in-law **Jerry McGrath Emma Jean Templeton** - Our senior sister confined to her home

Glenna Jollly - At Twin Oaks Rehab in Tulare, not doing well Cynthia Brumm - Chronic medical conditions

Jean Hogue - At Delta Rehab, 514 N. Bridge, Visalia, 93291

Alice & Henry Ferguson - Daily struggles with memory loss

Doyle & Michelle Thomas - Family concerns

Clemencia Garcia - Dolores Cercado's sister, dealing with min-strokes Lois Edwards - Kidney and other medical issues.

Pat Nalls - as she works with Alice & Henry & losing her Brother to Cancer Josiah Miller - Our Marine as he serves his country



KEEP WATCH

"Because the Lord kept watch that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep watch to honor the Lord, for the generations to come." (Exodus 12:42)

"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me." (Matthew 26:38)

KEEP WATCH

Passover - a night of remembering, a night of "watching"; it began at sundown as do all days of the Hebrew calendar.

Passover - a meal shared with family and friends recalling the mighty acts of God many centuries before when He delivered Israel from the bondage of Egypt's Pharoah. After the meal the people stayed up together through the night in obedience to God's command to honor Him by "keeping watch" (Ex. 12:42)

After the Passover meal Jesus and His disciples went to Gethsemane to pray. Knowing His time was near He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me." (Matthew 26:38)

KEEP WATCH

The disciples fell asleep.

Alone and in deep agony our Lord sweat drops of blood. Returning to His friends He woke them and said, "Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

KEEP WATCH

Yet again they fell asleep.

When I connected the meaning of Jesus' question, "Could you not keep watch with Me?" to God's command that very first Passover to "...keep watch to honor the Lord, for the generations to come."... it brought me to tears.

Tears for our Lord who endured this crushing time without His beloved friends by His side.

Tears for the disciples who must have been so confused and afraid to wake up and see Judas betray Jesus with a kiss.

Tears for me because I know had I been there, I too would have failed Jesus.

Like His disciples that night in the Garden Jesus invites us to watch with Him, to spend time alone with Him, contemplating all He has done for us by His mighty act of deliverance on the Cross.

Like His disciples we often fail Him. Yet He still calls; He still beckons.

KEEP WATCH WITH ME

Jeannie DeGroot - Holy Week Holy Ground