

## An Easter Message from Reverend White

Today is Palm Sunday. On this day our Lord made a triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. He then entered the Sacred Temple and drove out those holding market there turning over their money exchange table. He then declared, "My Fathers house is to be a House of Prayer. You have turned it into a den of thieves." He would now teach daily in the Temple leading prayer, explaining biblical truths, healing, and teaching. In the evenings he would stay at the Mount of Olives.

On Thursday, often referred to as Maundy Thursday, Christ gathered with his disciples in a Private Home in Jerusalem. They shared the Passover meal together. Our Lord informs the disciples that he would be betrayed, arrested, and put in jail during that night. As they left to return to the Mount of Olives they sang a hymn together. At the Mount of Olives he is arrested by the High Priest and his associates for Religious Treason.

On Friday morning Christ is taken before Pilate, the Roman governor over Israel, charged by the High Priest with Religious and Roman Government Treason. Pilate says the charges are bogus, but the audience demands Christ be Crucified and put to death. Christ was placed in the charge of a Roman military detachment. Christ is now publicly beaten, mocked, forced to carry a wooden cross, and then nailed hands and feet to the cross and raised on Mount Golgotha for all to see. He would hang there until a soldier ran a spear through his side, deflating his lungs.

This execution all happened about 100 yards across the street from the Northern Gate that leads into the city of Jerusalem. The Roman Government found this kind of execution to be quite effective in crowd control and crime deterrent. Now Christ body is taken down from the cross, wrapped for burial, and placed in a tomb nearby. This all was done before the Sabbath began at 6 p.m. Jews did not want the body hanging on a cross during the Sabbath which runs from 6.p.m Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday.

On Sunday morning the women who had witnessed the crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ make their way toward the tomb to finish burial rites of the body. When they arrive, they discover the tomb is open and the body is missing. Angels of God notify them that God has raised Christ from the tomb, and they would all soon be witnesses to this fact. They discuss these matters with other disciples. Christ appears to explain to them what all this means for the salvation of the world. Christ would appear on many other occasions after this Easter and then be Ascended into Heaven 40 days later.

Imagine what that first Sunday was like for Christians. Christ said he would always be present with believers when they gather to Worship God by faith in Him as the Son of God. Wow. That means our Father God, Christ, and the power of their Holy Spirit are with us right now.

Since 1992 I have made 4 trips to the Holy Land of Israel. I have been to all of the sites I have mentioned above. For me this is both a historical and religious experience. The account in the Bible is told with faith driven precision. I hope it will be for you during this Holy Week.

Here is a schedule for this upcoming week.

On Thursday the Global Methodist Church of Point Comfort will host a Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday the Global Methodist Church of Lolita will host a Service at 6:00 p.m.

On Easter Sunday Morning at 7 a.m. Lighthouse Global Methodist Church will host a Easter Sunrise service at the Home of Tom and Kay Lynch at 2 Villa Del Mar street. Breakfast will be served.

On Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. the Port Lighthouse Global Methodist Church will hold an Easter Worship service with Holy Communion at the Heritage Center on Alcoa Street.

Easter Sunday is a wonderful time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to come worship with you. We also have yard signs available for advertising.

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## WORSHIP

Our Worship services are both inspiring and thought provoking. They are filled with smiles and joy. We are blessed to have a wonderful choir. You are invited to join in. The praise music will make you clap and sing.

Please feel free to help assist with the worship services or offer advice. We can always use volunteers who are seeking a way to serve by singing a special, playing an instrument, or giving a testimony.

Pay close attention since we will be changing our order of Worship starting Easter Sunday.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We continue to work on setting up Sunday and Weekly educational opportunities for all ages. Nursey, classes, fellowship gatherings, Family events, Special music, and guest speakers. Of course, you can volunteer and help. We will even train you.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA is a free app that you can visit to find some 26000 Christian themed topics like Bible studies, movies, and family events.

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## TRUSTEES

Lighthouse Global Methodist Church Trustees continue to look into future availability of land, buildings, and financial means for buying or building a facility for continued growth and ministry in the Church. Your prayers, thoughts, and ideas are appreciated.

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## FINANCE

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism said, “Make all you can, save all you can, and give all you can.” This is a great Christian philosophy. A good steward of the Lord will be the best they can be for the Kingdom cause. It is better to “wear out,” than to, “rust out”.

I once talked with a woman in the hospital who said, “Pastor, I am worn out. I feel like there is nothing I can do for the Church.” I said, “You can pray. That is the most anybody can do.” Christ calls all his followers to live a life of prayer, presence, gifts, and services.

Our Congregation seems to be involved in all aspects of this calling. In the future we are going to need all this help. We are a growing, vital, important part of Kingdom work. We will need to continue the most important gifts of the Holy Spirit-faith, hope, and love in the Lord.

We are looking into fund raising for growth by means of:

Fund raising.

Designated giving

Pledge drive.

Financial and material Gifts

Trust funds

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Let us Praise the Lord together in Love,

Reverend, James White