

First Edition



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A Good Time for Reflection, Worship, Gratitude

By Pastor Marc Heinz

In just a few weeks we will have the opportunity and privilege of celebrating the death and resurrection of Our Dear Lord and Savior. Holy week is a time to remember afresh that God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son to rescue us, providing a way for sinners like you and I to be reconciled to God. It is also a time in which each of us should pause to reflect not only on His incredible sacrifice, but also on the fact that Jesus was beaten, brutally killed, buried and on the third day He rose from the dead, that we might have life.

At times, I think we lose sight of the importance and centrality of Christ's death and resurrection! Forgetting that the central event in human history is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ! If you think about it, the whole essence of the Gospel message is that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and He was "made flesh, and dwelt amongst us, and then He went deliberately to the Cross. He could have avoided it, but He said that He must go through with it, in order to complete the work for which He had been sent. So He suffered the agony. He was beaten and nails were hammered into His holy flesh, and He died and was placed in a tomb. Then He rose again and is alive today.

I find it fascinating that for the apostles and the early church the heart of the gospel was not Christmas and Jesus' virgin birth, as wonderful and essential as that was. The heart of the gospel is what happened on Good Friday and on resurrection Sunday. As the Apostle

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15: 3 - 7:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Paul makes it clear in these verses that it was the action of God in Christ, for sinful people that the apostles stressed in their teaching. In fact it dominated what they taught. Why? Because Jesus had done something of eternal significance. He came to remove our alienation from God and to take our place, paying a debt we owed and could never have repaid, in order that we might share His place as sons and daughters of God. As the beautiful hymn states: "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain - He washed it white as snow."

In discussing the importance of Christ's resurrection, Paul says:

Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain; your faith also is vain. If we have

hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:12-14; 19-20.

Paul's point is that if Jesus didn't rise from the dead his preaching had been a waste of time and a believer's faith is futile because they remain in their sin and have not had their sins forgiven. But the fact is that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and after three days in a tomb He arose from the dead and that truth should remind us that He is alive to be encountered and reckoned with today. And because He lives our sinful past can be cleansed and forgiven and we can live with security and strength in an uncertain world.

Ultimately, the resurrection assures us that all who believe in Jesus Christ will live again. It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead the implications are immense! Through His death, and supremely through His resurrection, Jesus has shown us what God is like. He has shown us that God is personal, that He can be known. He has shown us that God is Holy. He has shown us that God is love, and He forgives at infinite personal cost. That is what makes God's love so unique and special. He loves you and me so very much that there is nothing, literally nothing that He would not endure for us!

Folks, we must never lose sight of Calvary or the fact that Jesus had the power as He hung on the cross dying
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to save Himself and come down! Not only did He have the divine power to deliver Himself, He could have called on legions of angels to rescue Him. The one thing that Jesus could not do was save Himself and us at the same time! Therefore in order to save you and me, He hung on the cross and suffered and died but three days later He rose from the grave and He is alive today. So how are you responding to Jesus and God's incredible love for U?

As you prepare to celebrate Holy week and Resurrection Sunday, I encourage you to make it a priority to take some time to reflect on God's great love and on His unparalleled sacrifice given for you. Worship Him and give thanks, for truly He is good! May our hearts truly be filled with gratitude for all that God is and for all He has done for us through Jesus!

Calligraphy Class

Mondays, April 3 and 10, 7:00 p.m. in Room 250

If you are interested in learning calligraphy, contact Doris at the church office or her home at 212-7476. Cost for each student will be the purchase of a Speedball instruction book, and a bottle of ink. These things are available to you at Michaels.

Calligraphy is a form of decorative writing, which will require quite a lot of practice before being proficient in this art. But when proficiency is gained, there are many ways to use it. For instance: to beautify cards, certificates, and to inscribe the name of the person receiving a Bible or other book given as a gift.

“He is no fool to give what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Jim Elliot

“. . . and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 10:38-39

Calvary

By Dr. Ken Marquis

I don't know about you, but I can hardly conceive of the fact that someone would die for me. To actually know that I'm here, alive, because someone else chose to grant to me the privilege of life at their expense is more than I can fathom.

I suspect that if such a thing happened to me that I would be forever conscious of their great sacrifice. I would venture to say:

1.

That their name would always be on my lips.

2.

That my actions in life would be controlled by their action in death.

3.

That I would owe, and gladly so, everything to them. My life would be a living memorial to their sacrifice.

I've heard of a few combat veterans speak of the self-sacrifice of one for many. And irrespective if the sacrifice was motivated by duty, honor, country, training or the love of a buddy, the statement is usually made, I OWE MY LIFE TO HIM.

When you stop to think about it, what I have just described has happened to every one of us. Jesus, God's Son, came and died a premeditated death that you and I might have life now and eternally with God. His death was a conscious premeditated exchange of life motivated out of love. As John 3:16 says, *“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.”*

The apostle Paul tells us we were without hope and without God, but now we've brought near by the blood of Jesus Christ (Eph 2:12-13). It would seem to me that because of Jesus' premeditated sacrifice for me

1.

His name would continually be on my lips.

2.


It would cause my actions in life to be conditioned by **His** action in death.

3.

It would cause me to be very grateful and realize that I owe everything to **Him** and that I would want to live my life as a living memorial to **Him**.

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Consummate Man



Men's Breakfast

April 1, 8:30 a.m.
In the Chapel

ALL MEN
are welcome.

Special offerings for the month of April will go to Western Seminary.



Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Good Friday - April 14 - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Events - April 16

- **Sunrise Service - 6:30 am @ Skylawn Mem Pk**
- **Free Family Breakfast - 8:00 am**
- **Celebration Services - 9:30 & 11:00 am**

Children's Programs for 3-10 Year Olds

Nursery Care Available for Babies, 0-3 yrs

www.FBCSanMateo.org

Our Missionaries at Work News from Alan Dianich

All I could think of was, "This is going to be so embarrassing unless you do something, Lord." Only 50 students had RSVP'd and we were setting up for 200 for dinner. The Maze team of illusionists were setting up in the huge church auditorium. I was going to look like an idiot if only 50 or even 100 people came. All we could do is pray and continue setting up.

But the students and volunteers started arriving and soon we had given out 180 name tags at the dinner, and more students came and went directly to the auditorium for the Maze show. Our student leaders were so excited to do something this faith stretching! Thank you for praying with us! Pray for those who heard the Gospel and believed that night to meet us for Bible study.

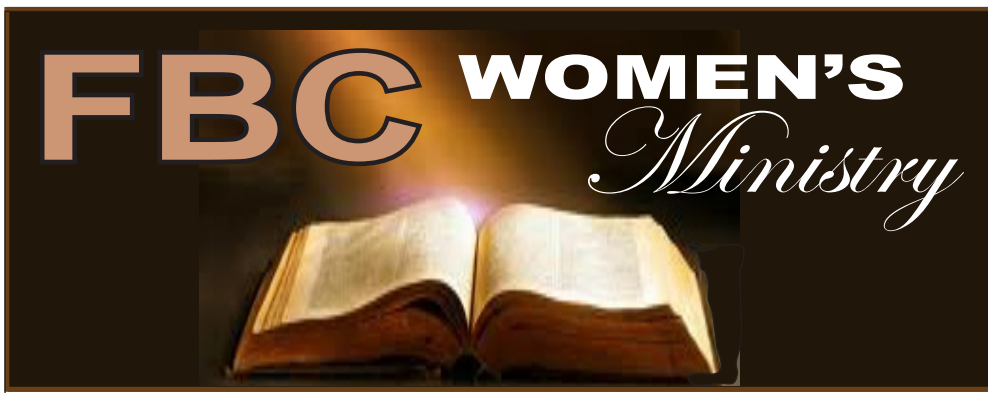


At least 180 were at the International Students Dinner...



and even more came and went directly to the Maze!

Editor's Note: See the rest of this information on the wall in the church office. Their first grand-daughter was born and you can see her photo.



EQUIPPING WOMEN TO STUDY THE BIBLE

By Sandy Murray

Attention all Ladies of FBC: We are invited to attend a 2-Day Bible Conference at Grace Bible Church on Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th. The Friday session will be a training in how to study your Bible in a deeper, more meaningful way. Saturday will be a time of growing in the word. Our teacher from Simeon Trust will be teaching us from a book of the Bible using the principles she taught us on Friday. I know many of you work and Friday is not a possibility, so attending Saturday only is an option. Our own Janet White will be part of the team leading us in worship for the two days.

MORE INFORMATION

This Women's Expository Conference 2017 - Equipping Women to Study the Bible will include the following:
 Speaker is Colleen McFadden

Director of Women's Ministries
 at Simeon Trust
 Friday and Saturday - May 5th - 6th
 Breakfast and Lunch Served
 Friday - 8:15am - 4:00pm
 Saturday - 8:15 - 3pm

Registration is \$60 per woman for Friday and Saturday \$40 per woman for Saturday only.

A registration form must be filled out in order to attend due to limited seating. Limited seating for only 100 women. These forms are available on the Grace Bible Church website and they will also be available in the narthex of our church beginning Sunday, April 2.

Please fill out the registration form found on the GBC website or in the narthex of FBC and send it in to Grace Bible before April 30th. The address is on the form.

An Excerpt from J.I. Packer's Book

"In God's Presence"
 The Bible - a symphony orchestra

"The full significance of each passage only appears when it is set in the context of all the rest of Scripture - which its own human author, of course, was never able to do.

"The Bible appears like a symphony orchestra with the Holy Spirit as its Toscanini; each instrumentalist has been brought willingly, spontaneously, creatively, to play his notes just as the great conductor desired, in full harmony with each other, though none of them could ever hear the music as a whole. We, however, are privileged to do precisely that."

A footnote:

"Lord, may my life be more and more like a symphony orchestrated by the Holy Spirit."

Psalm 92
"A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day."

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD
"And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
"To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning
"And Your faithfulness by night,
"With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp
"With resounding music upon the lyre.
"For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done.
"I will sing for joy at the work

**Come,
 Join the Holy
 Week Choir**

**Rehearsals continue on April 5 and 12
 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 250**



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship After Church: College/Career Study & Fellowship						
2	3 7pm Calligraphy Class	4 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	5 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWA 8pm Holy Week Choir	6	7	8
Communion						
9	10 7pm Calligraphy Class	11 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	12 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANA 8pm Holy Week Choir	13	14 Good Friday	15
16	17 Resurrection Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Service at Skylawn 8:00 Breakfast at Church 9:30 & 11 am Worship	18 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	19 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANA 8pm Worship Reh.	20	21	22
23	24	25 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	26 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANA 8pm Worship Reh.	27	28 6:30pm Movie Night	29
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Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

April

Sat.	01	2 Samuel 10-12
Sun.	02	2 Samuel 13-15
Mon.	03	2 Samuel 16-18
Tues.	04	2 Samuel 19-21
Wed.	05	2 Samuel 22-22
Thurs.	06	1 Kings 1-3
Fri.	07	1 Kings 4-6
Sat.	08	1 Kings 7-9
Sun.	09	1 Kings 10-12
Mon.	10	1 Kings 13-15
Tues.	11	1 Kings 16-18
Wed.	12	1 Kings 19-22
Thurs.	13	2 Kings 1-3
Fri.	14	2 Kings 4-6
Sat.	15	2 Kings 7-9
Sun.	16	2 Kings 10-12
Mon.	17	2 Kings 13-15
Tues.	18	2 Kings 16-18
Wed.	19	2 Kings 19-21
Thurs.	20	2 Kings 22-25
Fri.	21	1 Chronicles 1-6
Sat.	22	1 Chronicles 7-9
Sun.	23	1 Chronicles 10-12
Mon.	24	1 Chronicles 13-15
Tues.	25	1 Chronicles 16-18
Wed.	26	1 Chronicles 19-21
Thurs.	27	1 Chronicles 22-25
Fri.	28	1 Chronicles 26-29
Sat.	29	2 Chronicles 1-3
Sun.	30	2 Chronicles 4-6



From the largest elephant to the smallest shrew, the city of Zootopia is a mammal metropolis where various animals live and thrive. When Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin) becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY

APRIL 28TH

6:30 P.M.

Popcorn, hot-dogs, and drinks are provided.

Bring a dessert or salad to share

Movie begins at 7:00 P.M.