

Easter 2018

Easter is a time for forgiveness, fresh starts and new beginnings. It is also a time for receiving and sharing God's love. God gave us the gift of Jesus so we wouldn't have to live in bondage to our regrets, burdens, and past mistakes. **Our hope is that you would experience his love with us today.**

GOOD FRIDAY

Thanks to Kara Lightbourne for a marvelous message at our Good Friday service.

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

Tuesday,
April 03 / 7PM



TUESDAY
BIBLE
STUDY

LIFE MANAGEMENT

BY RICK
WARREN

Practical.
Engaging.
Uplifting.



CHRIS TOMLIN
PRESENTS
WORSHIP NIGHT
IN AMERICA
CHRIS TOMLIN WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
SEARS CENTRE ARENA

EASTER EGG HUNT...



Will take place at Coleman School following the service. Participants will receive Instructions from Charity Spurlock and her team.

ANCIENT PATHS

TIMELESS TRUTHS REDISCOVERED

Apr 01 » EASTER
 Apr 08 » Integrity
 Apr 15 » Loyalty
 Apr 22 » Humility
 Apr 29 » Contentment

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Achilles tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddy's wife ▶ Lymphoma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Spinal Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed. S. ▶ Colon Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl A. ▶ Pancreatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lucinda M. ▶ Gall bladder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marvin L. ▶ Valve Replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sara H. ▶ Broken Vertebrae	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bonnie G. ▶ Spinal Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The RESURRECTION gives my life meaning, direction, and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."

METRICS THAT MATTER (03/25/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 33 GIVING ▶ \$843 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 17 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." *John 20:24-29*

What does it mean to live the **EASTER** life?

Having the ability to maintain a vibrant faith in spite of **disappointment, doubt, and difficulty.**

A HORRIBLE WEEK FOR THOMAS

- » Jesus had been crucified following an intense week.
- » Thomas had lost all sense of hope and purpose.
- » Thomas had misgivings about his future.
- » He missed the Sunday gathering.
(Jesus was there straight from the tomb).
- » It appears he was seriously depressed.
- » When reports surfaced that Jesus was alive he stated that he would believe only if he could touch Jesus' wounds.

A **Gloomy Scenario**

The disciples and other friends

experienced a sense of gloom as Jesus underwent a torturous crucifixion. They still did not understand the entire picture of Christ as God's lamb.

They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. *John 20:9*

but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. *Luke 24:21*

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" *Acts 1:6*

LIVING THE **EASTER LIFE**

01 STOP SETTING THE CONDITIONS FOR BELIEVING

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

02 DON'T LET THE DISAPPOINTMENTS DESTROY YOUR FAITH

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." *Romans 5:3-5 NLT*

03 FILTER YOUR DOUBTS THROUGH CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. *1 Corinthians 15:14* ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. *1 Corinthians 15:16-17*

APRIL 2018 EVENTS



SUN

01

Praise Team REHEARSAL
Prayer / Worship / EASTER CELEBRATION

TUE

03

Praise Team
REHEARSAL

SAT

07

Chris Tomlin
@ Sears Centre / 7:00 PM

TUE

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Tuesday
Bible Study
SESSION 5



BY RICK
WARREN

SUN

15

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Prayer/Worship/Grapple Event

TUE

17

Tuesday
Bible Study
SESSION 6



BY RICK
WARREN

SUN

22

Praise Team REHEARSAL
Prayer / Worship

TUE

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Tuesday
Bible Study
SESSION 1

ENEMIES
of the
HEART

BY ANDY
STANLEY

THU-SAT

26-28

Original Women's Conference
BMO Harris Bank Center-Rockford

SUN

29

Praise Team REHEARSAL
Prayer / Worship