

Happy Easter!

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APRIL 5

Easter Service

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Sunday @ 10:00 am

A HUGE EASTER EGG HUNT!
A FREE IPAD Mini WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 9 AM – 2 PM

AT 5 NEIGHBORING CHURCHES IN DOWNTOWN ELGIN
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APRIL 23-25, 2015

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this life-giving event!

ALLSTATE ARENA/CHICAGO
JUNE 26, 27 & 28, 7PM

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

MY NEXT STEP TOGETHER IS TO...
#HOPE
I AM INTERESTED IN...
 Sunday School
 Bible Study
 Prayer Ministry
 Children's Ministry
 Adult Bible Study
 Christian Education
 Church Planting
 Other: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Pastor: _____
 Date: _____

CONNECTION CARD



- APR 05 / **Easter**
- APR 12 / The Difference Maker
My Story Makes a Difference
- APR 19 / The Difference Maker
My Readiness Makes a Difference
- APR 26 / The Difference Maker
My Generosity Makes a Difference

PRAYER REQUESTS

Emma G.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
Lily M.	▶ Dementia
Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
Linda L.	▶ Health Issues
Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
Jim W.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
Keith K.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
Paul S. III	▶ Complete Healing
Peggy K.	▶ Health Issues
Kevin K.	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
Danny L.	▶ Awaiting Peace Corps Assignment
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Jon/Sarah L.	▶ Job transfer to Illinois
Melva S.	▶ Cancer
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Mark M.	▶ Cardiac Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead." -Timothy Keller

03/29/15

METRICS THAT MATTER

34

ATTENDANCE

\$1,167.25

GIVING

0

GUESTS

14

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

HE IS RISEN

RESPONSIVE READING | LUKE 24:1-11

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
³ but when they entered,
they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”

⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.



THE FINAL WORDS OF JESUS

◆ 1. AN UNCOMMON PRAYER

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

-Luke 23:34

- The first words spoken by Jesus from the cross were a prayer.
- On the cross, the sins of the world—all the hatred, unfaithfulness, bigotry, poverty, and death, were placed upon the Lamb of God.

◆ 2. AN UNEXPECTED PARDON

“Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with mein paradise.” -Luke 23:43

- Even as Jesus suffered on the cross, he offered salvation to a criminal.
- Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus removed the curse that had banished mankind from Paradise.

◆ 3. A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP

“When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” -John 19:26

- Jesus thought of women as equals.
- As he was dying on the cross, he asked John to care for and protect his mother.

◆ 4. THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

“My God, why have you forsaken me?” -Mark 15:34

- Mob mentality increased the taunting and humiliation that Jesus experienced on the cross.
- The people who led the charge in humiliating Jesus were the priests and scribes.

◆ 5. A PRIMAL NEED

“I’m thirsty.” -John 19:28

- Jesus used the metaphor of drinking to describe the suffering he would endure on the cross.
- Jesus was willing to take on humanity’s suffering, sin, and hatred.

◆ 6. A COMPLETED ASSIGNMENT

“It is finished.” -John 19:30

- God longs to forgive us; he suffers for us; and he offers salvation that Jesus himself paid for at a great price.
- God’s lamb (Jesus) has offered the perfect sacrifice.

◆ 7. A FINAL SURRENDER

“Into your hands, I commit my Spirit.” -Luke 23:46

- His dying words were a prayer of absolute trust.
- Jesus’ last words were not a cry of defeat and surrender, but a proclamation of victory.

THE GIVES WAY TO THE EMPTY TOMB!

3 THINGS THAT THE RESURRECTION DOES:

1. YOU BECOME AWARE THAT LIFE IS NOT FUTILE

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will -Ephesians 1:4-5

2. YOU REALIZE THAT MISTAKES ARE NOT FINAL

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.” -Ephesians 1:7-8

3. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT DEATH IS NOT FATAL

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” -1 Corinthians 15:51-54