



SPRING CLEANUP

If you have items to donate or would like to help serve at the garage sale, please see Rod Fitzgerald.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery will meet again on April 9th and 23rd at 7:00pm. For questions, please see Deborah Perez.

MARCH FOR JESUS

May 23rd at 10:00am will be the annual March for Jesus procession. For any questions, please see Deborah Perez.



A TIMELESS MESSAGE

CONTEMPLATING THE CROSS

April 5 » Resurrection Sunday - John 3:16

April 19 » Promise of Salvation

April 12 » Invitation to Believe

April 26 » Love of God

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Tom M. Ryan K. Mandy W. Kyle
- Gearen Family Stein Family Tyler M. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

- Mandy W. » Cancer
- Merle » Health Issues
- Angie & Family » Life Issues
- Lucille S. » Health Issues
- Augustin A. » Sobriety
- Walter M. III. » Health Issues
- Zach D. » Sobriety
- Paitn » Return to God
- Meztti » Return to God
- Ivy » Healing
- Hector S. » Healing
- Vanessa » Health Issues
- Jacob M. » Emotional Health
- Junior » Health Issues
- Silvia J. » Health / Faith
- Becky H. » Cancer
- Betty L. » Life Transitions
- Peggy K. » Pain Issues
- Nathan K. » Health Issues
- Lucinda M. » Parkinson's
- Shirley P. » COPD worsening
- David A. » Health Issues
- Karen P. » Health Issues
- B. De Leon » Cancer
- Jerry A. » Health Issues
- Don Harrison » Heart Issues
- Jamie K. » Lymphocytic cysts
- Jerry S. » Double Lung transplant
- Eli D. » Muscular Sclerosis
- Landon D. » Diabetes
- Bob A. » Diabetes
- BJ - Heart issues
- April G. » Legal/Financial issues
- Rachel S. » Health Issues



METRICS THAT MATTER - 03/29/26

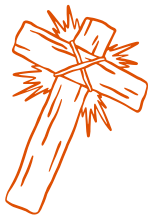
Attendance ▶ 28 Giving ▶ \$1,164 Guests ▶ 0
 Volunteers ▶ 14 Decisions for Christ ▶ 0

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CONTEMPLATING THE CROSS

THE STONE ROLLED AWAY



John 3:16 (NIV) *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

SUPPORTING PASSAGES:



- **Matthew 28:1-6** (The Empty Tomb) Resurrection
- **1 Corinthians 15:20-22** (Christ as Firstfruits) • **Luke 24:13-35** (The Road to Emmaus)
- **Romans 6:4** (Living a New Life) • **Philippians 3:10-11** (Knowing the Power of Resurrection)
- **John 11:25-26** (I Am the

1. THE REALITY OF THE TOMB



“The Reality of Despair The women at the tomb faced a situation that seemed impossible. They carried spices to anoint a dead body, not expecting a miracle. They asked, “Who will roll away the stone for us?” (Mark 16:3).

- **The Human Condition:** We often face “stones” in our lives—grief, addiction, broken relationships, or fear—that seem immovable.
- **The Divine Intervention:** God did not ask us to move the stone; He moved it Himself to let us see the truth.

2. THE LOGIC OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

The Necessity of the Resurrection Christianity rests on a historical claim: Jesus rose from the dead. Without it, faith is futile (1 Cor 15:17).

- **The Firstfruits:** Christ is the “firstfruits” (1 Cor 15:20). Just as the first harvest guarantees the rest, His resurrection guarantees ours.
- **Public Proof:** The resurrection was not a secret event. It was proclaimed in Jerusalem where the tomb could be inspected (Acts 17:31).
- **The Logical Conclusion:** If God is love, and death is the enemy of love, then a loving God must defeat death. The resurrection is the necessary conclusion of God’s character.

Key Takeaway: Faith is not a blind leap; it is a reasoned trust based on historical testimony and theological coherence.

3. THE WEIGHT OF LOVE

God's Emotional Investment **John 3:16** begins with "Love," not strategy.

- **Jesus' Promise:** "I am the resurrection and the life... whoever lives by believing in me will never die" (**John 11:25-26**).
- **Walking with Us:** Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus (**Luke 24**), Jesus walks with us through our disappointment and grief.
- **The End of Tears:** The resurrection promises a future where death is no more. It validates our pain but assures us it is not the end.

Key Takeaway: Your grief is not ignored. The resurrection is God's answer to every tear, promising that love is stronger than the grave.

4. LIVING THE RESURRECTION

Actionable Faith The resurrection is not just a doctrine to believe; it is a power to live by.

- **Live Without Fear:** Since death is defeated, we can take risks for the Kingdom, forgive the unforgivable, and serve the marginalized (**Romans 6:4**).
- **Be Agents of New Life:** Roll away the stones of bitterness and apathy in your community. Bring hope to the hopeless.
- **Share the News:** Like the women at the tomb, we are commissioned to "go and tell." Your life is a testimony.

Practical Application (Choose one to do this week):

1. **Forgive:** Reach out to someone you have held a grudge against.
2. **Serve:** Visit someone who is lonely or struggling.
3. **Speak:** Share a testimony of how Jesus has brought life to your situation with a friend or neighbor.

Discussion Point: resurrection." What does it look like
Philippians 3:10 speaks of practically to experience that power in
"knowing the power of his your daily routine?"

Prayer Focus

Thanksgiving: For the empty tomb and the victory over death.

Confession: For times we have lived as if the stone were still rolled shut.

Petition: For courage to act, compassion to love, and faith to believe in the power of the Resurrection.

