

GOOD FRIDAY

S E R V I C E

Thanks to our Praise Band for a great job—and *Kara Lightbourne* for a timely message!

EASTER

CHANGES EVERYTHING

DAY MONTH DATE TIME

SUN

APR

16

10AM

- ☉ **Coffee bar** » enjoy the sweets and treats!
- ☉ **Photo booth** » take some memorable photos!
- ☉ **Easter Egg Hunt** » following the service/ children & teens!
- ☉ **Jesus Christ** » our only hope—give Him your life!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Trade Your *If Only Regrets* for God's *What if Possibilities*

MEETS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

The following Bible study is scheduled at Kimberly's in APRIL: Thursday, April 20. Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.

GRAPPLE ★ **NERF**
EVENT ★ **WARS**

SUNDAY,
APRIL 23

(FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE)

Small Things BIG DIFFERENCE

APRIL TEACHING SERIES

- Apr 02 » Thoughts / Small Things, Big Difference
- Apr 09 » Palm Sunday: King for a Day
- Apr 16 » EASTER: A First-Order Miracle
- Apr 23 » Words / Small Things, Big Difference
- Apr 30 » Habits / Small Things, Big Difference

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

Michelle G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beth F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sara H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glenn F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>



▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul G. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed. Gearen ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi Gearen ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandy F. ▶ Kidney Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Jesus took the *tree of death* so you could have the *tree of life.*” —*Tim Keller*

04/09/17

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

38 ATTENDANCE \$1,252 GIVING 5 GUESTS
16 VOLUNTEERS 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

EASTER

CHANGES EVERYTHING

A FIRST-ORDER

MIRACLE

Signs in the Gospel of John

1

Water turned to wine *John 2:1-10*

2

Nobleman's son healed
John 4:46-54

5

Jesus walks on the water
John 6:16-21

3

Healing of the Man at Bethesda
John 5:1-9

6

Jesus heals a man born blind
John 9:1-11

4

Feeding of the 5,000
John 6:1-13

7

Lazarus is raised from the dead
John 11:32-44

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "***I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?***" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." *John 11:23-27*

The Law of Entropy




The second law of thermodynamics states if left to its own devices, everything in the universe moves toward disorder and decay.

- Cars rust. Food rots. And of course humans grow old and die.
- The only way to prevent entropy is to introduce an outside energy source to counter act it.
- The technical term is *negentropy*, and the refrigerator is a perfect example.
- If you plug it in to an electrical outlet, it produces cold air that keeps food from rotting.

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." *John 11:38-39*

Jewish Burial Traditions

- When Lazarus died, his feet would have been bound at the ankles and his arms would have been tied to his body with linen strips.
- His dead body would have been wrapped in approximately one hundred pounds of graveclothes to protect and preserve the body.
- Lazarus looked like a mummy. 

Jesus Late on Purpose

- Jesus was notified of Lazarus sickness.
- He predicted that his sickness would not end in death.
- He stayed **two** additional days.
- When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus the coroner certified that Lazarus was dead.
- When they went to the tomb, Martha commented that there was a “bad” odor” (*maybe Febreze no longer works?*)

⁴² So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” *John 11:41-44*

— 1 —

*This sign
is a
first-order
miracle.*

— 2 —

*Lazarus is
a prototype
of Jesus
resurrec-
tion.*

— 3 —

*Lazarus is
a prototype
of our
resurrec-
tion.*