

# Easter

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.

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A STUDY OF THE SEVEN  
SIGNS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN

## The GRAVE ROBBER

HOW JESUS CAN MAKE  
YOUR IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

CONTINUES  
TUESDAYS AT 7 PM

### EASTER EGG HUNT...

for children  
will take place  
at Coleman

School following the service.  
Participants will receive  
instructions from Charity  
Spurlock and Kim Wozniak.

### CONNECTION CARD

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.

CONNECTION CARD	
Name	Date
Address	Age
Phone	Sex
Email	Marital Status
Other	Other



# THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Apr 07 » Jesus,  
the Promise-Keeper
- Apr 14 » Jesus,  
the Sin-Bearer
- Apr 21 » Jesus,  
the Life-Giver
- Apr 28 » Jesus,  
the Pain-Taker

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S.       |   |

### ► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues     | <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS             | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim H. » Health Issues       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl A. » Health Issues    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Back Surgery   | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnie D. » Health Issues    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will H. » Thorasic Nerve   | <input type="checkbox"/> Megan G. » Cancer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick W. » Open Heart Surgery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chuck H. » Cancer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Claudius L. » Health Issues  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg S. » Restoration      | <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Erlinda R. » Broken Leg      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin K. » Health Issues   | <input type="checkbox"/> Maria C. » Hupertension    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Health Issues       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb G. » Health Issues    |   |

### ► OTHER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gabe G. » Guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Figueroa Family » Grief (passing of Noe's dad) |
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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The resurrection gives my life meaning, direction, and the opportunity to start over no matter what the circumstances."* —Anonymous

## METRICS THAT MATTER (04/14/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 37    GIVING ► \$199    GUESTS ► 0  
VOLUNTEERS ► 15    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

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EVERYTHING

JESUS, THE  
LIFE-GIVER 

*We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. Romans 6:9*

## Before & After

Because of the resurrection, everything changes. Death changes.

- It used to be the end; now it is the beginning.
- The cemetery changes.
- People once went there to say goodbye but now they go to *say we'll be together again*.
- Even the coffin changes. It is no longer a box where we hide bodies, but rather a cocoon in which the body is kept until God sets it free to fly.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **1 Corinthians 15:20-21**

## Hope-Filled Grief

<sup>13</sup> And now, dear brothers, I want you to know what happens to a Christian when he dies so that when it happens, you will not be full of sorrow, as those are who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and then came back to life again, we can also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him all the Christians who have died. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 TLB**

- As Christians, when we lose a loved one the Bible speaks with authority about our loved ones—they are safe in death.
- The Christian immediately enters the presence of God and enjoys conscious fellowship with the Father and those who have gone before.





<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; **Philippians 1:21-23**

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **2 Corinthians 5:8**

## The Full Essay on Resurrection (1 CORINTHIANS 15)

There is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised first; then when Christ comes back, all his people will be raised. **1 Corinthians 15:23**

Paul outlines three ways God will transform our bodies.  
Our bodies will be changed from:

- 1** Corruption to incorruption—"The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption." (v. 42 NKJV)
- 2** Dishonor to glory—"It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory" (v.43 NKJV).
- 3** Weakness to power—"It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power" (v.43 NKJV).

### HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP AND WITH WHAT BODY DO THEY COME?

- There must be a sowing-something must die.
- What you sow is different from what will be raised up.
- The resurrected body is a real body real enough to walk; real enough to appear to people and real enough to enjoy meals.
- This body is eternal and will never decay.



Life-Giver

